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As featured on Adam Curry's Daily Source Code podcast May 8th...

RPJ Records releases bilingual worship project

Continuing its mission of delivering new worship music through innovative methods, RPJ Records recently announced the release of the label's first bilingual modern worship project, which was recently featured on Adam Curry's "Daily Source Code" podcast.

Adam Curry, one of the original VJ's from cable stalwart MTV, has been a leader in the internet revolution for music, and his podcast "Daily Source Code" is one of the most widely subscribed shows on the Web. He opened his May 8th podcast with "Vencedora."

Like its title suggests, Jessica Smith-Wright's newest CD, "Eres Real / So Real" is the first of its kind. The entire list of songs on the CD is recorded twice: once in English, a second time in Spanish. Likewise, the lyrics for each song are written in both languages in the CD booklet.

The idea of a bilingual project stemmed from the work her church does with mission work in Central America. "There's not a lot of good worship music in Spanish in these countries," notes Aaron Smith, Jessica's father and senior pastor at The Rock of Mobile, her home church. "We discussed with our missionaries about the idea of a Spanish language project, and they were excited about the idea."

With the support of Jimmy Hughes Ministries, a missionary organization based in Honduras, and a lot of help from the Spanish-speaking members of The Rock, each song was faithfully translated from English to Spanish. Jessica said, "I actually love to sing the songs more in Spanish because it is such a beautiful language."

The idea of putting both languages on one CD was inspired by simple economics. "It was cheaper to press one CD with both versions than to press two different CDs," noted Aaron Smith, who also oversees the label.

Jessica is excited about the possibilities for this project. "I have a big heart for the Latin community," Jessica states. "Since the first time I went to Honduras when I was 14 years old, my heart has grown for that country and for all of Latin America."

A live tour of Central America is in development for summer and fall 2006 with the cooperation of Jimmy Hughes Ministries.

As with all RPJ releases, resources for worship leaders are available for download at the label website at www.rpj.org. These include such items as chord sheets and PowerPoint style display slides for use in worship services. These resources are provided free to worship leaders. RPJ

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Records releases are available via CD Baby, and are soon to be released through iTunes and other online music services.

About RPJ Records

RPJ Records is part of RPJ Christian Arts Group, an arts ministry based out of The Rock of Mobile Church in Mobile, Alabama, whose goal is to equip churches and artists with new worship music using internet-based and other electronic methods. In addition to the record label, RPJ includes a publishing company (RPJ Music Publishing) a recording studio (RPJ Studios) and a dance studio (Jubilee School of Dance).

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