



## **Vision Challenge: My Best... for Whom??**

The Bible says that the Lord has blessed us with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3) and has placed us in the highest position (Revelation 1:6). In such a glorious position, we are also equipped in this world with talents and skills that the Lord has gifted to us by His Grace, so that we may be used for the profit of the eternal Kingdom. And these talents and skills are to be accounted for on the day of Judgment where our works will be sieved.

The world speaks of so many believers who have used their talents for God. In this modern world, we are living witnesses of the talents that were put into work, in the likes of Billy Graham, Ravi Zacharias and others, who have been channels of blessing to countless many. With a willing heart and empowered by the Holy Spirit, their impact is without question.

Yet the benchmark of using our talents is not necessarily the pulpit or the glaring stage. As much is graciously given, as much is required of the believer. In Colossians 3:23 we are told to do all things as to God and not for man. There is touching story of shoe shining boy at a railway station who polished shoes as though they were of the Lord's and so became a testimony in sermons across the world. In this story, we are humbled by the dedication and willingness of that young boy to serve the Lord with his best, even if it means shining shoes!

**In this new year 2011, V2M presents this challenge of using our best for the Lord. It is our prayer that everyone of you, will reflect upon the talents so given to us freely, recognize the highest positions that the Lord has brought us to with the great work of salvation, and therefore in humility offer them to the Lord. Great works will follow those who are willing. And so greatly will be added to those who have committed.**



## Mission Challenge:

In Christ Alone. The Music Ministry of

# *Keith and Kristyn Getty*

V2M is pleased to report on the ministry of Keith and Kristyn Getty, recognized today as modern hymn writers.

Over the past decade, the Gettys have composed several hymns, with a vision to visualize the gospel. Today, church gatherings across the world sing several of their compositions which include, **In Christ Alone, Come People of the Risen King, The Power of the Cross** and others.

Keith and Kristyn are originally from Northern Ireland and were brought up in traditional Christian homes. They are both recognized and accomplished musicians in their own right. Keith is a multi talented instrumentalist and composer and has orchestrated and arranged over 200 projects. Influenced by the teachings of noted bible scholar, John Stott and his university studies on

the life of Christ, Keith was inspired to write songs of a deeper understanding of the gospel message. Kristyn, the voice of the Getty music ministry has been at the forefront of Christian music from a young age.

Over the years, God has brought together through various circumstances as Keith mentioned to V2M, 'the skills set and the needs to met'.

Though in the early days the vision was just to compose and bring songs to the local churches, the Lord has raised their ministry and blessed them by gradually bringing together a band of musicians who share a similar vision and passion. Today, settled in the US, the Gettys minister through their songs in various churches and concerts across the US, Ireland and parts of Africa.

Keith and Kristyn have requested prayers for their ministry as well as for their first child, expected soon. They are praying that God will strengthen them in their music mission and in raising a child to walk faithfully in the leading of the Lord.

**The Mission challenge for this month of January in the new year 2011, is to give our best to the Lord. The Gettys are an example to many of us in how they have committed their skills and God has used them mightily in composing and singing songs that have touched countless many across the globe!**

