



June 2019

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JAIME'S CORNER

On behalf of my queen Rachelle, our dedicated and hardworking **JJMI** and **Healing Music** team, Kim, Evelyn, Heather, Nelson, Kristi, Elias, Janelle, and Darlene, as well as our furry child Aria, I want to wish you, your family and loved ones a blessed Summer 2019, and for God to bless and use you in a powerful way the remainder of this year!

As I write this, Rachelle and I are getting ready to leave for Israel for our back-to-back tours of the Holy Land (Israel + Jordan). Our first tour begins Monday evening, June 3. We have a total of 98 people in both groups! We solicit your prayers for protection, as well as a great spiritual blessing and revival among the people in our groups! I wish for all of the Pilgrims (as I like to call those joining us on these Holy Land trips) to come closer to Jesus as a result of this experience, and for all of us to return on fire for the Lord!

Our **Featured Item** will announce the dates for next year's trip to the Holy Land. If you are interested in receiving the details on next year's trip, please let us know!

[2 exciting things happening that we want to share with you:](#)

1- It has been 9 years since I recorded/released a new studio album (*Rock of Ages, Simply Classic Hymns Volume 5*). And so we've decided it's time to do something about it! We are planning to record an album of classic praise & worship music. The great, spiritually uplifting songs that we know and love, even for those who aren't into the newer songs as much :)

Thanks to my friend (and one of the most talented musicians I've ever known and worked with) **John Stoddart**, who knows (and has worked with) everyone who's anyone in music, we have a jaw-dropping lineup of guest musicians that will be participating and doing duets with me on some of the songs. These amazing musicians include:

- **Take 6**
- **Kirk Whalum**
- **Legacy Five**
- **Drew Cline** of *Newsong*
- **The Oakwood University Aeolians**

We will also have some additional surprises!

Instead of borrowing the funds for this recording (and having to take a long time to pay them back), we are raising the funds by having created a list of rewards categories for different amounts. For instance, you can choose to pre-order your album, or you can pre-order a limited edition CD autographed by a member of Take 6 & Legacy 5, along with Kirk Whalum, Drew Cline, John Stoddart, the director of the Aeolians, and yours truly :). You can also sign up to get a package of goodies including a limited edition T-shirt with the album cover. There's also a category for a private concert at your home, etc.

We tried the Kickstarter campaign route, but we set a pretty lofty goal, and we didn't reach it, which means we didn't get any of the funds raised (don't worry, nobody lost their money either). I would rather aim high and come up short than aim low and hit the target! And so what we've done is to keep this in-house: we have a link on our website that presents all the categories and ways you can participate. Once again, we are **NOT ASKING FOR DONATIONS**. We have a list of exciting categories with different products where **EVERYONE** can participate.

This is a pretty big project. **Would you consider being a part of this project by signing up for one of these categories?** Every participation is extremely important. And if everyone in our e-mail list simply signed up for the \$15 category (the entry-level one), we would raise more than double the amount of funds needed to record this album this summer. Thank you **SO MUCH** for your consideration! (You can find the link with all the details at the bottom of our Newsletter in the "**Featured Product**" section.)

2- In addition to our Holy Land trip for 2020, we are planning on... (drumroll please) a **REFORMATION/SOUND OF MUSIC** tour! Here are

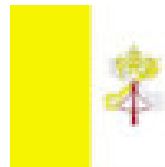
some of the details:

**5 countries / 10-13 days / Incredible Music
On Location**

Italy
Where the first Christians rose

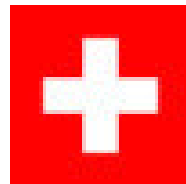


The Vatican
The Home of the Catholic Church

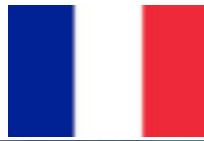




Switzerland
Where Zwingli fought and died



France
Everything began with freedom, equality and fraternity



Germany

The end and the beginning of the reformation



In addition to visiting these historic, meaningful and amazing sites, we will enhance our experience with music, as I'll be sharing in some of these places music that is specifically meaningful to that place and spot! For instance, I'll be playing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" at All Saints (Castle) Church in Wittenberg where Martin Luther nailed his "95 Theses". If you are interested in going with us, please send us an e-mail to bookings@jaimejorge.com or call 423-238-7944 to receive the information.

