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WANDERING MINSTREL RETURNS TO PACKED HOUSES

Nathan Tasker this week returns home for a whirlwind visit.

The Nashville based Aussie performs this Wednesday at the Sydney Entertainment Centre, plus three other shows.

The visit coincides with the release of his new CD *Prone To Wander* - a hymns project focusing on Jesus.

Nathan says that if history has taught us anything, it's that we - as individual Christians and oftentimes entire church communities - are prone to wander from foundational truths.

The hymns on *Prone To Wander* include *Come Thou Fount*, *Glory To His Name*, *It Is Well*, and *Just As I Am*.

PRONE TO WONDER

Tennessee based Aussie singer songwriter Lucas Parry performs throughout Australia and New Zealand over the next month.

With more than 50 appearances announced, the little known Aussie presents his Go concerts mainly in regional centres and suburban schools and churches.

While the use of the Go tour name may be a little coincidental (it was the name of newsboys most recent tour), it seems Parry's intention was to pay homage to them, as he has done with some of the song titles on his latest CD *Alive*. These being *Something Beautiful* and *Shine* (both newsboys songs).

Then there's the songs using Rebecca St James titles too - *Alive* (the title track) and *You Are Loved*.

It's possibly a stretch, but you've got to wonder whether Parry's hinting at other Aussie songs with the titles *Dance With Angels* (perhaps a fleeting reference to Darlene Zschech's *Dancing With Angels*), and *Fly Away* (Keith Urban's *I'll Fly Away*).

Parry's tour finishes 28 September. Full details at lucasperry.com

ROCKIN' REMEDY

A new band radio and industry folk are raving about is Remedy Drive.

Hailing from Lincoln Nebraska, the four brothers perform more than 200 shows annually, including concerts at festivals, colleges, camps, conferences and churches.

The group's debut single *Daylight* this week was voted the most popular video on TVU, a US 24/7 music video television network.

2008 GMA Dove Awards Producer of the Year Ian Eskelin (who works with Krystal Meyers, Everyday Sunday and Stellar Kart) has produced the band's CD *Daylight Is Coming*.

Incidentally, Stellar Kart sneaks into Adelaide and Perth this weekend.