



ADORATION ministries

2012

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Raff Grant DeVries is here!

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Happy New Year Everyone!! First let me start by saying how grateful we are for all your support and prayers! They have navigated us through all that the Lord is calling us to do as Adoration Ministries. Without you and your prayers... we simply COULD NOT do this! So

with all of our hearts again, we say THANK YOU! This New Year has SO much in store for Adoration. We are honored and humbled to see His vision laid out before us and filled with great expectation as to how the Lord will unfold it all because as in years past... He has NEVER

disappointed us! We would like to thank you advance for you compassionate hearts to stand with us in prayer through this next year to bring these opportunities to life. It is going to be very exciting!

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humility



transparency



confession

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We are seeing that there are countless opportunities for worshippers all over the world to partner with and support local ministries. We now also have the opportunity to support local ministries in many different countries! With that, allow us to share what we currently have in our sights for 2012.

1.) This year we are praying about partnering with **Hope For Life Ministries**. This powerful ministry is dedicated to serving street boys that have been abused, neglected and even orphaned in Kigali, Rwanda. Please take a moment to discover the full vision of this ministry here: www.hopeforlifeministry.org. We do not yet know what the specifics will look like so we are asking that you would pray that God will open doors to this ministry and direct us as to how this partnership will take place. We are really excited to let you know how it unfolds.

2.) As many of you remember, last year we partnered with **Mercy's Village**, an international ministry that helps to fight poverty by educating children and enabling young women, and it was simply **OVERWHELMINGLY AMAZING!** Uganda is and will continue to be close to our hearts. Please continue to pray that God will direct us in the relationships we have established and show us how to multiply the work of ministry there. For a full profile of the amazing vision of Mercy's Village please go here: www.mercysvillage.org

3.) Last year we also partnered with **Westside Pregnancy Clinic** in Southern California, USA. The agency educates and supports pregnant women and helps families make good life choices. Wonderful relationships have been established, so please pray for God to reveal the details of how we can support these ministries with our service, time and/or our finances to further the vision God has given them. That would be **AWESOME!** Learn more about the life-impacting ministry they are doing here: www.wpclinic.org.

4.) Becki is currently discipling a local worship leader in Tennessee. Together, they are working through the basics of biblical faith and how to apply this faith to everyday life and relationships. This opportunity hits home for us as it is the heart of Adoration to foster unity in worship leaders. Please pray for spiritual breakthrough as God sees fit to transform lives in the process.

5.) A night of Worship in Los Angeles, USA during the spring is in the infancy stage of development. Join with us in prayer that God would make the provision for us to get the DeVries to L.A. as well as for God to reveal more of the vision to pull it all together. More details will be provided as it all comes together so that you can come out to offer your support if you are able. We would love to see you!!

6.) A new worship project is currently being developed in Tennessee! Becki has been invited to partner with Kerri Crutchfield in North Carolina to record a short EP of worship songs they have written together. The beauty of this project is the simple fact that they are women in UNITY. We will have a KICKSTARTER fundraiser event on our websites (www.BeckiRyan.com and www.adoration-ministries.com) as well as on our Facebook pages: [Becki Ryan](#) and [Kerri Crutchfield](#). This is again a wonderful opportunity to further build relationships among worship leaders. Becki will be speaking and leading worship with Kerri at her church this weekend. Pray for God to bless this wonderful endeavor and anoint the worship that He might draw others to HIMSELF!

7.) **Jamaica update:** Adoration Ministries has the opportunity to partner with a Christian school in rural Jamaica that has recently endeavored to start up a music education program for primary grades. They have basic needs related to fundamental music skills (theory, reading, and worship arts), training up worshippers (and worship leaders) as well as other potential administrative and technological needs (texts, other curriculum subject expertise, technology equipment,

school governance). Our in-country contact is the founder of this school whose vision and core beliefs aligns well with Adoration's with a specific passion for Christ in Jamaica. Additionally, he has found favor within Jamaica's government serving a role in the Prime Minister's cabinet and has asked us to consider broader opportunities for worship integrated with church development and community revival in rural Jamaica. We are excitedly exploring how our giftings and passions align with these needs to serve Him in Jamaica in 2012! Please pray for the anointing of this planning process, for clarity of needs and alignment of Adoration's giftings/resources. More to come on how you can pray (and get involved)!

In closing, we just want to share that our expectation is abounding in God as he is opening doors more and more. Knowing that God has called us to this amazing work and will give us the grace and power to execute each of these visions in HIS timing is our faith and hope. Together we **CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!!**

Our most sincere thanks for allowing us to share these incredible experiences with you! We will update you soon!

Adoration Ministries & Team DBR²



Adoration's Board of Directors

DEVRIES

Becki said several years ago that worship and relationship (vertical or horizontal) are built through humility, transparency and confession. Their family's heart is to see true identity and authentic relationships be built through discipleship, and worship. Adoration Ministries allows them to walk that vision out with broader strokes.



Devon and Becki are both originally from the State of Washington in the Seattle area but met at Belmont University in Nashville, TN, both graduating in 2001 with Bachelor of Music (voice) degrees with minors in Music Business. After graduation they moved to Los Angeles with no jobs and no place to live! They just showed up! And ended up staying there for almost 6 years.

