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RE: KRISTAAL "WORLD PEACE TOUR" – OTTAWA ONTARIO CONCERT

On Saturday October 21, 2006 at 7:30pm, Krystaal, the multiple-award winning Canadian-Congolese music group, will visit Ottawa on their ambitious "World Peace Tour" with a concert at Dominion-Chalmers United Church in Ottawa Ontario, sponsored by World Vision, DC Presentations, CareerJoy and The Immanuel Agency. The evening will also feature award winning singer, songwriter and recording artist **Kathy Grant Mahon** and the vibrant **JBC (Just Because of Christ) Mass Choir**.

The "World Peace Tour" is the result of Krystaal's personal experience and trials in Africa and their life mission to advocate "**peace, forgiveness and reconciliation**" - **politically, interpersonally and spiritually**. After the tour's official launch on September 22, 2006 at Peoples Church in Toronto Ontario, the tour will include Montreal, Toronto (again), Ottawa, Sudbury, Waterloo, Quebec City, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg and Vancouver. Into 2007, the tour will be going into England, Belgium, Germany, France and the United States, with the goal of climaxing with a number of large peace rallies in Krystaal's native Africa.

The Lwamba brothers – Michel, Fabian and Aliston – who make up the group Krystaal, have a remarkable story of finding peace in the midst of violence, chaos and hopelessness. In 1989, their peaceful existence in Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo) was disrupted by violence that caused them to flee the country and resulted in the deaths of many close relatives and friends, including their own parents. Their remarkable journey of healing over the years has included the public forgiveness of the very people who murdered their parents. "After forgiving the people who killed my father, my mother, and many more, personally I felt a relief, like the burden that we were carrying in our hearts was lifted and we felt peace" says Michel Lwamba, oldest of the three brothers. As the brothers share from the stage, one of the keys to peace is to "refuse revenge".

Krystaal's goal, and a large reason for this tour, is to take the message of "Forgiveness, Peace and Reconciliation" to their African homeland where they plan to bring together peace rallies in stadiums, bringing people from all walks of life together for the purpose of achieving peace and unity at a grassroots level. "We came from the Congo originally and when we left, there was a lot of hatred. We want to go back and affect that country in a positive way. We want to preach peace through our life experience and we want the churches that have been divided to come back together in unity". There is also interest growing to take these peace rallies to Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Nigeria and South Africa.

The concerts in North America and Europe will not only help raise the support needed to hold the African rallies, but they will also bring the message of "Forgiveness, Peace and Reconciliation" to each audience along the tour. The need for peace and reconciliation isn't just a message for those who are overseas; it is also a much-needed message for those who are here in Canada.

Krystaal is the Canadian-Congolese music group founded by brothers Michel, Fabian and Aliston Lwamba. Their award-winning music encompasses the styles of R&B, Urban, Gospel, Jazz, Worship and World (African). Their captivating stage presence has won enthusiastic fans throughout Canada, United States, Europe and Africa. Recently Krystaal released their fourth recording project – a praise and worship album entitled "Speak To Me" that includes a few of their own songs written in Lingala and Swahili.

Concert tickets for the Ottawa concert are available at Salem Storehouse, Blessings Christian Marketplace or online at www.yourticketzone.com.

For more information about Krystaal, please visit www.krystaal.com or www.myspace.com/krystaalmusic

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