



## *Praise With Robin*

### **Dear brothers and sisters,**

**C**an it possibly be that three months have passed since I last wrote you? In some ways it seems like yesterday; in others, like it was in another lifetime! What an eventful three months this has been. I'm so glad to be able to share news with you. My first challenge has to be – where do I begin??....

**I**f you have read the devotions I have written online, you know that the Lord spoke to me wonderfully on January 1<sup>st</sup> reminding me that while weeping endured for the night (2002 for me), it was now morning (2003 – a brand new year), and it was time for joy. I was greatly comforted by that word, yet still had to walk on in obedience as I let Him continue to heal my heart. I must say, it has surprised even me how painful this transition has been. Yet, I must report to you that a great deal of healing lay in my picking myself up, as it were, and walking on in the new year – regardless of how I felt.

**W**hat a wonderful 3 months it has been, all in all. I wish you could have come with me and shared these critical days. It seemed that each time of ministry was special, bringing a wonderful sense of the Lord's presence. In some of them, He seemed to draw so near that none of us knew quite what to do. One special time was doing a retreat with some precious ladies from eastern Pennsylvania. Time seemed to stand still as we quality time in

prayer and worship, in surrender, not wanting to leave Him. In those blessed hours, our friendships with one another became yet dearer as we basked in Him together. These sisters were unabashed in their desire to touch the Lord's face and He did not disappoint them! Glory to His name!

**A**nother highlight was my time in Florida. I was there a month, and was steeped into the reality of ministering alone – on the road. It took awhile for me to settle down and become really quiet in the Lord's presence, but I finally did get there. In addition I was able to spend quality time with several dear friends. While in ministry at a couple of Snowbird communities, it was wonderful to see many senior citizens of the Kingdom happy and blessed to join me in entertaining the Lord's presence through song for entire services. What precious hearts have they for Him!

**A** special highlight while there was doing my first full-length Let Praise Arise Seminar on Church music. My friends from Leesburg Christian Center along with two other churches joined together to sponsor these special meetings. Pray with me that the fruit of our time together will be higher praise and honor offered to God both in our personal lives and in our ministries in music.

**O**nce I returned back north in March, I hit the road running and have not slowed down much, traveling from Dekalb, Illinois to War-

saw, from Indianapolis to Munster, Indiana, to Kalkaska, Michigan. Would you believe I have already put 20,000 miles on the road since October?

**T**he new recording, *Let Praise Arise* has been very well received. The music is easy to come to know and has a great mixture of new choruses of the highest caliber along with some of the great hymns of the church. If you haven't gotten a copy of it, I encourage you to do so. I believe you will find it a blessing as you tabernacle with the Lord in your home or car. You can order it from the newsletter or online at [www.PraiseWithRobin.com](http://www.PraiseWithRobin.com)

**S**peaking of the website, may I continue to encourage you to switch to the e-mail newsletter whenever you can, not only to bless me cost-wise, but also because the website has so many features that are lacking on the snail-mail letter. I've got two new sections on since the last newsletter; one has devotions which I have written, and the second snippets of humor. I hope to add to each of these sections regularly. If you can switch, be sure to let me know, and I'll get your name in the right place, okay?

**A**nother blessing for those using the website is not only can they easily see my ministry schedule as it is printed out for the snail-mail, but I keep it updated all the time! My webmaster, Burr Stephens, is quite the helper. I don't know what I'd do without him!

**T**he albums Sharon and I made will continue to be offered at a reduced rate until they are all gone. As of this writing, I still have copies of *Grace 3* and *Simply Sharon and Robin*. My new album *Let Praise Arise* and the piano solo album *At His Request* are of course available. In addition, **I now have a few speaking products available for purchase.** I hope to expand these offerings as time goes by. Again you can obtain them on the website or elsewhere in this newslet-

ter. Finally, reference recordings, I have made the decision to offer the last album Sharon and I did together **The Best Of Sharon and Robin free of charge** to everyone who purchases any product. If you decide to take advantage of this, please specify whether you want your free copy of **The Best Of Sharon and Robin** in CD or Cassette format.

