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**Singer/Songwriter Celebrates Friend's Memory at 10th Anniversary of Mullins' Death**

Dove Award-winning singer/songwriter Mitch McVicker will commemorate the memory of his best friend, Rich Mullins, at a special concert at Westridge Community Church in Elgin, Ill., on September 19, 2007. Ten years ago on that day, McVicker and Mullins were leaving Elgin, Ill., following a concert when they were involved in a tragic car accident that claimed Mullins' life and nearly cost McVicker his own life. The September 19th concert is a time for McVicker and the community to reflect on the life of his friend and share music from his brand new album, Love Will Rise, releasing September 18, 2007, on Surrogate Records.

McVicker is also taking part in several other Rich Mullins tributes over the next month. He will be featured as part of a Rich Mullins radio special airing at 10 a.m. EST on September 22, 2007, on Canada's LIFE 100.3, which will also be broadcast online on lifeonline.fm. McVicker will also perform at a special benefit concert at Mullins' alma mater, Cincinnati Christian University in Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 2, 2007, benefiting the Rich Mullins Music and Worship Scholarship Fund. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. EST.

Battered and broken, McVicker's road to recovery after the accident was arduous and laced with obstacles both great and small. Victories were often counter-balanced by setbacks, yet it was through this season of wrestling with God that he earned the right to limp. "At times I've alternately been criticized and complemented for being something of a Lone Ranger," McVicker explains. "That is still a struggle for me. But during this season of my life I've been forced to accept the fact that we all need each other. We are built for community. When Jacob wrestled with the angel, he walked away with a limp. That makes perfect sense to me now. We can't walk upright without leaning on someone else."

It was that realization that compelled McVicker to take a sabbatical from his rigorous 200-days-on-the-road regimen and concentrate his attention on his new family, which consists of wife Paula, daughter Brooklyn and stepchildren Jordan and Luke. Ironically, the sabbatical became the catalyst for a whole new collection of songs that comprise his new album, Love Will Rise. Weaving a theme of truth and love throughout the project, McVicker pours his heart and soul into this 13-song declaration of faith. McVicker points to the works of Brennan Manning, John Piper and the Apostle Paul as inspiration for many of the songs on the album and for a number of "selah" moments in his personal faith journey.

Mitch McVicker's new album, Love Will Rise, will be available on Surrogate Records and distributed by TAG Artist Group. For more information on Mitch McVicker or Love Will Rise, visit [www.mitchmcvicker.com](http://www.mitchmcvicker.com).