You may recall that I asked "for your prayers about an upcoming invitation" in the March Newsletter. Well, God opened the doors for this to happen, and I am beyond excited to share "the rest of the story"...

I have shared, in concert and in one of my autobiographies, that at the age of 10, I was offered a scholarship by the Communist government of Cuba to study at the Tchaikovsky Conservatory of Music in Moscow, Russia. I was told I could be someone famous someday, and that my family could have a better life. The only condition was that I renounce my faith in Jesus Christ. When I told the gentleman that I wouldn't do that, he said "you'll never amount to anything" as he turned to walk away.

But as I like to remind people, God's ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8). He allowed our family to leave Cuba and come to the United States, where my sister May and I had the opportunity to continue to develop our talents for God's glory. Anyway, the years (and decades) went by. In His infinite and perfect plan and knowledge, HE knows the right timing for everything! Almost 40 years later, something truly astounding happened.

When I was in Cuba in February (working on a mission project we've been working on for 2 years [more on that later 😊]), I was invited to have dinner with 2 of Cuba's greatest classical musicians: baritone-tenor Ulises Aquino, and pianist and composer Frank Fernández. I was truly honored to meet these incredibly talented musicians. As the evening and dinner progressed, they asked me many questions about my childhood, family, musical experience, etc. And then Mr. Aquino said something that almost made my jaw drop. He told me he was presenting a concert at the most important theater in Havana, the Gran Teatro de la Habana (the equivalent of Carnegie Hall, The Lincoln Center and The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts), with the participation of Dr. Frank Fernández as a special guest, along with the National Symphony Orchestra and a top notch national choir, the first weekend in April, and he would like to invite me to be his special guest and perform as a soloist with the orchestra.

As I left there that night, my head with spinning. I was nearly in shock with this invitation. I especially thought about the scholarship offer in 1980. Something like this, I knew, could ONLY be orchestrated by God. And yet, I already had 5 concerts scheduled that weekend. So I went back and forth- do I accept this invitation and ask the churches if they'd be willing to postpone the concerts, or do I tell Mr. Aquino that I already have concerts scheduled that weekend and can't make it? As I prayed about it and talked with family and close friends, it became clear that I **had** to accept Mr. Aquino's invitation. And so Evelyn began to contact all the churches.

By the grace of God, 4 of the 5 churches were kind enough (and able) to re-schedule (some had to seriously bend their schedules, for which I'm eternally grateful). Postponing, canceling or re-scheduling a concert from my end is not something I often do, nor do I take lightly, and so I was relieved when Altoona Bible Church (PA); Glendale Seventh-day Adventist Church in Indianapolis & South Bend First Church (IN); and St. John Missionary

Baptist Church in Springfield (OH) responded saying they were happy to help us make this performance in Cuba happen.

Several things had to happen, logistically speaking, for this performance to take place. And without listing everything, suffice it to say that God opened all the doors so all the requirements and needs could be met. My friend and musical brother, Felix Spengler, Jr. was able to find an arrangement and orchestra score of the piece I would play with the National Symphony Orchestra. Without it, I would not have been able to perform with the orchestra.

And so on April 2 I flew to Cuba for rehearsals at the Gran Teatro with the NSO and all the other participants. I will be honest with you: I was extremely nervous during the rehearsals. I could not put out of my mind what this opportunity meant to me, the stage I was on, and the dignitaries that would be in attendance. But I also knew that this was all for the glory of God, and so I prayed over and over for His name to be lifted up and exalted, not mine.

Rachelle flew in Thursday night my uncle on Friday, as well as my old friend Dr. John Lorntz. I wished so much that the rest of my family could be there, especially Mima (my mom). But my mom, sister and dad did not have current Cuban passports, and it was impossible for them to travel.