**I** am looking forward to some wonderful ministry opportunities in April and May. I'm especially anticipating leading the praise and worship at a Conference on Spiritual Warfare in Brooklyn, New York. You will notice that I am like a butterfly (or a crazed honey bee) as I go from place to place. It is quite a zigzag course, running from as close as North Manchester, Indiana, to Columbus, Ohio area to Belle Vernon, PA and points beyond. There remain a few openings available to schedule between now and the end of July. I am learning to wait for Him to open doors for ministry as He pleases.

**W**ould you pray for the following items:

- 1) For the outpouring of the Lord's Holy Spirit upon me that I may be more and more conformed to His image.
- 2) For His transforming presence and power in services.
- 3) That we (His Bride) become increasingly aware of the rightness of ministering to Him in prayer and worship instead of impressing one another or "getting our prayers answered."
- 4) That He will open doors for ministry – that I will be prayerful and discerning about where to go.
- 5) That I will maintain my time with Him – and not permit the pressure of ministry to rob Him of my attention.

**Y**ou will notice I am taking two weeks off in June for some rest and relaxation. Later on, I'll be attending some conferences on spiritual renewal, with the hope of stoking the fire of my own heart for the Lord.

I'm sure many of you wonder how Jeff and Sharon are doing. They're both doing well. They still are buried in chickens and running the kids to school and extracurricular events. Their son Andrew had the audacity to go to a semi-formal dance with a young lady. How could he grow up so fast? You know, I told them a long time ago that if they would just quit feeding the kids, they wouldn't grow up and do such things----but they wouldn't listen to me! Oh well. Both Andrew and their daughter Elizabeth are doing magnificently in school and are thoroughly enjoying many different musical pursuits. Your prayers for each of them are appreciated so much.

Your love, your encouragement and your support for me has been unbelievable. I still stand amazed that God would want to use someone like me. He **has** to be desperate! But how happy I am to be His - - - and by His grace to be somehow useable. Please intercede for me as I walk in new places and old ones, as I continue to spread my wings and go where He leads. I love you dearly, and pray for you almost daily. Do keep in touch and let me know

how you are and how I can better pray for you. Hoping to be seeing you soon, I remain your sister in Christ.

**P S** It just occurred to me that I didn't tell you even **one** funny thing that happened to me in the last three months. Just in case you may have thought I was too scatter-brained to make it on my own, might I tell you (quite proudly at that!) that **I only got lost around 9 times - - - and each time got found! I locked myself out of my car only once, and that in 12+ weather with a 15 mph wind. I lost my Master CD with 86 perfectly completed praise and worship choruses and hymns in PowerPoint. I also lost one of my two EV microphones. It was missing for several weeks. After I made many phone calls, and had all my friends praying and looking for it, someone (I cannot imagine who) returned it to the trunk of my car and I discovered it in a plastic bag!!! I left my shampoo and conditioner in Sebring Florida, and my spring jacket in Westfield, Indiana. Other than that, I was perfect!** I think that to be commendable, and if you knew me, you would, too. So there!! Ha

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### ROBIN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>April</b>	1	Timbercrest Retirement Community	North Manchester, IN	
	4-5-6	Trinity UMC Ladies	Bellefontaine, OH	
	10-11-12	Salv Army Conf on Spiritual Warfare	Brooklyn, NY	516-538-1741
	26	Broadway Christian Church	Yoder, IN	
	28	Women's Aglow	Peru, IN	

<b>May</b>	2-3-4	Covenant Christian Church	Belle Vernon, PA	724-929-9373
	7	UMW of Angola UMC	Angola, IN	260-495-0176
	8	Women's Aglow	Gladwin, MI	
	11 AM	Edwards Community Church	West Branch, MI	989-345-5237
	11 PM	Houghton Lake Wesleyan Church	Houghton Lake, MI	989-366-9113
	16	Community Concert	Gladwin, MI	
20	Women's Community Club	Rome City, IN	260-854-4045	

<b>June</b>	1 thru 13	***** VACATION *****		
	15	St Matthew UMC	Anderson, IN	765-642-2052
	22	Keeler General Baptist Church	Keeler, MI	269-621-4175

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