



Origin works to deepen the fellowship of Christian believers with God and each other, and to reach out to those outside the church.  
*“that in all things Jesus may have the pre-eminence”*  
 – Col 1:18



## Steph McLeod

“ I was introduced to the Origin music ministry in 2006 while I was staying at an alcohol and drug rehabilitation centre in Edinburgh. I had studied music at University but Christian music was very new to me as I had just recently given my life to Christ. I found myself in a great environment to enjoy music and contribute to a great project. I was learning great songs and getting to know more about Christian music as a whole. This has been invaluable to me as I am now a Christian singer/songwriter. It was, and is, the foundation on which my career has been inspired.

Being part of the Origin Scotland music ministry has been a real blessing and privilege. Not only do I get to play music that is Spirit-led with my Christian brothers and sisters, we essentially get to lead cross denominational congregations in worship of our Lord Jesus Christ. What an honour!! The greatest part in being involved is that I too get to worship God by playing and singing with this music ministry. Performing with Origin has shown me that there are people all over Scotland that love and live for Jesus Christ. I have also seen people commit their lives to Christ because of the truth and love that Origin proclaims for Jesus through their ministry. This, to me, is absolutely incredible. ”

Steph's new album *'Light in the Darkest of Nights'* is now available.

He also wrote and sang three songs on the Exile Band debut album *unbroken*, available from [www.originscotland.org](http://www.originscotland.org)



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## Fundraising Drumathon

Luke Wilson, the exile band principal drummer, is setting out on a 24-hour drumathon to raise funds for some new equipment for the band. Our intrepid drummer has been getting in lots of practice, loading up on carbs and Im Bru in advance of the marathonic attempt, as these pictures show. He has also been practicing power-naps with some intensity, although at the moment his power napping is more quantitative than he would perhaps wish, but he is working hard at sleeping effectively, often trying for up to ten hours to perfect his technique. You can sponsor Luke's attempt to raise money for a new drum screen (this was allegedly inspired by his having to play an electric kit at the Christmas event in the Usher Hall, an experience he has vowed never to repeat) by visiting the website at [www.originscotland.org](http://www.originscotland.org) – click on “24-hour Drummathon” for more information. Be part of the magic, help Luke stay awake for hours. The event is on from 2nd-3rd July, and you can even pay to play along with Luke. Or, if you ask him nicely, to sleep in a vicariously inspirational way nearby.



## Events

The Student Praise Night in February at Carrubbers Christian Centre in Edinburgh and the Spring Praise Night in May at Findlay Memorial Church in Glasgow went extremely well. We were so delighted to hear of people committing their lives to Jesus as a result of God working through both of these events.

We are looking forward to our first ever Glasgow City Praise in October and a return to the Usher Hall for Christmas.



Sometimes ministry is tough when you don't see immediate results. It's very in to say that results don't matter as long as you're being obedient, but really in their heart of hearts every Christian worker hopes to see results in their labours for Jesus.

Most of the feedback Origin gets from people who have been touched by God at our events is secondhand, and only reaches us months down the line. There's a very good reason for this: we're not a church, and so we deliberately don't try and duplicate counseling and support services offered by churches, and many attending our events for the first time are brought by friends, who are way better placed to chat about God and life with their friend than we are and already have a church to which to invite them.

But it has been brilliant over the last few months to hear of people who have trusted Christ at events we've held, or been struck by the message and placed their faith in Him a few days later. We've also had feedback of someone who found a church through our printed Student Church Guide and became a Christian shortly afterwards. Since we give these as gifts to Christian unions around the country to distribute for free, we are far removed from the people who actually use them. The vision for this part of the ministry came from Colin back in 2003 who had a flatmate who wandered away from God after arriving in Edinburgh as a student and failed to get plugged in to a local church. We thought 'what can we do about that?' and the Student Church Guides were born.

But we do often hear from Christians who have met with Jesus in a real way at the praise and worship events and have decided to get serious about Him. Breaking down the barriers between people from different churches, and strengthening the connections to Jesus are what we're about.

