



Margaret Becker



Headlines recite the faceless statistics of poverty; Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Margaret Becker tells of the people she has met over the past 17 years as an artist/ambassador for World Vision. With tenderness, wit, and passion, she recalls the tragedies and triumphs she has witnessed among the poor in Africa and South America. In their lives, she finds beacons of faith, parables of generosity, and evidence of the greatness of God in the smallest of details.

Internationally acclaimed for her music, Margaret is also an eloquent author and engaging speaker who mines the moments of everyday life to discover deeper truths. Wherever she speaks, she hopes to leave lasting impressions that motivate listeners to act.

With vivid detail, she speaks of the widow in Malawi who walks nearly three hours in hopes of selling a bucket of goat milk to provide for her two children and the orphans she has taken in. Amid desperate circumstances, Margaret learns where there is life, there is hope.

Deep in the Amazon, Margaret meets a tribal family who trudges five miles along a dry river bed to bring buckets of water to neighbors who are thirsty. Asking why they go to such trouble, they reply: "They needed water. We had water." The bureaucracy of benevolence becomes absurd in the presence of simple personal selflessness.

She recalls the Zambian princess weakened by AIDS but who sparkles with life as she wages her own educational campaign to "stop these senseless deaths."

There's the farmer who labored for three months digging a mile-long trench with a coffee can to bring water to his parched land. Standing in his flourishing cornfield, he speaks proudly of the better life that will now be possible for his sons.



In a dangerous section of a Kenyan village, Margaret is stunned to meet Olivia, a 5-year-old who is mother, father, and caretaker of her 18-month-old sister. She knows only one sentence in English: "Take me with you." Margaret could not physically take her away but she carries the girl with her every day.

In a Lesotho village, she learns of a woman who in her last moments of life, breathes as a blessing the single word 'El ann nor', the name of her sponsor who has made her care possible.

With these and other compelling stories, Margaret paints indelible word-pictures to call Christians to a life of conscientious living. She emphasizes, "I want people to realize just how little it takes to bring about profound change in the lives of the poor."

Margaret Becker is based in Nashville, TN.

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FACT SHEET

SPEAKING

Sampling of various **Keynote** engagements:

- 2007- Present: Coming Up For Air Anti-Conference Tour
- 2008 Glen Eyrie Retreat Center
- 2008 Evangelical Press Association Awards Program
- 2008- 2009 The Visible School
- 2007 World Vision Artist Associate Conference
- 2007 Creation Fest East/Creation Fest West
- 2007 Christian Musician Summit Conference
- 2007 St. Louis Christian College
- 2005 World Vision Artist Associate Conference
- 2004 Youth Specialties National Pastor's Conference
- 1993 to Present: World Vision International Spokesperson
- 1997 to Present: Academy of Gospel Music Arts Adjunct Professor
- 2003 Baylor Art and Soul Conference
- 2002 Baylor Art and Soul Conference
- 2002 Lifeway Women's Conferences
- 2000 Oral Roberts University
- 1999 Aspiring Women Conferences

HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

Lumiere du Monde Award 2003

This award grew out of a Brussels lunchtime fellowship called "Roaring Lambs", comprised of EU diplomats, NATO personnel, executives, lawyers, students, homemakers, and retirees – all Christians eager to impact their world outside of the church. They studied the late Bob Briner's book *Roaring Lambs* together and challenged each other to be "lambs in the midst of wolves".

Becker was recognized for her years of volunteer work for worthwhile causes that include spokesperson for World Vision, (an organization that works to help Africa's AIDS orphans and feed the world's hungry), mobilizing thousands to end the injustice and indignity of substandard housing by donating proceeds from her concerts to Habitat For Humanity, and speaking out against apartheid in South Africa and the violence in Northern Ireland.

Episcopal Diocese Award

Margaret was honored with a Lifetime Fellowship by the Episcopal church in the diocese of Delaware for her work to end world hunger and promote interfaith understanding. The award marks the first time the diocese had bestowed such an honor.

BOOKS

Coming Up For Air: Simple Acts to Re-define Your Life
NavPress, Inspirational/Devotional, Released 2006

Growing Up Together

Harvest House Publishers, Gift division, Released in 2000 (Hardcover)

With New Eyes: Fresh Vision for the Soul

Harvest House Publishers, Inspirational/Devotional, Released 1999 (Hardcover) 1999.

AUTHOR AWARD

Evangelical Press Association

1997 EPA Standing Column Award

Margaret received the first place award for her "One More Thing" column which she wrote during 1996 for Campus Life magazine.

