



What is Harmony of Hearts?

In Isaiah 58, the prophet reveals an amazing truth and a powerful blessing that our churches could be claiming today.

What greater blessing could we seek than for our Lord to say, "Here I am" — for the glory of God to be our rear guard. What better way can we convey this dramatic promise of God than through music, song and a spirit-filled worship experience? This is the objective of *Harmony of Hearts*. By adopting this program, you can help educate and inspire church-going Christians about God's call to a life of compassion and action. You can provide them with a tangible way to exercise their love and experience God's promised blessing. Through your talents with music, your church will gain a greater appreciation for the plight of the poor and know the joy of being "part of the solution" as they respond to these families in desperate need.



Cross International and Its Role

Cross International was founded by Christian leaders who believed that more could be done to rally American Christians to help the poorest of the poor worldwide. Educating Christians about the needs of the poor and giving them opportunities to serve those in need through church-based outreaches remain our priorities to this day. Cross, a long time member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, is also recognized by Forbes and The Chronicle of Philanthropy as one of the largest and most successful Christian relief agencies in America. Last year alone, our outreach spanned more than 25 countries, providing hundreds of millions of dollars in food, medicines, safe drinking water, housing and other aid. Cross also funds a variety of academic & vocational education programs for children and adults. These outreaches "teach a man to fish" and help break the cycle of poverty in struggling families.

In addition to helping you create a "Harmony of Hearts" presentation for your church, Cross International also provides program management for those events that benefit a specific cause (ending hunger, providing medical care, serving orphans, etc.). We can organize a specific project for your church to sponsor, supervise the program through to completion and supply a full follow-up report on how funds were administered. There will be no question about what your event has accomplished to help the poor — your church will know exactly what your contribution achieved and you will be thanked appropriately for your efforts.

For more specific information about Cross International, we encourage you to visit our Internet website (www.crossinternational.org) or contact Harmony of Heart's director, Chuck Burge, at 1-800-391-8545, ext. 174 or cburge@crossinternational.org.



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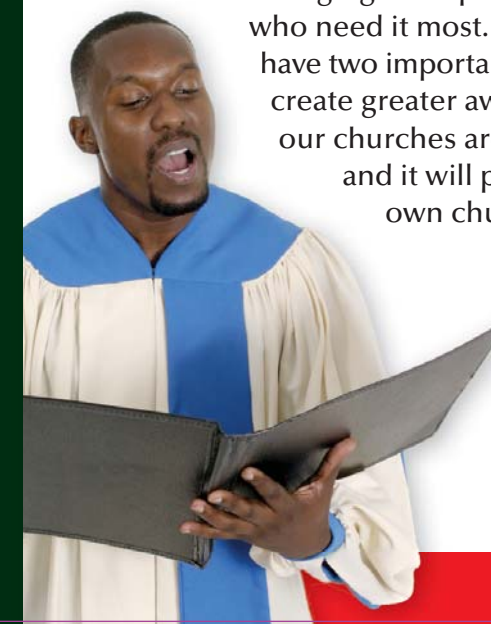
A Special Outreach of Cross International

The importance of worship music is undeniable. In many ways, it is the heart of our weekly church services, giving the people of God a unique opportunity to offer up praise to the Lord in unity of mind, spirit and voice.

In recognition of this unique and critical part of our faith fellowship, Cross International is partnering with churches throughout the United States through a special musical outreach called "Harmony of Hearts" — a tribute to Isaiah 58, 1 John 3:16 and other clear Biblical passages that reveal God's will for His people and His love of the poor.

Through this program, church choirs, praise bands and worship teams are asked to perform a special anthem, musical presentation or mini-concert that will highlight these scriptural calls to action and demonstrate the importance of the church in bringing a Gospel of hope to the poor who need it most. The outreach will have two important benefits — it will create greater awareness of the work our churches are doing overseas and it will provide ways for your own church members to

become personally involved in these ministries of mercy.



Isaiah 58

*Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?*

*Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'*

1 John 3:16

*We know love by this, that Jesus Christ
laid down his life for us — and we
ought to lay down our lives for one
another. How does God's love abide in
anyone who has the world's goods and
sees a brother or sister in need and yet
refuses to help? Little children, let us
love, not in word or speech,
but in truth and action.*



Cross International's efforts to help the poor span the globe. In each case, Cross is using churches to distribute the food, medicines and other resources it provides. This is an extremely cost effective approach to helping the poor, and it helps mission churches better share the Gospel of hope with families in need.

Harmony of Hearts Benefits Your Church

Cross International has years of experience in Christian relief and development, and our ministry has cataloged a variety of specific projects that your church's presentation or special concert can highlight — food and medicine distribution, home building programs for homeless families, educational or self-help outreaches that break the cycle of poverty and other projects that can reshape entire communities. In this way, your church members who participate will see a specific, tangible result from the program they have supported, and your own choir, praise band or worship team will have the same sense of satisfaction after the event.

Harmony of Hearts has a second benefit too. It provides an effective outreach to the community and families who may become interested in your church. By hosting a special concert to help the poor, you'll create a strong impression among your "neighbors" and give them a unique way to interact with your church members. For some, this may be a first impression of the Gospel of hope — and it may be the starting point for their personal salvation.

Harmony of Hearts provides a flexible "tool chest" of resources that can be used to create a dramatic anthem or presentation for the church. Some of the elements include:

- Special hymn and song selections
- Related arrangements & sheet music
- Recorded Scripture readings (including James Earl Jones)
- Videos linked to songs with click tracks (*Believe*, *Go Light Your World*, etc.)*
- Posters and printed materials

* Cross provides versions with and without music and/or vocals so worship leaders can add live music or vocals to the video

Flexibility First Choose the Format That Suits You

Cross International's **Harmony of Hearts** program is very flexible. There are many ways to inform, inspire and uplift your church, and you choose the format that best suits your group. Some worship leaders will want to "start small" by simply creating a special anthem as part of their normal weekly service. Others may prefer to create a concert-style event at a special time (Wednesday night, Sunday afternoon, etc.). Cross encourages this flexible thinking, and we will work with you to develop the best presentation to suit your church and your staff.



The program tools we provide also give you lots of options for your presentation. You will receive a DVD or CD with three key components — suitable sheet music of hymns/songs that convey the message of Christian service, audio files of appropriate scriptural passages (including celebrity readings from James Earl Jones and other distinctive voices) and multiple video presentations (with or without accompanying music/vocals). We also supply a variety of possible program outlines, ranging in length from a few minutes to more than one hour.

Here's an example: You might start with James Earl Jones dramatic reading of 1 John 3:16, followed by a choir anthem sung to *Go Light Your World* or *Believe* (Cross provides a related video and a click track that helps you synchronize the singers to the images being projected on the screen) and conclude with a brief message of encouragement and prayer by the pastor or music director.

There are literally dozens of options on how you can use the tools we provide, and our professional team will work with you to make the process as fun and easy as possible.

