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The Story Behind: "Jesus Messiah"

Written by Chris Tomlin (2008)

Chorus:

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names; Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all*

Born and raised in a Christian home in Texas, **Chris Tomlin** grew up listening to country music and learned to play guitar from his father. As a young boy, Chris accepted Christ as his savior and by the time he turned 14, had written his first song of praise.

Chris attended Texas A&M in the early 1990s to study medicine, but as he become more involved in on-campus Christian groups, he felt called to bring himself and others closer to God. Through his good friend, **Louie Giglio**, Chris eventually connected with Choice, a Christian group at a different university, which is now known as Passion, a nationwide organization reaching young Christians on college campuses. Chris's first record release in 2001, *The Noise We Make*, was recorded by Louie, who began his own recording company after college and is now pastor of Passion City Church, an author and speaker.

Fast forward seven years to when Chris recorded "**Jesus Messiah**" for his 2008 album entitled *Hello Love*. Although the initial melody and lyrics came from Daniel Carson, his guitar player at the time, Chris was looking for a way to include the name "Messiah" in one of his songs. As he stated to ChristianMusicPlanet.com in an interview, "Messiah is such a strong name for Jesus. For when you use that name, you are truly saying that He is the name above all names—that He is the Christ, the Son of God, the Chosen One, the Savior of the world."

In 2010, at age 38, Chris married his beautiful wife, Lauren. They currently live on a picturesque 25-acre estate near Nashville, TN, with their three daughters.

-Written by, Anita Souder

<https://www.songfacts.com/facts/chris-tomlin/jesus-messiah>
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Trans World Radio (TWR) [Past Project 686 for Cambodia] **Studio Components for Ministry in Cambodia**

Photo by Иван Певчев: <https://www.pexels.com/photo/people-riding-an-elephant-near-the-bayon-temple-8340/>

TWR's radio ministry has a long history of working in Cambodia, one of the poorest countries in Asia, where they produce and air a popular program for children in the **Khmer language** called *Happy Children's Garden*. The staff at TWR conduct frequent rallies for **Cambodian children**, directly ministering to them through songs, Scripture, puppetry, and a meal. They also air Khmer radio programs for adults, including *Women of Hope* and other translated programs from their media partners.

In 2020, the recording and production of these programs was becoming **increasingly difficult** due to old, worn out equipment. In the **spring of 2021**, MPF was able to



TWR Cambodian Staff

provide the funds for new equipment for this studio. This gift has allowed the TWR staff to use the new, more reliable equipment for recording and production of these and other programs for ministry expansion.

TWR Cambodia would like to **thank MPF and its donors** for their help in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in a country where only about 1.6 percent of the population is evangelical. Many people have reason to despair, but knowing Jesus brings hope and healing to Cambodians in their everyday lives and gives them hope of an eternal home in heaven. Thank you for your support!

Hope's Promise [Past Project 692 for N. Vietnam] **A New and Better Life for Four Needy Boys**

Photo by Hugo Heimendinger: <https://www.pexels.com/photo/person-in-scooter-in-front-of-vegetables-2477435/>

In 2017, Duong and Ly, a Christian couple serving as pastors and evangelists in N. Vietnam, took in four orphaned teen boys from an ethnic minority group. The couple soon discovered a deep passion for parenting orphaned children and in 2019 asked Hope's Promise for assistance in adopting **four more younger boys**.

In the fall of 2021, MPF partnered with Hope's Promise to purchase tangible items that would be needed for this family of six to grow into a family of ten! Some of these items were a **washing machine, refrigerator, air conditioner, water filter, bunk beds, student tables, a printer, and more**.

After the family moved into a larger house, they worked together with their four older boys to get it ready for the new younger ones. When the boys, ages 5, 6, 7, and 8, were finally brought to their new home, they received medical care, new toys, and met their teachers at their new school. It took awhile, but eventually their wide-eyed expressions turned into **brilliant smiles** when they began to believe that they were finally in a permanent place of love and stability.

Before welcoming their new boys home, Duong and Ly worked with a Hope's Promise County Coordinator to receive training on how to operate a restaurant. The family now lives upstairs above their restaurant and works together to cook and serve duck (a common staple in Vietnamese diets) in the bottom floor eatery.

Thank you for making dreams come true for these four orphaned boys — parents, a home, and a family to call their own!



Pictured in front are Duong and Ly's four newly adopted boys

OUR PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

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

715 RISHAMA INTERNATIONAL (Nigeria) <https://www.rishama.org/>

Project Cost: **\$3,082**

Rishama is an **orphanage and Christian academy** with over 350 students, all of whom are either orphaned or in vulnerable situations. The children receive unconditional love, outstanding education, basic medical care, and are taught the truths of the Bible.

In 2019, Rishama purchased 17 acres of land to grow food for the students and earn some income. It is now necessary to dig a second well to provide enough water for the growing number of students, staff, and crops. A second **solar-powered pumping station** will provide adequate water for their needs and save on the rising cost of diesel fuel. MPF will fund a new pump and solar-panel installation plus a socket adapter and well cap.



