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SAIL AWAY WITH MERCY RIVER

New Group Releases Debut Album

Salt Lake City – Their harmonies are vivid and rhythms serene. Deseret Book’s newest group, Mercy River, will undoubtedly sail you away to bright places with their self-titled debut album, available April 1.

“This music was borne of joy,” group member Brooke Stone says. “Joy in the world around us and the joy in our very own hearts. We know life can be hard. But we also know that if you just stop, and really look around – life is brighter than it seems.”

Taking the time to stop and look around is exactly what brought these women together. All three had come to a place in life where they wanted to be doing something new. As members of the Jenny Phillips Choir, they had become close friends as they performed throughout the United States and around the world. The fact that they already shared a mutual love for inspirational music and that all three wanted to create something new for the industry was a perfect foundation to form a group.

“We’ve each been affected in some way by Christ-centered music,” group member Whitney Permann says. “We’ve felt the power of it, the spirit of it, and the joy of it. Our greatest hope is that our music will offer others a new way to experience those same feelings. We’re excited to see where this ‘River’ takes us.”

So far, this “River” has taken them into the studio to record their first album, and appears to be headed toward a bright horizon. Already flooded with performance requests, Mercy River is quickly becoming a highly sought after addition to the contemporary-inspirational music scene. Listeners seem drawn to the hope and the way the music shines. “It’s almost like sunlight,” one fan said.

Brooke, Whitney, and third member, Soni Muller currently live in Utah. Each is a wife and a mother. All are enjoying joyful lives.

For more information on Mercy River, please visit www.MercyRiverMusic.com.