



Todd Agnew



When contemporary Christian recording artist Todd Agnew was young, he didn't picture himself becoming an award-winning musician. Like most kids, he had lots of dreams, but didn't know exactly what he wanted to do. But one thing was certain—he wanted to serve God with all of his heart.

"If the name of Christ could be glorified, I wanted to do it," Todd explains. And that's just what he's done. A worship leader, innovative songwriter, and World Vision Artist Associate since 2003, Todd uses each of his concerts and speaking engagements as an opportunity to communicate stories of children in need to encourage others to make a difference.

For the past several years, Todd has advocated for World Vision's HOPE Initiative, helping raise awareness of the HIV and AIDS crisis in Africa and other parts of the world. In 2007 he traveled to Zimbabwe with World Vision and was surprised by the incredible joy he saw in the people there living in the midst of poverty. "They are so loving and giving with the little that they have," he recalls. It struck a chord with Todd.

"Sometimes we overlook our own ability to share," he says. "We look at ourselves and only see our limitations. But we forget that this—what we are—is what God created. He gave us gifts and he meant for us to share them, both locally and globally. This is God's work that He's doing, and we get to be a part of it."

Now Todd is also using his influence to bring attention to the exploding global problem of child trafficking and exploitation, and to World Vision's efforts to help protect and restore children who have been exploited and abused, trapped in a life of slavery. He's not just performing at his concerts—he's using his talent as a speaker on behalf of children in desperate need. And when Todd speaks, it's passionate, inspiring, and always from the heart.

Becoming a dad has given Todd a deeper understanding of how God the Father cares tremendously for each one of his children. "I have the highest hopes for my two kids," he says. "But God's hopes are even higher." In Matthew 19:14, Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven belongs to children—to "the least of these." This verse inspires Todd to make a difference for the world's most vulnerable children. "God desires for someone to stand up for them, take care of them, protect them," he explains. "I understand why God is asking us to step in. These are His kids."

Todd and his wife Jenny are very active in their church's recovery ministry in their hometown of Austin, Texas. Seeing people find healing from years of abuse has helped Todd realize that God doesn't just want His children to have their daily needs met—he wants them to be whole, fully restored, and able to reach their full potential. That's why Todd says, "Our hope is that through World Vision, we can give kids freedom, hope, and the opportunity to pursue their biggest dreams."

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