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## *Jenny and Tyler Somers Use Their Music to Promote Justice*

### Jenny and Tyler Somers

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—A husband-and-wife duo will share their stories and songs at Gardner-Webb University Oct. 8 and 9. Jenny and Tyler Somers play acoustic folk-pop music influenced by their Christian faith. The couple also partners with the International Justice Mission (IJM) to raise money and bring awareness to slavery around the world.

“Their message and music appeals both to the mature Christian as well as to those who are wrestling with faith and searching for answers in an uncertain world,” observed Tracy Jessup, vice president for Christian Life and Service and senior minister to the University. “Their work with the International Justice Mission also resonates with this generation of students who are incredibly passionate about issues such as human trafficking.”

On Oct. 8 at 7 p.m., Jenny and Tyler will discuss their work with IJM in a program held in Tucker Student Center. Since 2013, the couple has released two extended play albums, “For Freedom” and “For Freedom II,” with proceeds from the sales benefitting anti-trafficking organizations. The albums featured guest appearances by JJ Heller, Sara Groves, Levi Weaver, the Gray Havens and Kris Allen.

Their song, “Faint Not,” describes their commitment to fighting injustice. “We want to live a life of justice, because we believe that is a huge part of God’s heart,” Tyler said about the song. “We feel like the gospel of Jesus is so much more beautiful when there is a tangible act of love happening alongside the truth.”

Jenny added, “The women involved in sex trafficking don’t have a voice, and our music can be a voice for them.”

Jenny and Tyler will perform Oct. 9 at 9:25 a.m. for Dimensions. The program will be held in Stewart Hall inside Tucker Student Center. “Their live performances strike a rare balance of intimacy and intensity,” Jessup reflected. “They share their songs, their stories, and their lives with candor that captivates, inspires, and transcends age and cultural divides.”

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