



The Audience Perspective...

From the Davis Family...

“I wanted to tell you how much you all having a concert in Clinton meant to me and my family. The concert was just incredible, and many are talking about the concert around town. Your music just fills me with such a joy and I have been trying to share it with so many of my friends. We have talked about DMHO so much since we first heard you on the radio 10 months ago that our friends affectionately call us your „groupies .



“I know having you here meant a lot to our boys and that is very important to us. What you most likely don't know is that our youngest, Nathan, has a heart problem. He caught a virus at birth that damaged the muscle of his heart. For many long weeks, they did not expect him to live and we witnessed many miracles in his life. When he was released from the hospital after six weeks, he was healthier than anybody ever expected. When he was a year old, they predicted that he would have no long-term heart damage. We knew we were so blessed and the entire trial brought us closer to God. We came out of it with a renewed dedication to keep ourselves and bring our boys closer to God everyday while trying to get our lives back to normal. Then, two and a half years ago, what was supposed to be a routine check-up, the cardiologist found that Nathan's heart function had become dramatically worse. The best hope the doctors could give us was that with medication his heart would get no worse. On the other hand, with his type of cardiomyopathy, there was a very good chance that his heart could continue to deteriorate to the place that he needed a transplant, or worse, sudden cardiac arrest. It was only through a lot of prayers and the grace of God that we recovered from that blow. We realize now that life on this earth is really pretty short and we don't have any guarantees of a long life for any of our children. We also knew that what we would need to find a new sense of "normal". We then became extremely committed to trying to fill our children's lives with as many wonderful experiences as possible. We love to do things as a family and there are two things that the entire family enjoys tremendously- Disneyland and Denver and the Mile High Orchestra.

“Nathan hasn't stopped talking about the concert. When Nathan was such a sick little newborn, he had a seizure that lasted at least 7 hours. Doctors suspect now that the seizure damaged some of his neuropathways, making it difficult for him to get information from short term memory to long term memory. So while is IQ tests in the gifted range, he has some problems with his memory (we have the only Kindergartener who reads at a third grade level but can't remember where the bathroom is at school.) He is getting old enough now that he realizes that is memory has problems, and it bothers him. In his mind, we always drive out of town to see DMHO. Friday, he was having a hard time remembering that you were going to be in concert in our town- even after seeing you earlier in the day. He kept asking when we were going to have to leave to get to the concert and if we were going to have to stay the night in a hotel. Since he has rarely been to a basketball game, he did not recognize the Tornado Dome as being in Clinton. When I drove him the two blocks to Grandma's to go to bed after the concert, he commented, „Boy, it didn't take us long to get back to Clinton! I had to laugh, but I wasn't sure how much he would remember in the morning. When I first hugged him on Saturday morning, I asked him if he liked the concert the night before. He got a gleam in his eye and excitedly said, „The concert was great! Denver came to MY town! I remember THAT and I will NEVER forget it! That alone tells me that the concert made quite an impact on him.”

From the Conrad family...



“It’s very hard to put in to words what the relationship between DMHO, Cady, and our family has meant. Several years ago, I took my Mom and Cady’s older sister Emma to see DMHO in concert. We had only heard them on the radio before and didn’t know what to expect. We all loved them, their music is intergenerational. Above and beyond that, I discovered that night that they cared about people. We stood in line so that Emma could get autographs, and every one of the guys signed his name and last in line Denver took time to get down on her level and talk to Emma about serving Jesus being the most important thing in her life. This made a huge impact on my Mom and me. Emma took the enthusiasm home with her and DMHO became the kids’ favorite group. They listened to them all the time.

“Probably about a year later, Cady (7) was diagnosed with leukemia and took DMHO music to the hospital with her. She was having a hard time, so I decided to contact DMHO through their website and ask them to send her a note and to pray for her. They replied very quickly that they would do that and then also asked for my phone number. When DMHO’s tour manager called, I was shocked when he asked if it would be possible to visit her at the hospital on the way to the Kingdom Bound Festival just after her diagnosis in 2004. They came early in the morning, this couldn’t have been easy for them after a concert the night before, and traveling all night. The entire band came up to Cady’s room. They visited with Cady and the family and took some time to get to know us. One of the biggest impressions that they made on me was that they were genuine. When they left, my brother walked them out and they took time to talk to him, asking how they could pray for him. Their visiting Cady was a dream come true for her and has been a constant source of encouragement to know that they cared about her and were praying for her. Cady thinks they are her personal band, and has no idea why everyone wouldn’t like them as much as she does.

“They have stayed in touch over the last two plus years, e-mailing and praying for Cady. It has been a constant source of encouragement to our entire family to know that the band was praying for her. She has visited with them every time that she has been able and they have been close enough for us to take her. They have always made time to visit with her no matter how busy their schedule. Cady has attended the last two Kingdom Bound Festivals to see DMHO; this is a huge deal since they stopped to see her at the hospital on the way to this festival just after her diagnosis as previously mentioned. At a Christmas concert in Cady’s hometown she presented them with scarves, which they wore for the concert and thrilled Cady and the rest of the family. Cady was not doing well at this concert and had to have her head held up to listen and watch. So, their wearing her scarves meant the world to her and was a huge source of encouragement to her. Just this summer she took her DMHO CDs to summer camp with her (for kids with cancer) and played the music in the cabin. She had to make sure that she e-mailed the guys to tell them when she got home.

“DMHO has touched my entire family, our friends, the hospital staff, Cady’s camp and school friends, and many more. DMHO has taken time to get to know and stay in touch with Cady, and not for a publicity stunt but as part of their ministry. They have impacted more lives through Cady than they are probably aware. I have talked to quite a few of them over the years and know that they all care. These guys are genuine and truly care.”