Sadly, we've had to cancel our Spring Praise Night in Edinburgh this year, as well as Edinburgh's City Praise, as the sums just didn't add up, but we've gone ahead in faith (and trepidation) with the Glasgow events for 2010, and we'd ask for your prayers as we plan and ready ourselves for City Praise at the Royal Concert Hall for the first time ever. Our partner income – the thing that really funds the ministry (pretty much all the events lose money) – has suffered from the global financial downturn, dropping to just over 30% of what it was before the meltdown. Please pray with us for a rapid recovery in the partner income.



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE



# SOUTH AFRICA

Our ministry in Cape Town is in a very exciting phase as we launch the auditions for the brand new Cape Town Gospel Choir. We are praying that this new project will be an opportunity to promote unity in the Church in Cape Town, and amongst the people in the South African mother city. In an effort to ensure that the choir is made up of people from different races and communities we are holding auditions in the heart of different communities, in both rich and poor areas, in areas representative of the main races and cultures that make up Cape Town. This is going to provide us with challenges like transport to rehearsal venues, language and many more besides, but we believe that God will provide what is needed for this to succeed.

Our Praise Choir in Cape Town will continue to present praise and worship events, though our whole effort at the moment is focused on the CTGC effort. We have set up the website at [www.ctgc.org.za](http://www.ctgc.org.za) and have drawn together some of the top Christian singers in the city to help run the choir. Rouchelle Liedemann, an award-winning South African gospel artist; Ivan Siegelaar, a talented singer and radio presenter; Gerrida Dickason, a free-lance voice coach for Cape Town Opera; Kevin Primo, conductor of the Assemblies of God massed choir and Claude Palmer, former rock guitarist and businessman join Colin and Norma Peckham in running the CTGC project. Please pray for them all as they work towards unity in the church through the choir. The first event is a carol concert on Sat 12 December 2010 in the City Hall Cape Town, and there is a real need for finance for the event.

Our new Tourist Church Guide in Cape Town is going out to the churches half-way through the world cup. We were unable to persuade enough churches to support the project financially, but after Colin and Norma were greeted at Cape Town International airport by a well-known Christian sect after returning from the UK we just decided to bite the bullet and print anyway, trusting that God will somehow supply the funds to pay for it!



# CAPE TOWN GOSPEL CHOIR AUDITIONS

Open auditions will be held at new C...

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## Meet our new Prayer Secretary, Sarah Borthwick

Are you involved in church life of any form within Scotland? I want to introduce myself as Origin's prayer secretary by firstly saying thank you for all your obedience to God and sacrifice to see Him glorified and to encourage the ministry of the church within Scotland.

I grew up in a minister's family and have been moved to see the affect of the faithful prayers of others in my family's life. Many of these people may never know the wonderful blessings that have come from their love of praying for us.

Having recently graduated as an occupational therapist, I have a passion for health care and ministry that demonstrates the truth and compassion of Christ. I enjoy sports and writing. However, right back to my early days growing up in Orkney, I have always felt closest to God when I sing to Him and I believe God inhabits the praises of His people.

I am therefore excited to see God praised in Scotland and envision the key responsibilities of the Origin prayer secretary as being facilitating the establishment and growth of the following:

Producing internal prayer requests for Origin staff and volunteers (e.g the choir)

Producing a regular prayer letter for supporters

Setting up a prayer team within Origin which seeks to daily respond to the guidance, provision and wisdom of God including when praying for upcoming events

Affirming links with local churches and prayer groups while exchanging heart to heart communication and vision regarding evangelistic outreach

I would expect in faith that the role of prayer secretary will expand to encouraging student participation in prayer teams which is in keeping with Origin's heart for student ministry and outreach.

I have a strong desire to see the church within Scotland worshipping in Spirit and in truth moving confidently as children of God and united as one family who sing the Father's song of redemption, love and kingdom power demonstrated through Jesus Christ. It is a song we can sing to the heart of God, to each other, to the fatherless, to the broken, to the orphan, to the widow and indeed to the world. May we praise and pray together that Jesus would be lifted high that He would draw all men unto Himself.

I look forward to hearing from you and connecting with you soon.

Sarah Borthwick

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