

NEWS FROM THE ROAD



Royce Mitchell



Keith Waggoner



Jordan Cragun



Dan Gilbert



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It's hard to believe that another year has come and is almost gone. The old proverb "time waits for no man" begins to sink in more and more as the days fly by.

2009 has been a great year for Liberty Quartet! We have put nearly 60,000 miles on the bus, sung in 19 different states, performed more than 150 concerts, and made several thousand more friends throughout the last ten months.

This has been a momentous year for Liberty including significant milestones such as adding Jordan Cragun as our new baritone; adding a new member to the Liberty family (little Cole Waggoner); hosting two buses to the Great Western Fan Festival in Fresno, CA; vacationing in Hawaii; touring through Ontario, Canada where we had the privilege of changing the lights on the Niagara Falls; recording a brand-new CD "The Journey" with

Doran Ritchey, Phil Cross, and Roger Talley as producers; taking our first-ever cruise to Alaska with friends the Beene Family, the Down East Boys, and Lauren Talley; singing at the National Quartet Convention in Louisville, KY; the production of the best Family Fest yet in September; the departure of beloved pianist, vocalist, and songwriter Doran Ritchey; and the list goes on and on. Even if we wanted to share every detail of this blessed year, we couldn't do it due to the space it would take up. So, we're trying something that just might turn into an annual tradition if our readers let us know they enjoy it. Welcome to our first pictorial **YEAR IN REVIEW!**

They say a picture is worth a 1000 words. We'll let you be the judge. What you'll see in this expanded, first-time-in-color edition of the Liberty Quartet newsletter are pictures that for the most part have been taken behind the scenes.

ENJOY!

BUS DEBT UPDATE

We missed our deadline but reached our goal!

Thanks to everyone who stepped up with a donation towards retirement of the Liberty bus debt. The week of October 12-16, we met our goal to raise \$40,000.00 and officially paid off the remaining debt on the bus. Our goal was to celebrate this achievement at Family Fest 2009, but we were still a little short.

However, the faithful support of Liberty Friends met the obligation and helped us achieve the goal. Thanks to each and every person for your faithful support towards this endeavor. This is a great freedom in the ministry for the Quartet.

Rick Waitley
Liberty Ministries Executive Director

DORAN'S CONTACT INFO

Doran Ritchey has recently settled in Cleveland, TN where he is currently working with Phil Cross. Doran and his wife Diane are both traveling with the vocal group Crossing, while Doran administrates Phil's publishing company and helps with the promotion of the "Song of a Lifetime" video series. Doran and Diane want to stay in touch with their Liberty friends and have provided their contact information:

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Phone: 208-860-5135 > Email: doranritchey@gmail.com



APRIL 28 - MAY 3, 2010

JOIN US on a special trip offered only to Friends of Liberty Quartet. We are headed to Visalia, and you can come, too! Royce, Dan, Keith, and Jordan will be singing at the 2010 Great Western Southern Gospel Fan Festival at the Visalia Convention Center in Visalia, California. Please join us and other Liberty friends and supporters to ride a chartered bus from Boise to Visalia and enjoy this amazing program of southern gospel artists, including our own Liberty Quartet.

BROCHURES AVAILABLE FROM THE
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CONCERT SCHEDULE

november

- 1 Leavenworth, WA Washington Church of the Nazarene Laymen's Retreat (beginning 10/30)
- 1 Lewiston, ID Blessed Hope Assembly of God (6:00 PM)
- 5 The Dalles, OR Emmanuel Baptist Church (7:00 PM)
- 6-7 Eugene, OR PGMA (Pacific Gospel Music Association) at First Baptist Church
- 7 Portland, OR Lynchwood Church of God (7:00 PM)
- 8 Portland, OR Tremont Evangelical Church (10:40 AM)
- 8 Salem, OR Lancaster Assembly of God (6:00 PM)
- 13 Sun City, AZ Tri-City Baptist Temple (6:00 PM)
- 14 Mesa, AZ Gilbert Family Nazarene Church (7:00 PM)
- 15 Benson, AZ Community Bible Church (10:45 AM)
- 19 Seattle, WA Calvary Christian Assembly (6:00 PM)
- 20 Nooksack, WA Nooksack Valley Reformed Church (7:00 PM)
- 21 Puyallup, WA Puyallup Church of the Nazarene (6:00 PM)
- 22 Port Orchard, WA Port Orchard Lutheran Church (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM)
- 22 Bremerton, WA Church of the Nazarene (6:00 PM)

