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Presenting Our Gifts So Missionaries Can Present The Gospel

The Story Behind CONTEMPORARY Christian Worship Songs

"Indescribable"

Written by Laura Story

*"From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
creation revealing your majesty.*

*From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
every creature unique in the song that it sings,
all exclaiming...*

*Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
and You know them by name
You are amazing, God."*

"Blessings"

Written by Laura Story

CHORUS:

*"Cause what if your blessings come
through raindrops,
what if your healing comes through tears.*

*What if a thousand sleepless nights
are what it takes to know you're near.*

*What if trials of this life
are Your mercies in disguise."*

Laura Story began her career as an aspiring symphony conductor who didn't know she could sing—much less write music—until she was in her early twenties. So how DID a young girl from South Carolina end up writing a **worship anthem** known and loved by millions?

As a sophomore at Columbia International University, Laura was asked by a fellow student to join a band. She started with string bass and eventually was asked to do vocals. This was out of her comfort zone at first, but five years and many road miles later, she moved on from there to begin a tour with another artist. Her manager suggested she record her own album with songs she wrote while on the road, but she was out of money and didn't have enough songs for a full record. God soon provided both, and in 2002 Laura began recording her first independent album, trusting God to supply the last song she needed to complete it. After reading about God's power and might in Job, chapter 38, Laura took a drive down a scenic mountain road and found the inspiration she needed to pen the words to "**Indescribable**". Her first record was now complete! In 2004, when **Chris Tomlin** used her song in the opening track of his album, *Arriving*, it flew up the charts and stayed at #1 for seven weeks and was in the top 15 for 50 weeks!

In 2006, after being married just a little over a year, Laura's husband was diagnosed with a serious brain tumor and life took on many unknowns, but her faith and trust in God remained, even though she didn't have all the answers. Laura later wrote the words and music to a new song called "**Blessings**" to describe how she came to understand that word a whole new way. It was named Song of the Year at the 2012 GMA Dove Awards and inspired her to write her first book entitled *What If Your Blessings Come Through Raindrops?*, a 30-day devotional published that same year.

Laura's husband, Martin, survived the tumor, but it resulted in permanent brain damage which affects his memory and vision. They currently live and serve the Lord in the Atlanta area with their four "little blessings"!

- Written by, Anita Souder

New Opportunities for Women in Indian

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ThunderZoll, Inc.

[Project 667]

Local partners in **India** have teamed up with ThunderZoll to reach people with the Gospel while also creating economic opportunities in rural communities. Even before the pandemic, the lack of good jobs was an ongoing problem for many small villages in India, but it is especially difficult for women who are seeking employment.

This project, which was completed last year, provided **20 sewing machines** to a training facility run by ThunderZoll. **Five widows and fifteen other women** from poor backgrounds were selected and trained in sewing and tailoring skills. After graduation, they will each receive a sewing machine to help them start a tailoring businesses of their own. This not only provides an income for their family, but also helps support the local church as the women give tithes from their new income.



Discipling Men's Hearts and Feeding their Stomachs

FOAM

[Fields of Abundance Mission]

[Project 673]

COVID, hurricanes, poverty, political hardships, human rights violations...these are just some of the things that the people of **Nicaragua** deal with on a daily basis. Any one of these might bring despair; but faith in the One who is in control gives them hope and keeps this ministry going, continuing their mission to "make disciples of all nations".

Campo Gonía, a ministry run by FOAM, is a 9-month, live-in discipleship training program that provides men an opportunity to be transformed to wholeness in Christ through biblical discipleship. They also teach the men basic knowledge of carpentry, electrical work, masonry, plumbing, and farming so they can take better care of their families and themselves after "graduation".

Once their project was completed in 2020, this remote camp was able to install a **wood cooking stove** in place of the open fire pit they previously used for cooking meals. As you can see from the photos below, the men appreciate the new stove which allows them to prepare traditional Nicaraguan meals without getting smoke blown in their faces!



PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2022

#698 **Chariots for Hope** (Kenya) - Urgent renovations to staff housing

#700 **CLC Ministries** (Peru) - Bookmobile for indigenous people groups

#702 **Africa Inland Mission** (Kenya) - solar batteries and security lights for Christian school

#703 **Child Evangelism Fellowship** (Romania) - second-hand vehicle for CEF workers

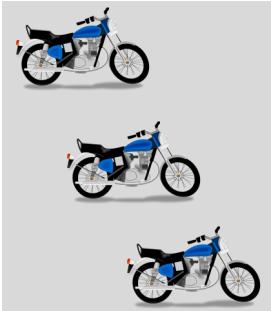
CURRENT PROJECTS

~ The projects below are dependent on the financial support of God's people ~

704 CHRISTIAN WORLD OUTREACH (Haiti) <https://cwomissions.org/haiti/>

Project Cost: \$5,775

CWO partners with eight churches in rural areas of northeast Haiti and equips them with biblical knowledge, leadership skills, and the tools to reach people with the gospel. These churches receive oversight from **three ordained pastors** who are in need of motorcycles to help them travel to these outlying areas for weddings, funerals, and other church business which requires their participation and help. They currently use their own money to rent motorcycles or to pay for a motorcycle taxi when they need transportation. CWO needs **three motorcycles** to help these men serve the churches in isolated neighborhoods of Haiti. The cost of each motorcycle is \$1,925.



705 THE MAILBOX CLUB (Sub-Saharan Africa) <https://mailboxclub.org/>

Project Cost: \$8,000

The Mailbox Club reaches boys and girls around the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, impacting the lives of children and their families through Bible course materials. TMC publishes and distributes these materials and also trains leaders who instruct volunteers to teach the children.



Motorcycles are one of the most used forms of transportation in Africa. They are affordable, reliable, and practical to get around in. Many times, TMC materials are delivered to a church, school, or village on the backseat of a motorcycle. They are asking for funds to purchase **five motorcycles with helmets** for their field workers. Each set will cost \$1,600.



706 REFUGE FOR THE POOR (Cambodia) <http://refugeforthepoor.org/>

Project Cost: \$4,995

Refuge for the Poor in Phnom Penh exists to help meets the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the vulnerable and at-risk young people of Cambodia. Several years ago they established a **Refuge Center** for children and teens.



In 2019, MPF helped this ministry with the first phase of their center and now, as they near the completion of the **second phase**, they are hopeful that MPF can help them purchase their most urgent needs:

1 office table	\$100	7 bunkbeds	\$1,540	10 fans	\$250
3 office chairs	\$105	15 mattresses	\$750	10 bookshelves	\$500
50 plastic chairs	\$350	50 sheet sets	\$400	5 shoe shelves	\$200
2 bookcases	\$400	50 pillows	\$400		



707 ACTS BEYOND (Dominican Republic) <https://actsbeyond.org/the-seminary-1>

Project Cost: \$1,699

The Santiago Theological Seminary provides graduate-level theological and biblical education. They train Christian pastors and laymen to lead, serve, plant churches, and become missionaries in the Dominican Republic and beyond.



This fall, the seminary will launch an undergraduate program which will require Pastor Alvaro Rodriguez to begin working there full-time along with his other duties as chairman of the DR board and executive director of the school. Pastor Rodriguez currently has a ten-year-old laptop which is slow and doesn't always function well. A new **13-inch Apple MacBook Pro laptop** will enable him to easily transition into his new responsibilities at the seminary.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrews 13:16

When you give to MPF, you are really giving **through MPF** for ministry to people around the world.

Thank You!



Hope's Promise transforms the lives of children who are in need of families. After placing vulnerable and at-risk children into the care of indigenous Christian house-parents, they provide each family with whatever is needed for their physical, emotional, social, educational, and spiritual support.

All four countries in which they minister have endured numerous school closures since 2020. A special challenge they face right now is in keeping up with the technology needs for the children's education. MPF is funding this project for three Hope's Promise families in Zimbabwe. The items needed are cell phones and laptops for the caregivers and a whiteboard and stand for workshop presentations.



THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Run with endurance

(Heb. 12:1)

Run to win the prize

(I Cor. 9:24)

Finish with joy

(Acts 20:24)

"...I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith."

II Tim. 4:7 NKJV



"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown **that will last forever**."

- I Corinthians 9:25

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