While living in Los Angeles they led worship at a church in Santa Monica and found themselves traveling around the US on short term missions trips leading worship, building orphanages, playing with kids, writing worship songs, feeding homeless and going door to door praying for people. In the midst of all of that they were both working in the music industry. Somewhere along the journey they ended up in Denmark several different times and finally to a point of making the decision to move there for an extended time in 2009 discipling musicians in the Danish Church. They are now back in the US living/working in Nashville, TN and they have a beautiful daughter named Reegan and a baby boy named Rayf.

Their greatest passion is worshipping in unity with other believers across the globe. They are so thankful to be a part of Adoration Ministries and are more than excited to watch the Lord unfold HIS vision. for His ministry.



Chad & Wendy Nesland joined the board at the time of Adoration Ministries' inception surrendering to the calling that we believe God has on this work to lead others' to the throne of grace and to demonstrate the fruit of God's spirit through worship. We're excited to see how Jesus has been calling Adoration and its members to live out the Great Commission being missional via music & worship across the globe. We have a heart for mission work, both foreign and domestic. We've been married 13 years, having met working in youth ministry during college years at University of Oregon. We've been blessed with two beautiful children: Lighton (5) and Brody (2) and have sunk our roots east of Seattle, WA plugging into an awesome Christian Missionary Alliance fellowship church near our home. We're so excited about how God's spirit will continue to anoint this "kingdom stuff" and move through (and in spite) of us. We're hoping to see lives of those in/around Adorations' spheres of influence transformed to be more like Jesus in the coming months and years!

NESLANDS



John & Teresa's roles in Adoration Ministries are rooted in their conviction that worshipping God is a way of life for disciples of Jesus Christ. They are worship leaders and disciplers who live and serve in Southern California, seeking to grow in our love for Jesus. They're only beginning to learn what it means to worship God in spirit and truth, but are fully convinced that Jesus Christ is worthy of all praise and that the Father blesses His children profoundly when they express their love and adoration toward Him. They have witnessed God at work restoring lives healing hearts and bodies, renewing minds, and saving souls. They desire to see Him glorified even more as he continues to build His church.

SHIPPS



Andrea & Maurice currently serve as worshipers and teachers at the Resurrection Life Fellowship in Westchester, California. Chosen by God to bring His people into His presence, they are trained in voice, dance and music. Through worship, they have been called to consecrate the arts unto the Lord for His glory and praise. Together, Andrea and Maurice are committed to minister to others with their unique style of literary and musical works, bringing people into true intimacy with Jesus Christ through prophetic worship, teaching and intercession.

WELCHES

Statement of Core Beliefs

We believe God revealed his glory, grace and power through the person of Jesus Christ and, because of his death and resurrection, through the gift of faith and His mercy, we humbly can know Him and His kingdom purposes for our lives.

We believe in God's calling on His people's lives to reveal their true identity in Christ. Living out His kingdom calling confirms "whose we are" and "who we are".

We believe in the power of prayerful worship to initiate a spirit of confession and transparency among God's people, resulting in praise to our King, unity and lives transformed.

MISSION: Adoration Ministries exists to unlock true identities in worship through humility, transparency and confession.

We believe worship is a vital link towards softening hearts and opening ears to the good news of the Gospel.

We believe in actively fulfilling the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. His calling on our lives demands an active response, in partnership with others, to enable the Holy Spirit to uproot and tear down in order to build and plant His kingdom purposes in and through us.

We believe in the value and power of scripture-based teaching and discipleship to unlearn worldly values and be transformed by the renewing of our minds in order to grow in the faith we have been taught.

We believe in the unity and diversity of the church, with Christ as the cornerstone and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. The diversity of giftings prepares God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be mature and built up until we all reach unity in the faith.

MINISTRY IN ACTION



UGANDA



CALIFORNIA



NASHVILLE



DENMARK



FEATURED BOARD MEMBERS: THE WELCHES



2011 was full of changes for the Welch family. We began the year ripping out walls in a bathroom and bedroom due to mold and water damage. Then in April there was a change in our family size with the birth of our son Avery, bringing our total to 7. In May our entire church began studying the Heidelberg Catechism and I was chosen as a teacher for the adult class. August brought with it the unexpected change in our household income with a significant reduction in my salary. Of course, this meant we had to make crucial changes to how we celebrated during the holiday season. But the blessing in all of this has been that we've had a remarkable change in our *perspective*...

You see, when it comes to relying upon God for all things, it helps keep things in perspective when you realize that "**all things**" include not only His provision for you and your immediate family, but they include the many ways He desires to bless others **through** you. Such has been our experience. Even with more mouths to feed, a salary cut, and the loss of medical coverage for my wife, through God's provision our bills have been paid, we've had food to eat and we've been relatively healthy. But what's even better is that our family has been in a providential position of being used by God as a conduit for His blessings of finances and food for many others. So it is in what some would consider our season of lack that we have experienced an abundance of God's faithfulness, mercy and compassion. Having experienced firsthand the truth of "*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*"

Moving into 2012, we fully anticipate the Lord continuing to provide for us in ways we could never imagine. As we endeavor to become more involved in ministry aspects, our hope and desire is that He will enable us to use our gifts to draw others to Him while furthering the vision of Adoration Ministries. Andrea is currently in the process of realizing the dream of launching her own website called "[Momeopathy](#)" where she will "*explore maternal challenges through measured doses of one mother's anecdotal and practical life stories.*" I'm committed to finishing one of my many "novels in process". And we're also hoping this year will see the revival of our music ministry, **Transparent**. These are just a few prayer points for the Welch family in 2012. We look forward to what this year and our God has in store for Adoration Ministries. Be blessed!

- Maurice C. Welch, Sr.