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CANCER HOAX EXPOSED

The man who has inspired thousands of young people around the globe with his music has admitted the story of him having terminal cancer is a lie.

Planetshakers pastors Russell and Sam Evans last night emailed supporters of the Melbourne based church with the news that former pastor Michael Guglielmucci "does not suffer from cancer, was never diagnosed with cancer, and has never suffered from the disease".

Guglielmucci, a pastor at the church until 18 months ago, played bass in the Planetshakers band and composed the songs *Healer*, *Majesty*, *Save Australia*, and *Pick It Up*.

The email says that Guglielmucci's admission has come as a "great shock to everyone" including his wife and family who it seems, had no knowledge of the hoax.

Australian Christian Churches Vice President Alun Davies has confirmed that Guglielmucci, who now lives in Adelaide, has admitted to fabricating the cancer story.

He says that representatives of the National Executive for the Australian Christian Churches recently met with Michael.

"At this meeting, Guglielmucci read a statement indicating that his claim to have cancer was untrue," Davies states. "His credential with the Australian Christian Churches was immediately suspended."

Guglielmucci is yet to make any public comment on the matter. However details of the fabricated story are still available on the internet.

One has him talking about the song *Healer*:

"I went to the hospital expecting to have some tests and got the news that I had cancer, and quite an aggressive form of cancer.

"I walked into my studio at home and for some reason pressed record, which was a good thing ... I just sat at a piano and began to worship.

"I didn't, like, sit down and write the verses and the chorus, I just sang that song from the start to the finish.

"I just realised that God had given me an incredible gift and I knew that was going to be my strength."

Healer is included on the Planetshakers CD *Savior Of the World*, plus the new Hillsong Live album *This Is Our God* which recently went to #2 on the ARIA chart.

Hillsong Church General Manager George Aghajanian has asked that people pray for the Guglielmucci family during "this difficult time".