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一個單純的異象:「讓讚美的聲音在台灣的大街小巷響起」,使我在過去十五年間,年年帶領「讚美之泉」團員,回到台灣這片神所愛的土地,藉著敬拜的歌聲,播下福音的種子。

「讚美之泉」係由一羣愛主的台灣留學生於1993年在洛杉磯成立,並於1995年在美國加州登記為非營利團體,然後於1997年在台灣登記為「讚美之泉文化事業基金會」。

十五年來,「讚美之泉」一共出版了三十多張敬拜的音樂專輯,每年舉辦五十至七十場的大型讚美聚會,接觸將近十萬的民衆,巡迴脚蹤遍及東南亞、北美、澳洲、紐西蘭及歐洲等地區,而台灣則是「讚美之泉」服事的最主要地區。

一首《耶和華祝福滿滿》讓我們從台灣頭唱到台灣尾。我們用詩歌不斷地為台灣所福,也在屬天的詩歌中,看見上帝對台灣的應許與疼惜。

至於與「讚美之泉」同名的敬拜歌曲《讚美之泉》,更道出神如何引領我們在台灣,以敬拜轉變新世代生命的見證。其4句歌詞如下:

從天父而來的愛與恩典,把我們冰冷的心溶解 - 神藉著屬天的詩歌,闡明祂對我們的愛,使原本沒有笑容的民衆聽到詩歌和見證,都敞開胸懷,領受到主的愛和恩典。

我們帶著單純的心,相信神會在人心作工,一年又一年地到台灣各地服事,果然看見人們的笑容變多了,愁眉苦臉的人少了。神藉著《讚美之泉》,溫暖了許多台灣人憂傷的心。



### 2. 讓我們獻出每個音符,把它化爲讚美之泉 -

音樂是神給人一份非常美好的禮物,許多年輕人也都很喜愛音樂。我們年復一年地鼓勵台灣教會的弟兄姐妹,將他們音樂的恩賜獻給神使用。

藉著音樂的敬拜,也藉著對台灣這片土地發聲的詩歌,我們影響一些新世代的年輕人,在教會組織敬拜讚美的樂團,開始以創作的詩歌讚美主,感謝主。

#### 3. 讓我們張開口、舉起手,向永生之主稱謝 -

我們剛開始到台灣帶領敬拜讚美聚會時,許多人還不習慣向神「張開口、舉起 手」的敬拜方式。多年來,「讚美之泉」在聚會中教導並呼籲大家自由地向神 傾心敬拜,終於逐漸見證台灣弟兄姐妹在敬拜中的更新和蛻變。尤其近年來, 台灣的敬拜更自由,對神的渴慕更熱情,讓年年到台灣服事的我們得到極大的 鼓勵。

## 4. 使讚美之泉流入每個人的心間 -

「讚美之泉」的使命是以敬拜讚美和聖樂創作來宣揚福音,並激勵更多的年輕 人爲神發揮潛力、多結果子。十五年的服事期間,我們從不敢鬆懈從神而來的 呼召和託付。

我們看到神在台灣興起許多愛神、又願意用音樂服事神的年輕一代,並且大大 地用他們來祝福台灣。我們會不斷地回到這塊土地,服事神所愛的百姓,讓讚 美的泉源不斷地流入每個人的心靈深處。

我們大聲歌頌,因為我們知道這是神賜的恩典。我們勇敢宣告,因為我們被神 的愛轉化。我們四處見證,因為我們要高舉主的名!我們感謝神使用我們見證 祂在台灣的奇妙作為,盼望繼續在台灣喚醒一羣全方位的屬靈軍隊,建立一個 屬神榮耀的國度!



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"Let Taiwan be filled with the sound of praise and worship"-this was my simple vision.

Born from this vision to see Jesus lifted high, Stream of Praise music ministries (SOP) has been returning to Taiwan each year for the past 15 years. Through our songs of praise and worship, the seeds of the Gospel are sown in this land that God loves. Located in Los Angeles, California, Stream of Praise Music Ministries was established in 1993 and registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in California in 1995. In 1997, we registered in Taiwan as the "Taiwan Stream of Praise Music Ministries Foundation."

In the past 15 years, SOP has published 30+ praise and worship albums. Footprints of our praise and worship evangelical events can be found in countless places in Asia, Southeast Asia, North America, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe. Each year, we hold anywhere from 50 to 70 large evangelical events, and we have served about 100,000 brothers and sisters. Taiwan is a main and focused territory of our service.

Our namesake song, "Stream of Praise," is now a very familiar tune in all Taiwanese churches. We have prayed and blessed Taiwan continuously with songs and we have witnessed the love and care of God for Taiwan. The fourline lyrics of this song speak of how God longs to raise up a new generation of worshippers who are transformed by the power of worship:

1. The love and grace of our Heavenly Father gently melts our hard hearts



God gave us songs from heaven to show how much He loves us. Through the transforming power of worship, people are able to open their hearts and taste the sweetness of God's goodness. We do not rely on ourselves but we simply serve this generation with a pure and sincere faith, trusting that God will surely do His work in this land, and each year we have seen Taiwan being transformed, joy restored, compassion found and hope rediscovered.

## 2. May each note of music be a stream of praise

Music is a gift from God and we have a generation of young people who love music with a passion. Our prayer and mission is to raise up worshippers who long to utilize their musical gifts for the glory of God. We are witnessing to people more and embracing this vision and calling. More and more praise and worship bands are being formed, and also more and more anointed original compositions are being created.

Let us open our mouths, raise our hands, and give thanks to our living God.

When we first started leading praise and worship concerts in Taiwan, many were not used to singing aloud and lifting their hands in worship. Throughout these 15 years, we have been encouraging and teaching people to worship with abandon, and we are seeing the fruits of our labor. There is a radical transformation of worship in Taiwan, and nowadays we are seeing people express their love and yearn for God in new and creative ways. The anointing and unity that is born from such worship greatly blesses us.

4. And may this stream of praise overflow into all hearts.

We do not take our divine calling lightly. Our mission has been and continues to be to utilize praise and worship, music composition, and training as a vehicle



to spread the gospel, motivate, equip, and empower Christians, and declare God's kingdom. We aim to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential in God as productive and responsible individuals. God is raising up a new generation of His army, people who totally commit themselves to the Lord and serve Him with music. We know that God will greatly use these gifts to become a channel of blessing to Taiwan. There are still many who do not know the Lord and we will continue to return to this land to serve His chosen ones. We want to see the stream of praise continually overflow into everyone's heart.

By His grace we sing, by His love we serve. We lift up the name of Jesus and glorify Him with all our hearts, minds and strength. It is our honor to be part of God's plan for His people and we will continue to pray and work towards the revival of Chinese communities all over the world.

