

## Another Hero is Headed Home Blog Posts 2013 - 2014

*Stephen Rew's original website ([www.anotherheroheadedhome.com](http://www.anotherheroheadedhome.com)) hosted a blog that tells the story of how his first song led to success at Christian Country radio and reveals the history of Stephen's music ministry.*

### **Welcome to Another Hero!**

On May 29, 2013 | [1 Comments](#)

News Flash: The song was aired on [American Veterans Radio](#) and Hooah Radio over Memorial Day Weekend! (It was only released on Friday.) The DJ's were very complimentary and we are honored that the first stations to play it serve military families around the world. We will be telling stories of the song and heroes. Right now we're trying to get the music video filmed!

C. Conner | June 25, 2013 @06:21 pm

What a lovely song to recognize our service personnel. Very meaningful and heart-filling, brought tears to my eyes. The music is very soothing and peaceful. Tastefully done. I do believe you have a hit.

### **Song Stories to Come**

| June 05, 2013

We just filmed the music video for the song on June 2nd using a firefighter helmet and images in part of the video. On June 3rd we had to evacuate our home because of a forest fire. Due to the immediate and aggressive action taken by the local volunteer fire department, no homes were lost. The stories related to this song are stacking up! I've started a song journal so that I won't forget them and I will start posting them soon. (We lost a couple of days because of the evacuation.)

### **Impact**

On June 11, 2013 |

"Another Hero" is having an impact on people's lives. Recently Steve was told, "Your song keeps poking at me! I keep hearing what it says and it makes me want to do something worthwhile and different with the last part of my life." We want to include some of these stories. However, the computer with the story documents stored on it is still in limbo from the fire evacuation. We'll get to those stories soon! And the music video should be out in July.

### **Publicity**

On June 27, 2013 |

Last week [Power Source](#), a Nashville online magazine for inspirational country music, featured the release of "Another Hero is Headed Home." [Songwriter Connection](#), an e-newsletter put out by Kim Copeland Productions, featured our photo from the recording session in Nashville. We are thankful for the promotions! Our good friend, Kenny Noble Cortes (K-Love News Editor) sent the song and story to [Power Source](#). We are blessed to have a friend like Ken!

## How it All Began

Steve Rew | August 26, 2013

My biggest hero was my father, Mel Rew, who headed home a few years ago. He wasn't a perfect man by any means, but he was a hero to me and to others he influenced during his lifetime. The words and melody of the chorus came to me shortly after his death. They rattled around in my head for years, but I didn't have the courage to put my emotions down in verse. Then in July 2012, another of my heroes, Eldon (Butch) Buller, a former Denver Fire Chief and elder in a church we had attended, was dying. I was asked to video the testimonial of a man who was approaching the end of his faithful journey on this earth. For two hours, as I filmed Butch's humorous and wise words, the words "another hero is headed home" kept repeating in my head and once again grabbed hold of my heart. The verses flowed out easily as I contemplated the legacy of these two great men.

About a week later, my good friend Ken Noble (a musician and K-Love news editor) helped me write down the chords and record an acoustic version of *Another Hero is Headed Home*. Butch never heard the song. He died shortly after it was recorded. But then again, perhaps he did hear it when the song was played at his funeral!

I was honored when the family played the song at Butch's memorial service and figured that was the end of my musical journey. But many people who heard it that day kept saying, "that's a great song, you should do more with it." I decided to get a song critique from a Nashville producer just to see if a professional might think the song had potential. She did. She liked the song a lot and suggested a couple of structural changes to make it more commercially acceptable if I wanted to pitch it to a major artist. I changed a few lines then met with a local musician to add musical structure to the melody. He was also very encouraging and felt the song had great possibilities.

Early in 2013 I recorded a demo of the song with a full band of local musicians. Of course, I thought I was done and we'd see if we could pitch the song to a pro artist. We sent the demo back to the Nashville producer who had done the initial critique. She shocked us when she encouraged me to record the song as an independent artist. "No way, I thought! I'm not known, I don't tour with a band, and I'm not an *artist*!" But Kim argued that the song has a wonderful, powerful message and that message songs can develop their own audiences. She said, "Your song has proven itself in a variety of ways the last six months and it's still here and still asking for more. Stick with it."