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CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

CCM Magazine
Aspire
Teen Life
Fingerstyle Magazine
Charisma

Today's Christian Woman
Christian Singles Magazine
Campus Life
Release Magazine

TELEVISION

Sample of various appearances

CNN
Profiles In Praise-Host
James Robberson
Muscular Dystrophy Telethon

BBC
700-Club
Dallas Morning Show
100 Huntley Street

MUSIC TOURS

2008-Present Air Tour
2001-2004 New Irish Hymns
2000 Voce Conferences (Speaking)
1997 Young Messiah Tour: Host

1996 Young Messiah Tour

1993 "The World I See In You" World Tour
1991 "Simple House" World Tour w/Charlie Peacock Trio

2005-2007 Psalms and Songs
2000 Fernando Ortega's Home Tour
1999 "Stories & Strings" Tour with Ashley Cleveland
1996 "Grace Cafe" World Tour with guests Dana Key and Grover Levy
1994-1995 "Altogether" Tour with Susan Ashton, Christine Dente, Out of the Grey
1992 "Build This House" World Tour with Rick Elias
1989 Michael W. Smith's "I 2 (EYE)" Tour (special guest)

*World Tours: Margaret has toured internationally throughout Australia, New Zealand, the U.K., Ireland, Finland, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Mexico, Holland South Africa, Africa, Brazil and Argentina.

1992-2007 Various trips to Africa and Brazil to observe and participate in stemming world hunger via hands on work and filming appeals.

Margaret has performed in front of over 3 million people and sold over 2.8 million records.

DISCOGRAPHY

2009 *The Gift of Love* (with David M. Edwards)
2007 *Ray of Hope: The Amazon River Children-Kingsway*
2004 *Faithfully Yours* (with David M. Edwards)
2003 *In Christ Alone/New Irish Hymns* (with Maire Brennan and Joanne Hogg)
1998 *Falling Forward*
1995 *Fiel A Ti* (Spanish)
1993 *Soul*
1991 *Simple House*
1988 *The Reckoning*

2008 *Air*
2006 *The Very Best of Margaret Becker Sparrow Records*
2003 *Just Come In/My Refuge*
1999 *What Kind Of Love*

1995 *Grace*
1994 *Along The Road* (with Ashton/Becker/Dente)
1992 *Steps Of Faith: 1987-1991* (best of)
1989 *Immigrants Daughter*
1987 *Never For Nothing*

MUSICAL HONORS

Grammy Award Nominations

1994 Best Pop Gospel Album *Soul*

1990 Best Gospel Perf., Female *Immigrants Daughter*

1992 Best Rock/Contemporary Gospel Album *Simple House*
1989 Best Gospel Performance, Female *The Reckoning*

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Gospel Music Association Dove Award Winner

2002 Special Event Album "Prayer of Jabez"
1992 Rock Album of the Year Simple House

1995 Praise & Worship Album of the Yr. Coram Deo II
1992 Rock Recorded Song of the Yr. "Simple House"

Gospel Music Association Dove Award Nominations

1996 Female Vocalist of the Year
1995 Group of the Year Ashton/Becker/Dente
1994 Female Vocalist of the Year
1994 Contemporary Album of the Year Soul

1992 Female Vocalist of the Year
1990 Contemporary Album of the Year Immigrants
Daughter
1988 New Artist of the Year

1995 Song of the Year "Say The Name"
1995 Inspirational Song of the Year "Say The Name"
1994 Songwriter of the Year
1994 Rock Recorded Song of the Year "The World I
See In You"
1990 Female Vocalist of the Year
1990 Rock Recorded Song of the Year "Immigrants
Daughter"

SESAC Christian Artist of the Year

1999, 1998, 1995, 1994, 1992, 1990, 1989

American Songwriter Magazine

1994 Contemporary Christian Songwriter of the Year

Soul2Soul Honors Award 2004

Lifetime Radio Honor: Margaret Becker-
Artist/Songwriter

Worship Leader Magazine 2004 Praise Award
2004 Best Scripture Song *Create in Me, Faithfully
Yours*

CCM Magazine All Time Top 100 Songs
Lifetime: *Say the Name*

PRODUCER CREDITS

Ginny Owens
Blue 2004 Rocketown Records
Beautiful 2005 Rocketown Records

Rita Springer
Effortless 2006 Tooth and Nail

Kelly Minter
Finer Day 2007 Kingsway
Wrestling the Angels 2005 Provident

Ray of Hope: The Amazon River Children
2007 Kingsway

New Irish Hymns 4 Kristyn Lennox, Jo Hogg,
Margaret Becker
2005 Kingsway

Margaret Becker
Air 2006 Modernm
Just Come In 2005 Provident

Indie Artists including:
Mitch McVicker, Kathy Shooster, Sue Samuel

BOARDS

Sparrow Foundation – 1993- to present
Sparrow Grant Committee -1993- to present
The Visible School – 2007 to present

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