There were 2, identical performances, as this entire program was recorded to air on television and radio at a later time. Perhaps for the first time in the history of secular/Communist Cuba, a Christian stood on the stage as a soloist. I have tears of joy just thinking about Sunday afternoon, April 7's performance. The reception by the audience was truly amazing. As I stood on that stage and bowed, I did it out of respect for the audience clapping and standing. But most importantly, I bowed before the King of kings and Lord of lords who I represented that afternoon, and who deserves all the glory, honor and praise.

If there's room in the September Newsletter, I'll share with you the incredible and EXCITING ministry opportunities that have resulted from this invitation and performance.

Here are some of the pictures of the event:



The hall of the Gran Teatro de La Habana and the orchestra rehearsing
On April 3



The hall and the grand lobby



**With my new friend and brother, the great baritone-tenor Ulises Aquino.
I'll always be grateful for this opportunity!**



**With Cuban national treasure, pianist, composer and arranger,
Frank Fernández**



Nearly a full house



With my queen and sweetheart, Rachelle!

Below are 2 links (of course, these are unofficial bootlegs):

1- The last 60 seconds of the performance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOhtjoJihP0>

2- The full performance of the piece:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdzB4dTzC9c>

I want to encourage you right now, wherever you are in your life as you read this, to remember and take comfort in the fact that God has a PERFECT plan for our lives. We may not understand it or like it. But one day we will. And until then, may we have so much faith, that God would move mountains on our behalf because of our faith!

With love,

Jaime, Rachelle and Aria





GUEST MESSAGE

A few years ago I had the privilege of being at a benefit concert you played for one of my girlfriends who has stage four breast cancer. It was a cold, rainy night in Boston, but the church was packed!

As I sat there and listened, I was so moved by your testimony of how God had his hand on you and family, I was touched to the core thinking about God's love and care and then the beautiful sound of the violin hit my ears my soul was overjoyed! I was mesmerized! The funny thing is, I am not a classical music fan! I've heard orchestras play and as much as I appreciate good music, my ear for classical style was honestly immature! But that night it was different for me and I didn't know why. Maybe it was because I love my precious friend and the fact that you would help her, touched my heart, or maybe it was seeing my friend moved to tears as love and support was being poured out for her, or maybe... it was simply the Holy Spirit being poured out on us that night! There was this one moment as you were playing that God spoke to my heart and it was like the music came alive! There was something urging me to pay close attention and to listen with my heart and not just my ears. It was like God was saying, "Pay attention!" "You are going to need this!" So, I sat there, closed my eyes and in my imagination the Bible came to life! Pictures of Jesus' Second coming, the heavenly host of angels singing the Hallelujah chorus, I could see it and hear it!

At the time I thought God was preparing me for the loss of my friend, which at that moment seemed inevitable. The treatment she would be able to receive was not a guarantee, but a hope for a few more months.

The night ended and as I walked out, everyone seemed to have had a similar experience and were all in tears over the beauty of the message and the music. I thought, Wow! We all had the same experience!

My girlfriend received the needed treatment and the cancer, though ravaging her body was halted! It seemed my thoughts and feelings that I experienced that night had been mistaken. It's amazing how God works, he designs and orchestrates events in such incredible ways.

On April 20, 2019, over a year later, I ended up in the hospital. My intestines had ruptured and I needed surgery. After surgery I had an abscess and needed a second surgery to repair more damages. I should tell you that this type of rupture is not usual for someone my age, but nonetheless, it was happening.

The next part of the story is a blur; when I woke up after surgery #2, I was choking. It turns out my esophagus had somehow been damaged while putting in the NG tube. I was spitting up blood and unable to swallow and struggling to breathe. While doctors and nurses and ENT specialists attended to me, my only thought was, I was going to die.