Since I've always felt the song was given to me and I am merely the "delivery man," I decided to stay on the journey. Maybe I still have a purpose in delivering the message, and perhaps I'm supposed to also listen and learn. A few weeks later we were on Music Row recording "Another Hero is Headed Home" with a new arrangement and some of the best musicians Nashville has to offer. It was an amazing experience with countless blessings!

And that is really where this song journey starts to take off! More stories to come . . . .

## Ragtop Encounter

Posted by Debbie Rew | On October 17, 2013 |

We nervously walked into Ragtop Recording Studio ([Kim Copeland Productions](#)) the first week of April as the musicians were in the middle of a session. We introduced ourselves quietly and Kim Copeland welcomed us while motioning for us to have a seat on the sofa to watch. There was a young man sitting there very quietly and Steve sat beside him as everyone listened to the music. After a few minutes, Steve introduced himself to the man and asked, "So what are you in here for?"

The man was visiting from Canada, down to play a few live events and was at the studio to observe the process and to see if he wanted to record his next album there. When he asked Steve what our reason for being there was and Steve told him the title of his song, the man smiled. Steve said, "Some people think it's about troops coming home, but it is really about the legacy we leave."

The man raised his hand and pointed toward the ceiling. "That legacy?" Steve nodded. Then the man made the sign of the cross and said, "for Him?" Laughing, Steve replied, "Yes! You get it and you haven't even heard the song." The man reached into his satchel and gave Steve a CD. When we looked at the titles of his songs, several were faith-based. The man stood up and said, "This is where I need to be. I realize that now. I need to move to Nashville." He thanked Kim and Steve, then walked out the door.

We don't know if the young Canadian has moved yet or not, but our brief encounter with him was uplifting and affirming.

### Winning the Prize

Debbie Rew | October 17, 2013

When we were in Nashville the first week of April to join the instrumental recording session for "Another Hero" it just happened to be Tin Pan South -- Nashville's celebration of songwriters and music. All over the city there were songwriter rounds (where groups of songwriters/musicians play the songs they have written). We had learned about a new organization called [Global Songwriters Connection](#) and it was hosting an event and songwriter round. We decided to check it out.

We walked into the restaurant venue where we were warmly welcomed by Sheree Spoltore, founder and President. Sheree is a long-time music industry professional and very well known. She had us sign up for the prize drawings, introduced us to a few folks and we ordered dinner and settled in to watch the show. The line-up of songwriters was fabulous. All of them had hits cut by major artists. It was a small, intimate setting and we were surprised that each songwriter talked so openly about their faith and sang songs that included messages about God. It was inspiring! (Faith building experiences were abundant in Nashville that week -- quite a pleasant change for us.)

About half way through the show, Sheree held the prize drawing. Steve was the winner! He was called to the stage and given a gift bag. Inside were some t-shirts and a CD from Lance Carpenter, one of the performers. Not fifteen minutes earlier Steve had said he wouldn't mind having a Lance CD because he was singing wonderful songs! Now he had the CD, had his photo taken on stage, and was able to visit with Lance about faith. (Lance got his big break just afterward and has been touring with Luke Bryan and Blake Shelton this year.)

The main prize in the package was a free membership to Global Songwriters Connection for a year. As Steve was signing up with the IT expert's help, the conversation turned to the fact that our daughter had been trying to get a job in Nashville for a while. (She began her career in the music industry in Los Angeles, but had been working on a news show during 2011 and 2012.) The IT man said, "Oh, you need to connect her with Sheree! She does career mentoring and knows a whole lot of music industry professionals in this town!"

