

For Sharie, it's all about the *journey* of life...

2012 brought the celebration of over 15 years of music and ministry for Sharie. Her numerous accomplishments include being named "**Female Vocalist of the Year**" by the *United States Association of Gospel Entertainers and Musicians (USAGEM)* in Nashville, TN in 2005 and then again in 2006. In 2005, Sharie was also presented the **Ruby Award** by **USAGEM** for her "outstanding dedication".

She was crowned "**Mrs. Southwest Michigan**" in 1998 and used her platform of "Breast Cancer Awareness" to record her first album "**Reaching Others with Love**". Sharie dedicated the project to lives touched by cancer in any way. Awesome praise reports continue to declare what God has done through this healing CD. The radio release of her single "**In the Name of the Lord**" charted in the top 40 for 6 straight weeks.

In addition to being an award winning recording artist, Sharie is also an author. Her heart for busy, young moms prompted the writing of her unique devotional "**Mothers: According to God's Design**". In it, she shares practical insight from her own experiences both as a mother of 3 and grandmother of (now) 12. Sharie beautifully writes about growing in God's grace and character, and learning how to sit at the feet of Jesus while going through a busy day.

From mentoring to ministry, and conferences to concerts, Sharie is genuine, honest and down to earth. Her heart to meet others where they are at is apparent as she shares real life stories of what God has done, and is still doing. Her gifting instills hope and healing as she declares that God is not a "respector of persons" and will forgive, heal and love them right where they are.

Through a challenging journey of joys and trials, God has equipped Sharie for a multi-faceted career. She is the owner of **Studio 1**, founded over 25 years ago by her and husband, Mike. Now with locations in both Michigan and Indiana, **Studio 1** provides women battling cancer a place of hope, healing and support. She and her team are dedicated to women searching for answers, both practically and spiritually. Though few understand the impact of hair and breast loss, this is a place of compassion and solutions. Fitting women with wigs and prosthesis gives Sharie an amazing time of crying and praying with the ladies God has placed in her path. Seeing the restoration of dignity and confidence is one of her greatest joys. The stories that continue to be written give her encouragement to continue walking in the destiny God has called her to.

"Sharing God's love through the Gospel, whether speaking or in music is exactly where I am in my own life," says Sharie. "Motivating others to find the true, simple treasures God has for them even at these challenging times, is so important to me. Many are looking for a quick fix from God, when He is calling them to relationship out of which flows His blessing. Praising Him is so easy, and this simple act puts us into a place of '*peace that surpasses all understanding*'. This is one of God's ways of loving us and showing us heaven's joy here on earth."

Sharie and her husband, Mike reside in Southwest Michigan. Their children Lori, Michael and Trisha are all married and have blessed them with 12 beautiful grandchildren, the joy of "Nanny" and "Papa's" lives.