Feeling like you can't breathe is the scariest feeling I have ever had! I was grasping for air and the kind nurse assigned to me just held my hand telling me it was going to be ok. I don't know why, but in that hospital room bed I frantically grabbed for the TV remote, all I could think was, "maybe if I put the TV on I could distract myself and calm down and maybe live." My hand found the remote and I pressed random buttons until I heard it turn on. I began changing the channel and I prayed to God the only cohesive thought I could get out, *Lord please help me! Let me feel you right now.*

While I was praying and pressing the button to change the channel a familiar sound came from the little TV. Music... I opened one eye and squinted at it and beautiful nature pictures filled the tiny screen and the sounds of a hymn danced in my ears. I turned it up, over the beeping of all the machines and frantic voices of the doctors all around me trying to fix me. I just laid there and my mind was transported to the heavenly place I'd seen once before and it was like the Lord was telling me, "I'm right here, The I Am is holding you and I will never leave you."

As I listened, I just kept telling myself to breathe. The music program ended and I opened one eye again and saw Jaime Jorge's name across the screen, I knew that familiar sound and place, God had shown it to me a year before!

I looked at the clock in the room, it was 1:30 in the morning. The music has just finished and I prayed again, Lord please don't leave me! A brief pause and the program started again. Thank you Jesus! I realized it would play for

another 30 minutes. I could breathe for another 30 minutes. For the next 6 hours that program played that same 30 minute set and each time it would end and begin I would think, ok you lived another 30 minutes, Lord please give me another 30 minutes.

Jaime you title your music as Healing and my first-hand experience is exactly that! God knew that I was going to need comfort and he prepared me for the battle! Your music has truly brought healing to my heart and soul! God is truly using you in amazing ways!

Interestingly enough, I looked for that channel the next day and each night for the 30 days I was in that hospital, but it never came back on! God's perfect timing helped my through my darkest night.

Thank you for sharing your talent and using it to glorify our Lord and Savior!

In HIS loving Care,
Celeste Harrison
Youth Pastor
South Bay Church, CA



Hello,

I just sent the payment for the USB stick that my 8 year-old granddaughter bought in Little Rock. Her name is Lilian. She loves the music and her dad downloaded it on her iPod so she can listen any time. She played one song for her violin teacher who told her to keep listening to your music.

Thank you for coming to Little Rock. Good bless you in your ministry.

Debbie

Hi Jaime,

I wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed your concert at Altoona Bible Church in Altoona, PA. I was moved by your music when you first put the bow to the strings to play "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

It was an uplifting and delightful concert. I sensed God's presence.

I rejoice with you that the people of Cuba loved your music so much. I am also saddened by the new restrictions on sending donations and visits to your homeland. May God make a way where there is no way.

Blessings,
Linda Gracey

Dear Jaime...

I can't begin to tell you what a blessing it was to have your physical and musical embrace at the concert in January here in Reading. We felt your inspirational open heart both in your musical and personal embrace. We look forward each time you come to Reading to hearing your moving personal stories and to be taken toward Heaven by your music.

On that particular night of that concert, both my wife and I were fatigued beyond words. I had been inundated with a series of medical situations ranging from an infected diabetic foot wound to recently diagnosed congestive heart failure, and continuing kidney and diabetic issues.

We wanted to attend the concert and yet we were so fatigued that we had to drag ourselves to the event rather than stay home in a very melancholic and worrisome situation. The concert addressed so many issues in a dramatic, effable and ineffable way. Your music caused convulsive relief of tears all during the concert and through your stories, and especially your 2 opening songs of I Surrender All, and All Is Well With My Soul.

It is impossible through words except as pointers to let you know the dramatic effect your Healing Music had on me that evening and the following morning at the Hamburg church service.

God works through mysterious ways to touch our hearts and soul. You certainly have God's Touch.

We love you and the work you do.

May love in abundance flow constantly to you and around you and your human family in which you are a part.

Appreciation in abundance,
Merritt Weidner



JAIME JORGE

THE
Healing Music
CONCERT TOUR



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June

- 1 First Baptist Church, Damascus, AR – 7:00 p.m.
- 2 Worden Baptist Church, Bald Knob, AR – 11:00 a.m.

- 3-26 Israel Tour
- 29 Park Avenue Church, Valdosta, GA – 11:00 a.m.
- 30 First Baptist Church, Nederland, TX – 10:15 a.m.