Ah .... this whole experience began to make sense. Nothing seemed that it was by accident or luck. We'd always felt that God was leading us on this amazing journey with the song; perhaps because it's a way to share a message that touches people. It was overwhelming to be recording a song in Nashville on Music Row with great musicians and a talented producer. What if part of this journey was intended to make connections for our daughter? How crazy was it that Steve

was even here and that we "just happened" to walk into this event? What were the odds of him winning the prize? And why were people being so darn friendly to complete strangers from out west? Sheree and her husband stopped by our table to visit with us several times during the evening. We seemed to have this mysterious connection. Or did we? Maybe we were reading too much into that famous Southern hospitality?

## Release

Posted by Debbie Rew | On November 11, 2013 |

Steve recorded the vocals to the song the third week of April 2013 at Ragtop Recording and we hoped to release the song to at least a few radio stations before Memorial Day since the message is so appropriate for that particular holiday. Father's Day would be another opportunity for getting the message out to the public. However, while we waited for the mastered copy, we played the final mix to a few people who asked to hear it. Their reactions surprised us!

One of the first to hear the song was our chiropractor -- in his office, in the middle of the day, with patients in the waiting room. We were there for adjustments and once Doug learned the song was finished, he wanted to hear it right then. He's a musician and had been following "Another Hero's story from the beginning. He closed the treatment room door, sat down on a chair and played the CD. About half way through the song, tears began to slowly roll down Doug's cheeks. At the end of the song, he just sat quietly. He wiped away his tears, then said, "I want to hear it again. It's beautiful." At that moment, the receptionist knocked on the door to see if Doug was ready for the next patient. He motioned her to come in and shut the door again. "I want you to hear this," he said. Steve played the song and we watched as both of them became quite emotional, crying before the song was finished.

"It's so beautiful," said Doug. "We just learned that one of our long-time patients has terminal cancer. This is a message he needs to hear -- everyone needs to hear it! This song should play on the radio!"

Ah, now we understood. "Thank you for letting us hear your song today," said Doug, preparing for his next patient. "We need that hope. When it comes out, please let me know. I want to share it."

Soon afterward, Steve went for his 6 month FAA physical. He mentioned the song to his doctor and it was an almost identical reaction! The doc wanted to hear it while Steve was there and he was about to close for lunch. He shut his doors, put the song on the big screen tv in the waiting room, and listened intently. The doc's eyes got all teary and he said, "Thank you for sharing your song. It's beautiful."

We rushed to get the song into digital distribution and CD Baby helped us launch it just before the Memorial Day weekend. On the On Friday of the holiday honoring our fallen heroes I contacted two military radio stations. Both loved the song, the tribute it pays to heroes, and they both played it throughout the weekend. One of the DJ's emailed me and said, "My son died in Iraq. When I heard this song I cried, but I knew I had to play it for all our soldier heroes." The song release turned out to be more than just a public debut. It helped people release their emotions in a healthy way ... and that is far more important than the moment the song went live.

## Rescued!

Posted by Debbie Rew | On November 21, 2013 |



All of us are in need of rescue at some point in our lives. We may have received emotional support, financial assistance or spiritual guidance. Rarely do we encounter an emergency so threatening that our homes or lives are in danger. Ironically, we had such an experience just as we finished filming the music video. It was a strange coincidence!

On the last Friday in May I went to our local volunteer fire department to borrow a firefighter helmet to use as a prop in our music video. I had never been inside the fire station in my 20 years of living in this community. The fire chief gave me a generic helmet and I promised to return it on Monday. Our plan was to shoot the video the next day on Saturday, but the winds were too high and we postponed until Sunday afternoon.

It was already unusual that we were filming at our first choice of location that weekend. Steve had just met the owners of the Victorian house that week and then they called to tell us they must leave town on a family emergency. A sibling was terminally ill and they needed to go. Steve told them about the song and its victorious message. When the couple listened to it they were comforted and grateful for its message. They said, "Just go ahead and shoot the video. Here's the key to our house. Make yourself at home." Stunned that they would be so generous, Steve promised to look after their beautifully restored home until they returned.

