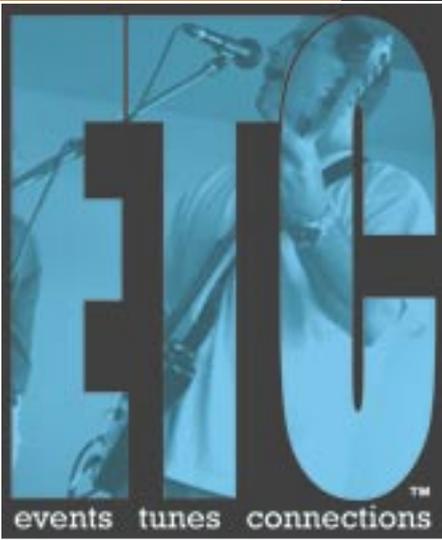


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5 Questions with Mike Rimmey

Singer/songwriter and Nashville recording-artist Mike Rimmey is making a splash in the world of Christian music. "Hope for Tomorrow", the St. Louis native's first release from his debut album, has spent 11 weeks on the "Christian Music Weekly" Top 20 Chart and has climbed all the way to #1. This following up a win at the 11th annual "Inspirational Country Music Week" song-writing competition in Nashville last November.

The CD, entitled *All About You*, was produced by veteran Nashville producer, Clyde Brooks (www.clydebrooks.com). This recording offers a unique sound not found elsewhere in Christian music today - a fresh and sincere brand of Contemporary Christian music with a slight Country twist. Mike's songs are well-crafted, real and heartfelt. His powerful writing can brighten a bad day, while bringing a tear to your eye at the same time. His vocals soar and his lyrics point us to the cross.

For information about the "Christian Music Weekly" Top 20 Chart or to learn more about Mike, visit www.mikerimmey.com.

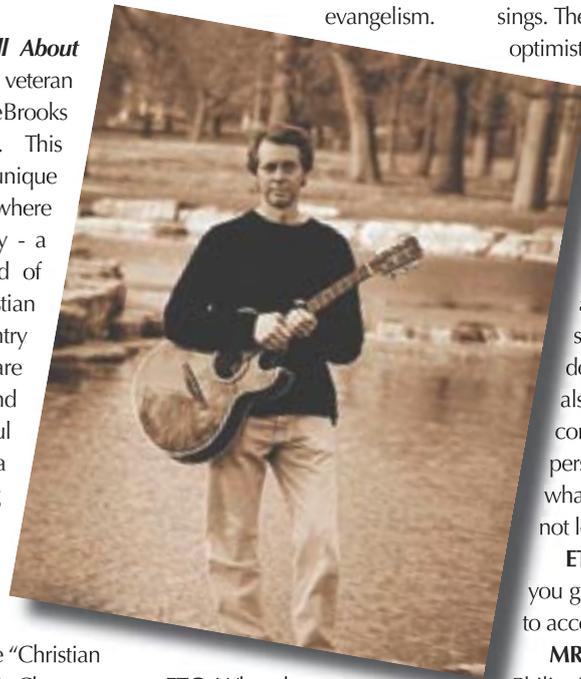
ETC Entertainment Coordinator Jon-Paul Grosser (ETC) recently posed five questions to Mike Rimmey (MR) about his faith, his hopes, his music and his future. And here they are:

ETC: Are you actively working a platform or charity?

MR: I have been pleased to be a part of a ministry on the campus of SIU-Edwardsville. Pastor Charlie Sward puts on live Christian music every Sunday night. Along with the music, they present a free dinner for the students. It's a great chance to shout the name of the Lord in front of a diverse audience.

I really love taking my songs into a secular venue and singing about Jesus. I guess this is the focus of my ministry: reaching the lost. My wife has become an advocate for the prevention of abuse of the mentally retarded and plans to lecture and write about these issues. Also, I am a huge fan of Way of the Master, and I support them as much as I can. I love their TV show and website. They are part of a group called Living Waters, which is a great resource for anything to do with evangelism.

a tremendous support. It definitely wouldn't have happened without her help. She has been a steady source of encouragement and it hasn't been easy for her this year. We have had to deal with a terrible trial in her family. Our family has had to rely on God's promise from Romans 8:28; 'And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God.' Our children are too small to take much notice. They just know that sometimes they get to go to cool places where daddy sings. They are all very excited and optimistic.



ETC: What do you think are the qualities that allow someone to be influential or inspirational?

MR: An inspiring person can stir you up and motivate you to do something beyond your doubts. To be inspirational also has a spiritual connotation. An inspirational person will move you to do what is right in God's sight and not look back.

ETC: What advice would you give our readers who aspire to accomplish what you have?

MR: Believe! Also remember Philippians 4:13: 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'

Make sure to keep your priorities in line. Keep God first in all you do, then your spouse, then your kids, then your work. If you want to be a song-writer, write songs that glorify the Lord and let them be heard as much as possible. Have a plan when you start, so that in your mind you know exactly what your goals are. Do you want to write songs and play them at your church, or at the local Christian bookstore, or do you want to make a recording that will compete with the nationally recognized artists? These different goals will require different paths. Above all, seek God's direction.

ETC: What do you hope that your music and song-writing do for your listeners in reference to their own relationship with God?

MR: My hope is that my songs are relatable to everyone. I know people who pop in Christian music when they're having a bad day or when they're in the mood for praise; but I like to think that my songs are more along the lines of everyday music. I hope people will listen to these songs all the time, and strengthen their relationship with the Lord.

ETC: How is your family adjusting to the success of your vision?

MR: My wife Deborah has been