

August 24, 2008

Dear Wendy & the James Gang Friends,

This letter is exactly how it came in...

From: Trinity
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2008 6:56 PM
To: david.james@livingrock.com
Subject: "Be Bop Bible Bookin Boogie"

Dear The James family,

My name is Trinity , I'm bout 2 b 13 and i luv ur song "Be Bop Bible Bookin' Boogie" and the message it brings. I saw ur show about 4 years ago and i bout the CD. I sang that song @ my church and I have been Asked 2 sing it @ many other places. With that song i have helped many people learn the books of the bible and i have lead a couple of people 2 Jesus with it .I was wondering if there was any way that i could get a copy of the song with out the words on it, so I could continue to help children learn about the Bible and mabie lead them to christ . Thank you 4 taking the time to read the email ,
Love Trinity.

Isn't that cool?

Hello to you and your families! It's been just over a year since we released the hardest Wendy & the James Gang Prayer Letter that I've ever written. After an awesome season of ministry - seeing about 13,000 kids accept Christ and hundreds of thousands of people ministered to all over the USA and South Africa – for various reasons the doors closed. (Here is a link to the letter):

http://www.wendyandthejamesgang.com/forms_letters/Goodbye%20for%20now...A%20great%20ride%20ends,%20one%20begins.pdf

Wendy & the James Gang Ministry is still happening. In the past couple of months, we've received letters and orders from Louisiana, Iowa, Missouri, Mississippi, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, and internationally from Canada and Singapore! Here's another sample:

-----Original Message-----
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2008 3:53 PM
To: david.james@livingrock.com
Subject: I performed with you once!

Hello, My name is Lindsey and I was in one of your shows many years ago in Blissfield, MI. it was about 1998 - 99 or so. I have always wondered if you were still serving God with your ministries. I was so excited to learn that you toured. Congrats on traveling the world! Recently, I came upon the signed cassette tape and poster that you presented me and the three other performers with and it made me remember how much fun I had up on that stage with you! I took the tape into the preschool classroom where I work and played

the tape while they were working, i still remembered the cheer that I did in Gimme WWJD!

Anyway, I just wanted to say that your ministry still touches me today. I want to wish you the best of luck in everything!

God Bless!
Lindsey
Blissfield, MI

These notes are awesome and are a source of great encouragement to us, and as our ministry supporters and prayer partners, I hope they bless you as much as they did us.

Wendy and I have been blessed to spend an incredible amount of time with our boys... I mean, men! Not only are we best friends, but also our time in ministry, Homeschool and the road let them see that serving Jesus and telling others about Him really is our heart and what it's all about. They shouldered a tremendous amount of responsibility early on in their lives and served unflinchingly. They were willing to continue, but it has been nice to let them be "normal" teens around home for a while. We have such great memories of tons of time spent as a family. Here's a quick update:

Ben is 16, a sophomore at Granville High School and is quickly emerging as a leader. He's been selected to lead drama and music both at school and in the church Youth Group. He's a fun loving, free spirit with gifts of comedy, communication, improvisation, music and singing. He also got his first eagle and broke 40 for nine holes for the first time a couple of weeks ago! He's looking forward to getting his drivers license in about a week.

Zac graduated from high school this summer with outstanding academic and music achievements. Music and ministry is his calling and his passion. He was a valuable member of the adult praise team (both singing and playing) at church, wrote and sang a few of his own songs during specials, was a leader in his youth group, and became very proficient in acoustic, electric and bass guitar, piano, keyboards and drums. Last week we went down that road many of you have gone before, taking our first child to college. He is attending Cedarville University, where he started work on a double major of Pastoral Studies and Piano. He had 20 hours of college credits done while in high school, so he has a great chance to pull it off in four years!

Through prayer, in the Fall of 2007, Wendy felt God leading her into a major time of concentrated training. Her typical day includes hours on piano, guitar, voice, Bible Study and learning how to use the Mac to become proficient in creating demos. She also has been doing some writing that has naturally flowed from her study of James and teaching voice, and is still writing songs.

