



"If I was a pastor, and I used to be, I would be clamoring to have these guys come to my church. They are the sweetest spirited men you will ever meet. What a powerful, powerful story and a life of miracles that God has brought to these precious brothers."

Rev. Norm Maclaren, Vice President - Ministry, Crossroads Christian Communications

Krystaal is an award winning, multi-talented group of three brothers who excel in various genres of music including R&B/Pop, Gospel, Urban and World (African). They are characterized by their tight vocal harmonies and an ability to fit any audience anywhere in the world.

In 2004, their album "Keep On Standing" was honored with several awards and nominations including four gospel music MAJA Awards including Artist of the Year, Group of the Year, Album of the Year and Canadian National Song of the Year; two Canadian Gospel Music Association awards for "Contemporary Gospel Album of the Year" and "Best Urban Song"; and four nominations by Canadian gospel music's peoples' choice VIBE Awards.

In January of 2005, Krystaal was honored to perform with Grammy nominated "Fresh IE" for the CBC's "Canada for Asia" telethon, raising funds for victims of the tsunami that devastated the Asian coast late in December 2004. Also appearing on the program were Tom Cochrane, Céline Dion, Anne Murray, Oscar Peterson, RUSH, Bryan Adams, Jann Arden, Tragically Hip, Blue Rodeo, Daniel Lanois, Sloan and many other great Canadian musicians. World Vision reported that they had the highest spike in phone calls and donations immediately after the Fresh IE/Krystaal performance and Bryan Adams told them that he felt it was the best performance of the entire evening.

In 2005, Krystaal performed in Tanzania Africa before over 100,000 people, a truly amazing experience for the group. Soon after, Krystaal toured Belgium, France and England where they were greeted with tremendous responses. In Birmingham England they performed at the Baptist World Congress before 14,000 people from 117 different countries where former President Jimmy Carter was the keynote speaker.



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The group's founders, brothers Michel, Fabian and Aliston Lwamba, came to Canada from Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo) having experienced many trials and hardships under a corrupt dictatorship. In 1989, after the Lubumbashi student massacre in Zaire, the Lwambas were separated from each other, living in refugee camps for over five years, leaving many of their relatives for dead. They survived violence, disease, depression and hunger before Michel and Aliston were sponsored and given the opportunity to migrate to Canada, assuming that their brother Fabian had been killed. Fabian was later miraculously reunited with his brothers and other family members in Saskatoon Saskatchewan in 1997. A book entitled "Keep On Standing - The Story of Krystaal" chronicles their amazing journey.

Having formed the music group "Krystaal" in Canada, the Lwambas have become ambassadors for peace and forgiveness, performing all over Canada, the States, Africa and Europe. Plans for 2006 include the release of two albums and a music video, as well as the "Krystaal Peace Tour" traveling through Canada, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, France, England, Uganda, Nigeria, Malawi and their homeland of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Crusade with Christopher Mwakasege in Tanzania (average attendance was 124,000 each day for 15 days)
- Mombassa Stadium Kenya with Bishop Wilfred Lai (70,000 in attendance)
- World Baptist Congress' 100th Anniversary in Birmingham, UK with former President of the USA Jimmy Carter & Pastor Rick Warren (15,000 in attendance)
- 10th International Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation, Winnipeg, Manitoba (40,000 people from 81 countries around the world)
- CBC "Canada For Asia" Tsunami relief (Canada-wide broadcast, January 2005)
- World Refugee Day, Toronto (June 2005)
- 2006 NewYears Day/Eve at New Wine Church in London, UK (9,000 in attendance)

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