717 CHRISTIAN AID MISSION (Oaxaca, Mexico) <https://www.christianaid.org/>

Project Cost: **\$15,000**

Christian Aid Mission assists indigenous ministries based in areas of poverty or persecution. A partner ministry of theirs, **Ethnic Outreach of Mexico (EOM)**, reaches out to ethnic communities in the southern Mexican region of Oaxaca State—a very diverse area with more than 200 languages and dialects spoken. Outsiders are often treated with suspicion and even hostility, and reaching these groups with the gospel can take an average of seven to ten years.

They need a sturdy, **4-wheel-drive vehicle** to help transport their missionaries and supplies into these hard-to-reach tribal communities.



718 LIVE EAR MINISTRIES (Benin, West Africa) <https://www.live-ear.org/ceef>

Project Cost: **\$9,800**

Since 2008, Live Ear Ministries has operated a **residential school** for rural deaf children in the country of Benin. They also conduct annual Bible camps for the deaf in Benin, Togo, and Niger.

The school needs a **vehicle** (either a minivan or truck) that will help in a variety of ways: transporting the children to and from school, taking them for medical care, bringing in food and supplies from the market, and picking up other deaf people in the villages for weekly church services. It will also be a big help when volunteers come to work with them during their summer Bible camps!



719 MARINE REACH-FAMILY CARE CENTRE (Vanuatu, South Pacific)

Project Cost: **\$8,333**

Marine Reach-Family Care Centre (FCC) <https://familycarecentre.org/> has a **medical and dental training campus** whose focus is on discipling the nation of Vanuatu, which is a series of islands located 1,100 miles off the east coast of Australia.

An estimated 50 percent of the Ni-Van population of Vanuatu is afflicted by oral disease, yet there is only one dentist for every 35,000 people! FCC provides free health care to about 30 dental patients a week. They plan to open a second dental surgery bay to perform root canals and need an **x-ray scanner and laptop** to see below the gum line in order to do the necessary root canals safely. Would you consider giving toward this urgent need?



720 MIDDLE EAST MEDIA (Egypt) <https://www.memusa.org/>

Project Cost: **\$4,058**

For close to 50 years, Middle East Media (MEM) has become a **Christian media leader** in the MENA (Middle East/North Africa) region, with studios in North Africa and the Gulf which produce a wide range of Christian media. Several years ago they launched their animation department which produces evangelistic programs for children. One of these studios has outdated and broken equipment and will need an upgrade in order to become usable once again. They need funding to purchase a **professional audio monitor speaker, two TVs, and a pre-amplifier**.



Guide Online is the digital arm of IndoPartners which creates evangelistic articles and videos in languages familiar to the diverse people groups in South Asia, posting them on the internet and various social media outlets. Over the past twelve years, they have created over 1,300 articles and 350 videos! They train their national staff in evangelism and discipleship to share the gospel with anyone who contacts them.

Their ministry is entirely digital due to the sensitive conditions in that area. A new computer is needed for their National Director and laptops for two new staff joining the team this fall. They will need a **Lenovo Yoga Slim 7 Pro Laptop** (\$1,020) and **two full-screen HD laptops** (\$600 each).



PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2022

- #698 **CHARIOTS FOR HOPE** (Kenya) - Staff Housing Renovations
- #700 **CLC MINISTRIES** (Peru) - Bookmobile
- #702 **AFRICA INLAND MISSION** (Kenya) - Solar batteries & security lights
- #703 **CEF MINISTRIES** (Romania) - Vehicle for CEF workers
- #704 **CHRISTIAN WORLD OUTREACH** (Haiti) - Three motorcycles
- #705 **THE MAILBOX CLUB** (Africa) - Five motorcycles with helmets
- #706 **REFUGE FOR THE POOR** (Cambodia) - Equipment for Refuge Center
- #707 **ACTS BEYOND** (Dominican Republic) - 13-inch Apple MacBook Pro
- #708 **HOPE'S PROMISE** (Zimbabwe) - Cell phones, laptops, and a whiteboard
- #709 **GLOBAL COMMISSION MINISTRIES** (Liberia) - Toyota Hilux Truck
- #710 **MISSION EURASIA** (Ukraine) - \$20,000 for ONE BOX TRUCK plus another \$10,103 was raised towards a second truck!
- #711 **INNER-CITY MOVEMENT** (Israel) - Portable sound system
- #712 **THUNDERZOLL, INC.** (India) - Ten sewing machines & three motorcycles
- #713 **LIVE EAR MINISTRIES** (Benin, West Africa) - One motorcycle
- #714 **ONEMWAY MINISTRIES** (Ghana, West Africa) - The Philip Center East
- #716 **UIM-AVIATION** (Mexico/Arizona) - Two Garmin G-5 flight instruments

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Mission Eurasia (ministering in Ukraine and Russia)

- ▶ For their **staff, volunteers, and partners** working in Ukraine and neighboring countries.
- ▶ For **additional funding** to continue providing food, medical care, shelter and encouragement to victims of the war plus summer camps for the displaced children.

Inner-City Movement (ministering in Israel)

- ▶ **Safety** for the Myers Family over the next several months as they do street evangelism through dramatized Bible stories.
- ▶ And for **spiritual fruit** for those who stop to watch and ask questions during these outreaches.

Remember these ministries as their missionaries take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who need to know there is a God who loves them!

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