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Carl Cartee's Latest Album to Benefit Amazima Ministry International in Uganda, Africa

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb alumnus and Dove

Award winner Carl Cartee has completed a brand new Christmas extended-play (EP) album, and he is donating 100 percent of the proceeds to the ministry of Katie Davis in Uganda, Africa.

Davis, a young woman from Franklin, Tenn., moved to Africa in 2007 at the age of 19 and eventually adopted 13 orphaned girls. She established Amazima Ministries International, and now works to provide jobs, education and medical care to the Ugandan people, all in the name of Jesus Christ.

“Back in the summer, I read a book by Bob Goff called *Love Does*,” Cartee shared. “It had a profound impact on my and left me asking the question, ‘What is my love doing?’” After contemplating several options, he decided to make a Christmas record and give all of the proceeds to a ministry that helps the poor.

“I started making the record and began praying for God to send me to the right place to donate the proceeds,” he reflected. After several confirmations, Cartee and his wife, Heather, also a Gardner-Webb alum, realized they had the answer they needed.

Katie Davis and her adopted daughters.

“My friend Doug Martin started working for a ministry in Uganda. I heard his excitement about Amazima and the work of a young woman named Katie Davis,” Cartee explained.

“Next, a mutual friend of Doug and mine returned from Uganda (Africa) where he had been working with Amazima. He was beside himself with the ministry and all that was happening for the Kingdom of God in Uganda. The very next day, I saw yet another friend who shared he was starting to do some work for Amazima, and one of his jobs would be to help people in the U.S. who want to do something to help Katie Davis and the Amazima ministry. It was clear I’d found my people!”

The EP album titled “Do You Believe?” sells for \$6, and features five Christmas songs, with 100 percent of the proceeds going directly to Amazima Ministries. “Our goal is to give them \$50,000 by Christmas,” Cartee stated. “The recording and production costs are all paid in full. The bottom line is this. Every time somebody buys a Christmas CD or download, it feeds 29 people.”

The album is currently available for purchase as a digital download on iTunes and Amazon.com and the compact disc is available through CDBaby.com, carlcartee.com, and amazimastore.org.

Founded by Katie Davis in 2008, Amazima's goal is to live out the love of Jesus by educating and empowering the people of Uganda and the communities they serve. They accomplish their mission through education sponsorship, medical care, feeding, vocational initiatives and spiritual discipleship.

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