december

- 1 Meridian, ID Meridian Senior Center (11:00 AM)
- 4 Sky Valley, CA Sky Valley RV Resort (7:00 PM)
- 5 Ontario, CA Sunrise Church, with Tradesman Quartet & Johnson Family Quartet (6:00 PM)
- 6 Long Beach, CA Community Grace Brethren Church (10:30 AM)
- 6 Santa Ana, CA Santa Ana First Nazarene (6:00 PM)
- 11 Salt Lake City, UT First Church of the Nazarene (7:00 PM)
- 12 Burley, ID Burley United Methodist (7:00 PM)
- 13 Nampa, ID Grace Bible Church (6:00 PM)



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REGULARLY BEING
ADDED TO OUR
CALENDAR. CHECK OUR
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THE YEAR IN PICTURES



We visited the Golden Gate Bridge for the first time. Very cool!



Liberty's "crabby" old men



Royce sleeps with one eye open



Taylor Ritchey helped us open up a concert, singing "Amazed at the change"



Nicholas ("Cole") Peyton Waggoner entered the world on Feb. 12



Royce sang bass with the Medicare Four in Arizona. Yes, that really is the quartet name. Royce was a natural fit.



The bus...it's not going anywhere. Dan examines his handiwork. He got it out of the mud (well, arranged to get it out).



We posed for a group shot at Oro Valley (AZ) Nazarene



Doran's not used to a vehicle going this fast. Fortunately, he had insurance.



Dan made himself right at home at Towerpoint RV in Mesa, AZ. He even joined a water volleyball team. He's in the front row, far right. He got killed!



Royce finally had enough and hired his dream quartet and piano player...



Two of our great friends, Chuck Sandman & Lee Liljenquist, were our taxi service while in AZ, getting us to and from the airport



Jordan's brother, Austin, joined us for a few weeks - he even sang a few times with us



While in Texas we re-connected with a dear friend, Becky Oprean. Becky founded an awesome ministry - Becky's Hope: she and her parents came down to see us in Ft Worth



Royce had us sing a trio number, "Since Jesus Passed By", in California



Old habits die hard - Keith gets his groove on



Doran is up to something...



Fortunately, Donna Gilbert was able to join her husband at the Great Western Fan Fest



Royce spent some time with Carol Cossett while at Fan Fest - our dear friend passed away in July so it made that time all the more special



Liberty hosted the Saturday morning outdoor breakfast - we had a fantastic time!



Royce filled the Save Mart Arena with that deep bass voice



The highlight of the breakfast was Gene Mitchell (Royce's father) joining us on "Farther Along" - we had church!



Doran was featured in the Fan Fest's Songwriter's Showcase - we sang his song "Just Stand"



Singing on Wednesday night at Fan Festival



We had two buses from the Boise area even though passengers came from other northwestern states. You have to join us in 2010!



Keith was able to meet one of his heroes, David Jeromiah, at Fan Fest



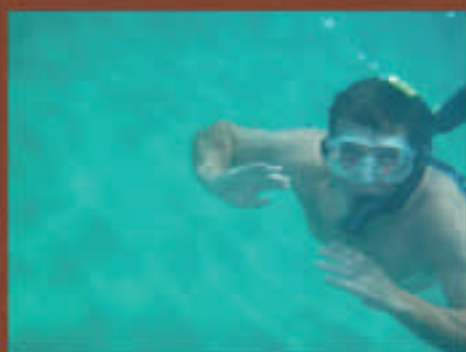
Royce was selected as the fans' favorite bass and sang in the Fan Fest All-Star Quartet



We hosted Greater Vision in Meridian. Gerald Wolfe stares at Royce in wonder! Freak of nature!