July

- 12-13 Northern New England Camp Meeting, Freeport, ME
- 14 Worcester Central Spanish Church, Worcester, MA – 5:00 p.m.
- 26 Healing Music Festival, Ooltewah, TN – 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Australia
- 27 Middletown Church, Louisville, KY -11:00 a.m.
- 27 Elizabethtown Church, Elizabethtown, KY – 2:00 p.m.
- 27 Lexington Church, Lexington, KY – 7:30 p.m.

August

- 3-17 Australia Concert Tour
- 22 Lloyd Severance Thumb Gospel Music Convention
Sebewaing, MI - 6:30 p.m.
- 23 La Porte Church, La Porte, IN – 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Warren Church, Warren, MI – 11:00 a.m.
- 24 Andrews Academy, Berrien Springs, MI – 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Grand Rapids Academy, Grand Rapids, MI – 5:00 p.m.
- 31 Waianae Church, Waianae, HI – 11:00 p.m.
- 31 Waipahu Church, Waipahu, HI - 2:00 p.m.
- 31 Honolulu Central, Honolulu, HI – 6:00 p.m.

*For the rest of the year's concert schedule and venue information, please visit our website calendar or the Jaime Jorge App!



We have 2 exciting projects to highlight:

(*SNEAK PEEK*) This photo will be part of the cover of our new CD recording "*Here I Am to Worship*"



I haven't recorded a studio album since 2010. It is TIME! This will be an album of classic praise & worship music. These are some of the songs on the new CD:

In Christ Alone
Hiding Place
Above All
How Great is Our God
Shout to the Lord
God of Wonders
Mighty to Save
Agnus Dei
Here I Am to Worship
Total Praise

I am honored to have some incredible musicians and friends participate on this album:

- The incomparable **John Stoddart** will be arranging and producing this project
- **Take 6**
- **Kirk Whalum**
- **Legacy Five**
- **Drew Cline** of *Newsong*
- **The Oakwood University Aeolians**
- and more!

Would you visit this link, and choose one of the several exciting categories (from pre-ordering your new album, to getting your copy autographed by many of the featured guests/participants, to getting your own private concert) and help us make this recording a reality? Thank you SO MUCH for your participation!

<http://www.jaimejorge.com/newcd/>

Instead of going through Kickstarter, we've decided to do everything through our website, so all the funds can be used towards the production of the album.

Thank you for your participation!



Israel

BY WORD AND SONG
WITH JAIME JORGE

In The Footsteps of Jesus

JUNE 7-17, 2020

Join Jaime for an **unforgettable journey** through the Holy Land to not only walk where Jesus walked, but truly experience it, through powerful music.

Tour iconic sites, steeped in rich and historical Biblical importance, but with a powerful music component!

With evening worships and performances on location at sites such as the Sea of Galilee and Via Dolorosa.

Breathtaking three or four day extension to Jordan also available!

For all the details of this once-in-a-lifetime experience, call **(423)238-7944** or email **info@jaimejorge.com**

We are excited to announce our dates for next year's Holy Land trip! This will be my seventh trip, and it promises to be the best one.

We will visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, swim in the Dead Sea, some will get baptized or rebaptized in the Jordan River, we'll share an unforgettable boat

ride on the Sea of Galilee, soar to Masada, spend time and stay inside Jerusalem, have communion at The Garden Tomb, and MUCH MORE!

We will have evening worship by the Sea of Galilee, Rachelle will lead stretch classes in the mornings, and we'll enjoy wonderful, healthy and tasty local. We will grow closer to the Lord, and our group will become like family. And I'll share classical, gospel/Christian, and Jewish/Hebrew music, during worships as well as on location!

We will also feature a 4 day extension to Jordan. We have been doing 3 days in previous years, but Petra is so stunning, that we will devote one full day there, before going on to all the other spectacular places and sites on the other side of the Holy Land!

Exact trips are being promoted for almost double the price of ours. Call us at 423-238-7944 or e-mail us at bookings@jaimejorge.com and request your brochure with all the details!

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