Sunday afternoon we filmed the music video on the porch of the Victorian house. The firefighter helmet sat on the steps as a representation of a type of hero. Monday after lunch I had just put the helmet into the car to take it back to the station when we got a frantic call from our neighbor. She said, "Debbie, there's a fire! It's crowning and moving fast through the woods! We've called the fire department and they're on the way, but you better start packing and getting ready to leave."

Steve and I rushed outside. The smoke billowed up from the forest just west of us. The powerful wind gusts blew our direction. We went into action just as we heard sirens in the distance. Having been through a fire evacuation in 2002, we had a list on the door to the garage that prioritized the items to grab and load into the vehicles. We raced to grab our vital things (mostly important papers, photos, videos, computers and a few clothes). Four fire trucks were now parked in front of our house and we heard a helicopter landing in the field across the street. Steve ran down to talk to them. He was told, "There is a mandatory evacuation. We need you to pack and leave your house. You've got time to get a few things for now. The fire is moving up that cliff against the wind. Fire likes to climb mountains. But the winds may carry embers over here and your house or trees could ignite."

In less than 30 minutes we had our SUV's loaded and parked on the road, not wanting to leave until necessary. Most of the neighbors had animals and horses to trailer out and we went to see if any of them needed help. There were only 3 houses west of us closest to the blaze, but the owners were driving down the road as we walked to the ranch across the street. The helicopter used a nearby pond to drop water as mountain area fire departments continued to arrive and send

volunteer teams into the dense forest to combat the blaze. We went back into our house to answer the phone calls coming in and water down the outside. Soon a Sheriff pounded on the front door. When Steve let him in he said, "It's time to go and get out NOW. Put a white flag on your mailbox so we know you're gone and safe."

Everyone in the neighborhood left and a sheriff blocked the entry to our road. The county issued almost 3,000 evacuation orders. We stayed with friends in north Evergreen who happened to live just a few blocks from the fire station where I had borrowed the helmet that still sat in my SUV. **As we watched the news coverage on TV, the irony was not lost on us that local heroes were laying their life on the line to save our house and those in the surrounding area.** About 140 volunteer firefighters could be proud that not one structure burned. They aggressively fought that fire all night long and the winds died down the next day. We never really worried about our house since they were staging on the road in front of it. We felt our property was safe because heroes were there to defend it!

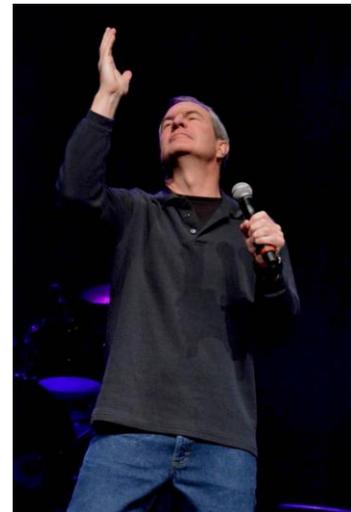
When the final edits on the music video were finished we decided to put some of our heroes and the nonprofit organizations we support in the credits at the end. Two photos and a heartfelt thanks to Evergreen Fire Rescue are included. We praise God that all the firefighters and residents "made it home."

### The Unexpected - ICM Week

Posted by Debbie Rew | On January 27, 2014 | [2 Comments](#)

The invitation for Steve to sing at the [Inspirational Country Music Awards](#) week in Nashville on Oct. 22nd was totally *unexpected*, but it certainly wasn't accidental. The events leading up to the ICM Awards were undeniably divine intervention, going far beyond what most would call coincidental. I believe you'll agree once you hear the story.

It all began with a Facebook friend request from someone I didn't know. I NEVER accept friend requests from strangers! However, when I saw that Frank Larry, an owner of [A Million Midnights Music Publishing](#) was a mutual friend to a songwriter we had come to know through [Global Songwriters Connection](#), [Debi Cochran](#), I clicked "yes" to the request. Frank listened to Steve's song and was very complimentary. In a message, he suggested it should be played on Christian Country (or Inspirational Country) radio stations. I'd never heard of the genre. Immediately, I performed an internet search for this type of station and discovered it was a genre of music with its own artists and radio stations dedicated strictly to inspirational country songs.



