



One Voice Music Newsletter February, 2011



Blessings Over and Over ...

As we've launched off into this 15th year of ministry, it seems like we face more and more challenges each day. But we are learning that there is a lesson to be learned in each challenge. The biggest lesson so far is this, **challenges breed blessings.**

Scripture is full of folks who faced challenges, and God always carried them through the trial and brought them a blessing on the other side - Moses, David, Samson, Esther - and the list goes on and on. Though these may be really good stories, God did not put them there just for the story, but for our examples to follow. Each time a challenge would arise, the man or woman of God would turn to Him for help, and the story would conclude with a victory and a blessing. We have experienced just such challenges and blessings in our ministry. I'll share one with you now.

Since the beginning of our ministry, we have always produced our own products. Sometimes this was for better control, but most of the time it has much more to do with affordability. It costs much less for us to reproduce our own CD's than to have to pay for 1000 of them at time and

have them mass produced. However, there is a tradeoff. It takes a lot of time to produce CD's one at a time, which was how we started off. Then came the purchase of the multiple CD burner several



years ago. That revolutionized the process. We were now able to burn 4 CD's in less than the time it took to burn 1. What a blessing! That machine is still going strong, and we pray for it's continual health.

Still, the process was tedious, as we continued to have to print CD's one at a time. Multi-CD printers can cost upwards of \$2000 and that's quite an expense for a small ministry, so we continued to "babysit" the printer, which took lots of time, which eventually can cause family strife. We prayed for something, anything, for several years but steadily marched on with the same equipment.

Did I mention that God was good? All the time? No matter what? We were believing that when the blessing happened.

With the release of our "Just Hymn" project came a new challenge - SUCCESS! We've never had a response like this to a CD. We've had to almost quadruple our production for this project. People are already asking for a second hymn CD. What a blessing! But what a challenge . . .

God was there to meet that challenge with a victory and a blessing. Just before Christmas we were presented with a gift from a partner family - a multi-CD printer! They even included several extra print cartridges! It's wonderful! We can now load 50 CD's, push "print", and walk away! In just a few minutes, it's done!

God is good. All the time. No matter what. We are indebted to Him for all that we have. He loves us very much and wants to give us good gifts as a father does his children.

The hard lesson here is that in a life with no challenges, there can be no blessings. If you are facing challenges, believe that God is good, all the time, no matter what, and prepare for a blessing!

CD's Available Online - www.one-voice-music.com/products

Prayer Requests

- *Praise the Lord - He has sent a couple of new booking agents our way, and they are getting started already!*
- *Another praise - the "NEW" live CD is out - "Celebrate" is 15 songs from the old days to the present, celebrating what God has done for us! You can order it on the website - www.one-voice-music.com/products.htm*
- *Please pray for the purchase of another multi-CD burner. We need to add a second machine to the production line. This is a purchase of around \$500.*
- *Pray for good health through the spring season. This is a ripe time of year for vocal issues with the changing weather patterns and it can wreak havoc on a singing schedule.*
- *Pray for May and June concerts! We are seeking opportunities to minister during these months. If your church might be interested, please contact us at the numbers below.*

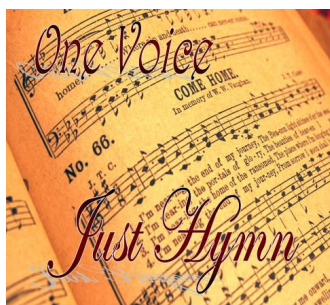
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God's Been Good written by Sue & Belinda Smith

Verse 1

Lately I've been looking back,
along this winding road
To the old familiar markers of the
mercies I have known
I know it may sound simple but it's
more than a cliché
There's no better way to tell you,
than to say

Chorus

God's been good in my life
I feel blessed beyond my wildest
dreams when I go to sleep each

night
And though I've had my share of
hard times, I wouldn't change them
if I could
'Cause through it all, God's been
good

Verse 2

Times replay and I can see that I've
cried some bitter tears
But I felt His arms around me, as I
faced my greatest fears
You see I've had my gains than
losses and I've known more joy
than hurt

As His grace rolled down upon me
undeserved

Chorus

Bridge

For God has been my Father, my
Savior and my Friend
His love was my beginning, and
His love will be my end
I could spend forever trying to tell
you everything He is
But the best that I can say it is this

Chorus

Upcoming Concerts

March, 2011:

2nd	Family Life Fellowship	<u>Moberly, MO</u>	7 p.m.
3rd	Privately scheduled	Independence, MO	6:30 p.m.
5th	Midwest Quartet Assn. Board Meeting	Des Moines, IA	a.m.
5th	New Hope Evangelical Church	<u>Kirksville, MO</u>	7 p.m.
6th	United Methodist Church	<u>Paris, MO</u>	10 a.m.
11th	Grandview Assembly Seniors	<u>Grandview, MO</u>	6 p.m.
17th	Privately Scheduled		
19th	Moment of Truth Bible Church	<u>Kansas City, MO</u>	6 p.m.
20th	Calvary Baptist Church	<u>Leavenworth, KS.</u>	10:30 a.m.
24th	Westbrook Assisted Living Center	<u>Kearney, MO</u>	6:30 p.m.
26th	Susquehanna Baptist Church	<u>Independence, MO</u>	6:30 p.m.