I am working in Granville, OH for Acuity Brands Technology Services, Inc., a newly created, fast growing subsidiary of Acuity Brands, Inc. (Stock symbol AYI), based in Atlanta. We're starting up two companies from scratch, so it's been very busy and challenging, but we are grateful for God's provision. Acuity is a leading provider of lighting fixtures in the USA...so I'm still spreading the Light!

We are in the process of praying and discussing the strategic direction for ministry going forward. At this point, God has us in training and transition mode, but we feel like the day is coming soon where Wendy starts performing adult concerts and worship.

Also, we still have a passion for reaching kids and families. As you can tell, the number of Christian live events has dropped dramatically from 2004 levels, so to reach kids and families,

we're seeking the Lord's will for ways to use the message and the investment in WJG in new media-driven channels and other possibilities, such as:

1. Produce the shows live as part of annual outreach events in our area.
2. Shoot "Song of the King" and "Secret Agent Man" onto DVD.
3. Pursue distribution of the DVD's and music via, Internet, I-tunes, You Tube, TV, radio or other media channels.
4. Continue to write new shows and music.
5. Create a kids worship event using "Backstage Pass", with high-energy songs & dance with lights, video but in a simpler, easier to transport manner.
6. Allow the scripts to be used by other ministries, such as college drama teams.

Finally, THANK YOU for your continued faithful prayer and financial support, as we continue to pay off the ministry debt for the investment in the three shows. As you may remember, about \$500,000 was invested in bringing these shows to life. In May 2005, we had debt of over \$225,000. **Today, the ministry debt is now at \$98,000.** Breaking the \$100,000 barrier is huge! We praise the Lord for this, but lets be totally clear about what He said we must do:

We are committed by the Lord's leading to be debt free before going forward with any new endeavors or ministry spending. We believe it has been miraculous that the debt has been reduced so quickly. So many of you have believed in this kids and family ministry and have supported us over the years. Quite a few of you still are... and we're grateful beyond words. Thank you for building treasure in heaven by using your earthly resources to help finance the lives touched by the WJG ministry. Many of these kids are now teenagers. Please pray for them.

We have downscaled most of the ancillary travel gear by donating it to local ministry organizations. We've given away thousands of dollars of WJG clothing to the needy. However, we felt led to keep the shows intact for future use, to make the most of your gifts and your investment of time, talent and treasure. The Lord brought talented, top people from Nashville and Orlando into our lives to help bring these shows to life. They are still extremely relevant and usable. Kids love them, but we must become more effective in our production methods and in using the media to reach them in today's culture.

We will still go anywhere Christ wants us to go. Or we will stay here and keep doing what we are doing if that what he wants. I know we have been out of sight and out of mind for a while, but the time has come where we are asking you to be renewed prayer partners...but broader and deeper. We can touch the whole family again but in wider and greater scope of ministry. Please pray that we will not get ahead of God, nor fall behind his will. Pray for Wendy during this training season, clarity for the future as she works in the adult music and teaching fields as well as kids, for Zac as he trains to be a music minister, for Ben as he grows into a Christian leader in the schools and for Dave while in the secular business world and leads the family and the ministry. It may take years, but the Great Commission is clear.

Also, please pray about retiring the debt. That's the first step.

Lord willing, we don't believe that our work as a family is done.

May God bless you and your families! We love you – our partners in ministry. Thank you for your sacrifices. Email or call – it will be great to hear from you!

All for His Glory and Honor,

The David James Family

David, Wendy, Zac & Ben James
www.wendyandthejamesgang.com

P.S. If you forget what our three shows are about (Song of the King, Secret Agent Man and Backstage Pas), here are links to:

Demo DVD: <http://www.wendyandthejamesgang.com/onlineVideo.htm>

Pictures: <http://www.wendyandthejamesgang.com/events.htm>

CD's: <http://www.wendyandthejamesgang.com/resources.htm>