I emailed a few station owners that same day (Oct. 5th). The next day I had a reply from Hunter Logan at [HLE Radio](#). He liked the song and said I could send him the mp3. A few days later I heard from Marty Smith at [Heaven's Country Radio](#). He loved the song and promised to give it air time. Wow! We were excited to find a genre of music for Steve's song. I also sent a few inquiries to companies that promote songs to radio, just in case I was getting in over my head and may not have the time or ability to manage the promotions correctly.

Follow-up is always important and, in this case, it turned out to be crucial. On Tuesday, Oct. 15, I emailed the DJ's who had a copy of the song to find out if they had played it. I had also received a phone call from [HMG Nashville](#) with information on various promotional packages.

In the call, Darlene Fowler, Director of A & R, said they had watched the music video, loved the song, thought it was a perfect fit for Inspirational Country and they would love to promote it to radio. Then she gave us the shocker, "Steve should come to ICM Week and sing on one of our nightly concerts. I think I can get him a slot on Sunday -- the first evening."

That would be in five days! What on earth? One week before, we'd never even heard of ICM Week or the Inspirational Country Music Association. The other shock was that Steve actually had that week off, starting Sunday. (This was very unusual! He's an airline pilot with a different schedule every month and week. No two weeks are ever the same.) However, we didn't think we could get into Nashville in time on Sunday and Steve wasn't confident he could perform at a major venue on such short notice. It would be live streamed over television -- not anything like he's performed in the past. Darlene asked twice if Steve would sing and he very politely said, "no" both times. He was honored, of course, but "no thank you, maybe next year."

Instead of asking, "What on earth?" I should have said, "What in heaven?" Wednesday morning I opened my email to find one from Hunter informing us that he had been playing the song and that he'd be at the ICM Awards next week. He told us to look him up to meet in person. While I was still reading emails, the phone rang. It was Marty calling to introduce himself, let us know he was playing the song, and to say "hey, neighbor" since he's based in Colorado Springs. He encouraged us to attend ICM Week, too. Both of these DJ's were up for the "Radio Personality of the Year" award. *Just as I was telling Steve what Marty said*, the phone rang again. Darlene's sweet Southern voice said, "We really want Steve to come and sing his song. I checked and we can get him on the Tuesday night showcase. Will you come?"

I asked Darlene to hold a minute so I could tell Steve. He'd walked into the other room. He told me he just didn't see how he could do it, but to tell her we'd come for a few days to learn about ICM. I went back to the office and had just picked up the phone when Steve came running in and said, "I'll do it. Tell her okay. I can't say no a third time! Maybe I'm not supposed to say no -- maybe God is giving me this opportunity for a reason." (Remember when Peter denied Christ three times? Let's not make the same mistake.)

"Yes," I replied to Darlene. "Steve will sing and we'll be there all four days."

The rest of Wednesday we urgently made all the travel arrangements, designed and ordered a banner for a booth, and felt like we were twisting about in a whirlwind. That night we finally got a chance to sit down and rest. I opened the mail. Inside one envelope was an *unexpected check* for almost the entire cash amount of what it would cost us to attend ICM Week. Fears and doubts disappeared.

## Comments

J. Didier | March 19, 2014 @02:59 pm

Hi Debbie- I attended the ICM week and the Awards Ceremony last October and got the chance to stop by your booth and talk to you both about the song Steve wrote and we shared a bit about our individual journeys that got us to be there that week. (I co-wrote a song "God's still on the Throne" with Larissa Lundstrom which was released as a single and reached the top 10 for ICM song of the year- (just another 'pinch-me' gift from GOD!) It wasn't until I got on the internet and looked up the website for your ministry that I read all the details of how that trip happened for you two to get to Nashville that week. What God calls for HE Provides for! That is nothing short of miraculous! I was in the audience and was captivated by Steve's live performance of the song, and made sure to stop back by your booth where I picked up the copy of the songs that you had there. I am listening to it now as I am writing this comment- it flows so nicely, and the words so powerful! I am so glad that you received so attention from Hunter Logan and Marty Smith and that you got so much air-play from those 2! Amazing! God is so good! I

can't wait to hear Steve's new songs that he is working on. A songwriting friend of mine in Lafayette, LA wants us to write a new 'Hero' song, and I told him that it would be hard to top Steve's song! God bless you both! I look forward to reading new posts on your blog! Greet Steve for me when you get the chance!

