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PLANETSHAKERS RELEASES RAIN PART 1 JAN. 18, SIMULTANEOUSLY CELEBRATES WITH 30,000 IN MANILA

Announces 2019 "Rain" Conferences To Begin April 10 In Melbourne

Joins Franklin Graham For 2019 Tour of Australia Commemorating 60th Anniversary of Historic Billy Graham Events

Wraps 2018 With Over 500,000 People
At One Of The World's Biggest Gospel Concerts In Nigeria





Internationally recognized praise band <u>Planetshakers</u> releases *Rain Part 1* globally Jan. 18 from Venture3Media (V3M). Available to preorder beginning today (Jan. 11) at <u>iTunes</u> and <u>Google Play</u>, and to stream Jan. 18 from <u>Spotify</u>, <u>Apple Music</u> and more, the new four-song digital EP from Planetshakers was recorded in Melbourne, Australia at <u>Planetshakers Church</u> and features over 27-minutes of music.

A tangible, intentional expression of worshippers collectively pursuing the presence of God, *Rain Part* 1 is led by Planetshakers' worship leaders <u>Sam Evans</u>, Aimee Evans, <u>Joth Hunt</u> (who also produced and mixed the EP), <u>BJ Pridham</u>, <u>Rudy Nikkerud</u>, <u>Chelsi Nikkerud</u> and more.

The new EP precedes the annual <u>Planetshakers Conferences</u> launching with the "Rain" theme this year at Melbourne Arena in <u>Melbourne, AU</u> April 10 and at Royal International Convention Centre in <u>Brisbane, AU</u> (Bowen Hills QLD) April 16. The promotional video for the conferences can be seen at https://youtu.be/veN7GFxWeHA.

"2019 will mark the 22nd year that Planetshakers Conference has been lifting up the name of Jesus to a generation," says Planetshakers Church Sr. Pastors **Russell and Sam Evans**. "We feel that just as rain is formed naturally by the sun's heat evaporating water, that our prayers, praise and worship have been reaching heaven all this time. Rain forms when there is a cool change and there is a

change in the atmosphere. We are believing that at this conference there will be an unprecedented outpouring of the rain of heaven."

Sharing songs from *Rain Part 1* along with more new music to release later this year while at the conference, Planetshakers Band will also reveal exclusive videos of the songs on the EP prior to the event. Each song has been captured live-in-concert via multi-cameras for a compelling visual experience.

The full *Rain Part 1* track listing follows:

- 1) "All Around"
- 2) "I Lift Your Name Up"
- 3) "Right Now"
- 4) "Fire Fall"





Taking the new music, favorites like "<u>The Anthem</u>," "<u>Endless Praise</u>" and "<u>Turn It Up</u>," and songs from its acclaimed, top-selling fall 2018 <u>Heaven On Earth</u> album on tour, Planetshakers wrapped its 2018 events with well over 500,000 people during "<u>The Experience Lagos 2018</u>" event Dec. 7 at Tafawa Balewa Square in Lagos, Nigeria, Africa, one of the <u>biggest gospel concerts</u> in the world. The band continues its trek across the globe this year beginning in <u>Manila, Philippines</u> (Jan. 18, 19) with 30,000 people expected at SMART Araneta Coliseum followed by events in <u>Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</u> (Jan. 25 – 26) and an already sold-out event in <u>Singapore</u> (Jan. 27).

Planetshakers also brings its unique live praise experience to Franklin Graham's <u>2019 Graham Tour</u>. This tour, which begins in Perth, Australia Feb. 9 and hits major Australian cities through Feb. 24, commemorates the 60th anniversary of late Rev. Billy Graham's historic evangelistic events across Australia in 1959.

Following the Graham Tour, Planetshakers will return to the US for the Smokey Mountain Winterfest in Knoxville, TN March 10.

For all the latest Planetshakers tour, music and conference news, visit <u>Planetshakers.com</u>, <u>Twitter</u> (166,000 followers), <u>YouTube</u> (683,000 subscribers), <u>Instagram</u> (481,000 followers), <u>Spotify</u> (599,000-plus monthly listeners) and <u>Facebook</u> (over 1.4 million followers).

About Planetshakers:

Since its inaugural gathering in 1997, Planetshakers has gone on to become a global movement through its annual conferences, international church campuses and numerous live recordings, including multiple Dove Award-nominated projects. The Australia-based collective, led by Senior Pastors Russell and Sam Evans, has hosted gatherings in cities around the world while also launching Planetshakers Church in 2004. With over 14,000 members in Australia, Planetshakers

Church is one of the fastest growing churches in that nation's history, stretching across five campuses in Melbourne with additional locations in <u>Singapore</u>; <u>Cape Town</u>, South Africa; <u>Geneva</u>, Switzerland and <u>Austin</u>, TX.

Celebrating over 20 years of ministry, Planetshakers honors the countless ways God has used its ministry and music to raise up a generation of Christ followers with a clear vision of taking the Gospel to the nations... "empowering generations to win generations."

About Venture3Media:

Venture3Media is a global music label and song publisher with sales, marketing, promotional, radio, television and movie expertise. V3M provides distribution platforms across all digital channels, including but not limited to Spotify, Apple Music, iTunes, Amazon, Deezer, Tencent, 7Digital, Google Music, Facebook, Pandora, Tidal, Sirius and Rhapsody. Physical distribution includes online retailers such as Amazon, national retail chains, sub-distributors and internationally through well-established licensee's and distributors. V3M is excited to build a global ecosystem that serves the vision and heart of Planetshakers to see God's kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

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