



Sara rockin the keyboard at a concert

Photos courtesy Stephen John Bryde

## A Voice in the Dark Tour

Two hundred pairs of eyes were glued on Shey, the lead singer of our band that traveled around North Queensland high schools and youth groups to talk about injustice issues. She told this crowd that over 9 million people die each year from hunger.



She continued to tell them that over one million children, ages 5 to 15, are introduced into the sex trade every year. A few jaws dropped in the crowd and not a student moved. This was A Voice In The Dark.

In one particular show, I was speaking to students about a young prostitute

that I had met in the red light district of Thailand. She was a beautiful young woman who was overjoyed to talk with us westerners. As we stood on the corner of the street, I held her hands and looked directly into her eyes, telling her over and over how beautiful I thought she was. After only moments of knowing her, this young girl clung to my arm and it took everything in me to tear myself from her when we had to leave.

As I told this story to students, I remarked how lucky I felt and how unfair it was that she had to live this way. Why is it that I have a husband who loves me when millions of women search nightly, hourly for their true love? What had I done different? What I told the students was that though I may not be able to change her, I can speak for her. I can tell her story to whomever will

listen and maybe if enough people are moved, they will use their lives to make a difference, too.

As Reef To Outback, we continually send outreaches to countries like Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, Vanuatu and Indigenous Australia. In these nations, social and gender based injustices run rampant, holding hostage the dreams of millions

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of people. We took our experiences and spoke for the people that we met and touched.

While protecting their identities, we were able to bring their stories to life for the thousands of youth in our region through this seminar.

To watch what happened on Tour, please visit: [www.nickandsarajane.com/entry/tour-video-summary/](http://www.nickandsarajane.com/entry/tour-video-summary/)

## School Of Music in Missions

It will soon be January and for many of you, that means snowstorms, darker days and nights by the fire. For us, it means staying inside near the air conditioner, hiding out from the sun and getting ready for another School of Music in Missions! As many of you know, I staffed this school last year and we had an amazing time. Our musicians went to Thailand and then traveled up the coast of Queensland, Australia, telling young people about the injustices that the young women in Thailand face through

their music. We raised over \$3,500 for the ministries that help these women and saw people interested in making a difference.

At this point, we already have five students signed up for the school, though we'd love to see more decide to come! A lot of our students are international, so they have visa and travel fees on their minds. Please pray that they will have peace as they travel and prepare to make a difference with their talents as musicians! Pray for us as staff as well, that we would have wisdom and patience to make all the logistics of running a school and outreach happen.



School of Music 2008 students.

## North America or Bust!

We have been away from that side of the world for a very long time now (just over a year) and we are longing to see you, our friends and family! This June, we are planning a short trip back to the States and to Canada. We are going to be at a friend's wedding in Georgia mid June and then travel back to New York and Winnipeg for the remainder of our time. We would love to see you during this month! Unfortunately, we don't have long because the Hashagens will be coming back with us to Australia! We are dividing our holiday time so that we can travel with our parents as they visit the land down under.

We believe very strongly that it is time to see all of you again and we believe that God wants to provide for us to get back there! Here is a tentative budget for this upcoming year's travel fees:

School of Music outreach: \$6,000 AUD (\$4,000 USD)  
 Travel fees for North America: \$6,500 AUD (\$4,350 USD)  
 Travel fees in Australia: \$1,000 AUD (\$670 USD)

In total, we are believing God to help us see \$13,500 raised next year for our visit home and our outreach within Australia. If you would like to be a part of this particular project, please contact us or visit [www.nickandsarajane.com](http://www.nickandsarajane.com) for more details.



"This is Sara's band that went on tour. The school they were at, Dajarra, was in a small aboriginal community, deep in the outback. The kids were adorable."



This year we had the privilege to take 2 weeks off for vacation and spent one of those weeks up north in the tropics. This is Sara and I at Josephine Falls. The water was flowing well this time of year and there was even a large rock slide that we went down.



For my birthday we went to our friends Luke and Ang, and Sara had rented 'Sing Star' which is pretty much like karaoke except you get a score based on how well you sing. This is me and Josiah versing each other in what I'm sure was a cheezy 80's song.

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