The concert ended with both groups singing "Champion of Love"



Dan is the true snorkeling professional- he got lots of use out of his new underwater camera while in Hawaii on vacation



Keith is prepared to battle nature as he gets ready to go snorkeling



Royce didn't realize Doran was taking the picture



Doran and Diane got cozy at the luau



With young Jordan joining the group, Royce feels like a Daddy all over again



Mayor Ted Salci (Niagara Falls, ON) arranged for us to take a complimentary tour on the Maid of the Mist



Phil Cross and Royce in the studio



Yeah, we get around. Out of this world!



Trey Waggoner and Taylor Ritchey took a trip with us - Royce trains 'em young behind the wheel



Doran on deck with Landon and Shandon Beene



Keith, Lori, and Cole with Lauren Talley and her Aunt Mitzi before the formal dinner



Quite the lovely couple, don't you think?



Chefs Lori, Tammy, and Dorita Waitley take time out to smile



Jordan had never been to Yellowstone before this summer - he was like a kid in a candy shop!



This is not a posed shot. We were really out in the middle of, well, nowhere. We really do sing everywhere.



Liberty singing "I'm His" with the Family Fest Homecoming Choir - 115-120 voices!



Doran was presented with a MacBook as a going-away present



Doran's last concert was on September 27 in Nampa, ID. Our last song together was "It Is Well."

PRODUCT ORDER FORM

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<i>Hymn Sing, Vol 1</i> (DVD)	\$20	_____	\$ _____
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<i>Truckin' On</i> (CD) - Solo CD by Royce Mitchell	\$15	_____	\$ _____
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<i>Timeless Treasured Hymns, Vol. 2</i> (CD)	\$15	_____	\$ _____
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CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

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Old Time Gospel Songs, Vol. 1 CD; There's a Testimony CD; and In God We Trust CD



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PRaises

- The bus debt program has been a huge success and exceeded our expectation. Thank you to all who have given
- Though the extended Liberty family is separated by many miles, the new sense of unity and common goals have been extraordinary
- Dan has been able to keep the bus in great working condition. Your prayers for dependability and safety are being answered. Please continue
- For a successful, safe, and blessed tour back east to National Quartet Convention
- Family Fest was an incredible event marked by God's presence

PRayers

- For a smooth and effective transition for both the Ritchey family and Liberty
- That God will prompt many to intercessory prayer for our ministry
- That whatever we do, in word or deed, it will be done "in the name, and to the Glory of our Lord, Jesus Christ"
- That hearts will be encouraged and lives drawn to a deeper relationship to Jesus Christ -who is our hope
- Sensitivity to the needs of each congregation and audience. That we are moldable by the Holy Spirit's leading
- For Jordan Cragun, as he prepares for his December 18th wedding to Elena Grant

NOTES FROM ROYCE



"Be strong, do not fear; your God will come." Is. 35:4

He will provide "streams in the desert." v. 6

"The burning sand will become a pool." v. 7

Even when we wonder if God is near, He is always at work. Since our last Nov. / Dec. edition of the newsletter, though we have been and continue to be among some difficult days financially as a country, 2009 has been a year of unmatched victories for Liberty!

I am overwhelmed by the kindness & support of so many of you that we call "friends". Thank you for a most blessed year. Whatever burdens we have met, you have helped to bear them. Though we are separated by many miles, God has built up our faith and has used you.

As we all walk in the way of holiness, we are promised "an everlasting joy and gladness" and "sorrow and sighing shall flee away" Is. 35:8-10

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

- I would like to receive information about becoming a Friend of Liberty.
- I am a "Friend of Liberty." My monthly contribution of \$ _____ is enclosed.

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Liberty Quartet is now on Facebook. This is a fun way to connect with the guys off the stage and see what's going on behind-the-scenes. Jordan recently got a new camera and has been uploading some videos that give you just a little insight as to what really happens when we're not singing. Scary! If you're not already a member of Facebook, it's easy to join. You can find us at www.facebook.com/libertyquartet.