## Our Teacher Hero

Posted by Debbie Rew | On February 25, 2014 |



We had a "not by chance" encounter with one of our family's greatest heroes after Christmas. It was like the end of a great movie, but this one had a divine producer. God's name is in the end credits for this story! The impact has spread beyond the scene's location. The casting was fabulous!

It's extremely rare that our son (Jason) and daughter (Stephanie) are home at the same time. They live in different states. But last Christmas they were here for a week and it "just so happened" that they decided to see our long-time family chiropractor at the same time as I did. Doug and Marjorie Petty have known our family for 20 years. Doug's office is on a rural mountain road. You don't drive it unless you have a specific address to visit. We went in two vehicles since I had errands to run afterward.

Jason had just paid his bill and was about to walk out of the reception room when the phone rang and a woman's voice left a message he could hear on the speaker. "This is AnnaMarie and I'm on my way to pick up those cards. I'll be there in a few minutes." Stunned, Jason recognized it as the voice of his and Stephanie's favorite teacher -- [AnnaMarie Jackson](#). "Dr. J" taught Jason in 5th and 6th grades and Stephanie in 5th grade, though she was also a strong influence in the direction of Stephanie's education earlier. Jason (who is now 30) was so excited he sat back down to wait.

I didn't know any of this. I was on the table being adjusted and all of a sudden I heard greetings, laughing, tears, and quite the commotion! It went on and on -- Jason, Stephanie and a woman who sounded familiar, but I wasn't placing. When Doug and I walked into the reception room, my children were hugging Dr. J, Marjorie had a tissue wiping her eyes while she cried at the reception desk, and the next patient was watching in astonishment. In all my years of going to Dr. Doug I had NEVER seen AnnaMarie Jackson in his office. How had it happened that one of our family's most influential heroes had visited the same chiropractor at the exact hour two of her students from 20 years ago were being treated?

Before I reveal the last scene in this moment, you need to know WHY this incredible, Christian woman is a hero to us. It isn't just because she was a great teacher. Oh, Dr. J's credentials are amazing. She has a PhD and was a globally recognized expert in Gifted Education -- but she taught in public elementary schools for over 30 years. She and her husband, [Dr. James Jackson](#), also founded [Project C.U.R.E](#) in 1987. (Today Project C.U.R.E. is the "world's largest distributor of donated medical supplies to resources-limited communities in more than 130 countries.") While her husband traveled the world, she stayed home and taught kids. After retiring from teaching, she opened her own private middle school. However, none of these accomplishments are the reasons she is our hero.

AnnaMarie Jackson saved our children. I'm not speaking spiritually, though I can't discount that she was a strong, Christian mentor. Dr. J saved their self-esteem, intellectual curiosity, and education. She accepted them as they were, loving them unconditionally. She liked to joke that Jason was one of her greatest challenges and successes. (He was strong-willed, gifted, high IQ,

but low achieving at the time.) She fought hard for Stephanie to skip 2nd grade and be moved into 3rd so that she didn't get "turned off" of learning by being frustrated because she was so advanced in her peer group. My children loved Dr. J so much they often stayed with her in the classroom instead of going out to recess. She allowed for individual learning in classrooms of 25 or more and was a genius at inspiring her students. She encouraged us in our parenting and faith walk. Our family could write a book of Dr. J stories!

As we shared stories about Jason and Stephanie in Dr. J's classroom, it seemed no one wanted to leave the chiropractor's office. It was such a special, rare moment in time. Finally, we all realized more patients were arriving and it was time to go. I watched as my tall, lanky son wrapped both of his arms around Dr. J, squeezed her tight and gratefully said, "I'm so thankful for everything you did for me. I love you!" There wasn't a dry eye in the room.

It's an honor to let our heroes know we appreciate them while they are still living. We didn't know it, but Dr. Doug had given AnnaMarie the CD of "Another Hero is Headed Home" for a Christmas gift. Just last week, Steve was at the cleaners when Dr. J drove up. (He hadn't seen her around town in 15 years!) He carried in her basket of laundry and she asked about the song. They shared faith stories in the parking lot for thirty minutes!

You can read more about Jim and AnnaMarie Jackson in his books, [The Happiest Man on Earth](#) and [Love and Common Sense](#).

### **The Rest of the Story**

Posted by Debbie Rew | On May 01, 2014 |



Rarely do we know the whole story behind an event in a person's life. What may seem to be an ordinary action may actually have an extraordinary outcome. I experienced one of those special events in March when a woman ordered 10 CD's of "Another Hero is Headed Home" while we were visiting our son in Kansas.

We received the order on Friday after arriving in Wichita. Immediately I sent an email promising to ship the CD's on Monday. We had a wonderful time with our son and his girlfriend. Steve had to return to Colorado on Sunday, but I stayed an extra night so I could visit friends in Oklahoma on Monday morning, then fly back to Colorado on a mid-afternoon flight. Well, my plans were squashed when I had a flat tire driving back to Wichita from Stillwater. I was on a rural highway in my son's borrowed truck, so it took an hour for roadside service to arrive and change the tire. Obviously, I missed the flight.

I went to the airport for the evening flight, but learned the afternoon flight had cancelled anyway and now the evening flight was overbooked. I didn't get on. So, I enjoyed another evening with my son and tried again on Tuesday. Finally I was able to get on an afternoon flight and arrived at our house around 4:00. Steve was on a trip and I kept having this intense feeling that I should package the CD's the woman had ordered and get to the post office before closing at 5:00. I couldn't explain why I had to ship them at that moment, other than I had promised to mail them on Monday and it was now Tuesday. Something inside was telling me to get to the post office NOW! I hurried and got to the post office just before closing. Then I had to make the decision to ship the slower media rate (saving money), or to send it First Class. For reasons I can't explain, I spent a little more to send it First Class.

Three days later we got a message from the customer telling us that the CD's had arrived "just in time" to play that night for a dying friend who was the woman's faith hero. She gave the family a CD so they could play the song while family surrounded their loved one in her transition to the next life. As soon as we read the message, Steve and I both cried. We were humbled that his song was honoring a faithful servant as she said "so long."

But now life is not "so long,"  
'Cause this body's not that strong,  
One day you'll turn around and you'll be gone...  
Another hero..is headed home.  
Another hero..Has made it home.

What if I had waited another day to mail the CD's? What seemed like an ordinary event (mailing a package) turned into an extraordinary story.

### Transitioning to New Site

Posted by Debbie Rew | On May 16, 2014 |

May is a month of transition for us, both personally and professionally. As I write this, I'm recovering from knee replacement surgery. Getting a new knee will be a very positive step (pardon the pun) in a few weeks, but it's been tough this first week. I had an unexpected trip back to the hospital 5 days post-op. Now things are going better, thanks to the prayers of many friends.

We have the Master's of Steve's new songs. He recorded two and we'll release one to radio in July. We'll get them both up on our website and social media so people can listen and download. Because of the amazing way God is working through Steve and his music, this means we're building a new website to provide a home for the different songs and ministries as they develop. The new website will be: [www.stephenrewmusic.com](http://www.stephenrewmusic.com) (Would you believe there is another Christian musician named Stephen Rew -- spelled the same way? We've corresponded with him through Facebook but we couldn't find any family relations in common.)

We'll let you know when the new site is working. This website, dedicated to the heroes in our lives, will remain open for the rest of this year.

### New Website "Flying"

On July 16, 2014 |



The new website is up and "flying high." Please visit [www.stephenrewmusic.com](http://www.stephenrewmusic.com) and check it out! All new music will be posted here.