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**CHRISTIAN MUSIC VETERAN MARK HARRIS CREATES FIRST SOLO  
HOLIDAY ALBUM, *CHRISTMAS IS*, AVAILABLE NOW**

October 12, 2009...Nashville, TN... INO Records' recording artist, Mark Harris, who over the course of fifteen years gave Christian music 22 No. 1 hits and received 8 Dove awards as a member of 4Him, has created his first solo Christmas album titled *Christmas Is*. Now available nationwide, *Christmas Is* speaks to the warmth of the season's true spirit: giving to those who have less, celebrating with loved ones, and recognizing the beauty and the mystery of Christ's birth.

"I've always loved Christmas music and everything that goes with the holiday season, and my goal was to create a warm, intimate, simple production environment so that the music could be about the songs themselves," says Harris.

Produced by Luke Denton the 10-song project reflects traditional classics while Harris strikes out with new arrangements of old songs and his own original compositions with classics such as "O Holy Night," "Silent Night" and "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas." The songs' acoustic bones and Harris' strong, clear voice combine to create a well-balanced album that is at once uplifting, holy, prayerful, and high-spirited.

The title track will be the first single from the record, as well as introduce the world to Harris' 13-year-old daughter, Maddison. Harris says having the chance to sing with her was one of the most rewarding parts of recording. The day before he went into the studio to record the CD's title track, he decided he didn't want to sing the song alone.

Maddison had been leading First Priority, a worship service at her school, and Harris had

noticed the growing strength of her voice; having her sing “Christmas Is” with him “made the album,” he says, “because the innocence in the message of the song came through her voice.”

Harris reminds us of the reason we celebrate Christmas with *Christmas Is*. Harris will launch his “Christmas Is” tour in November where fans can hear the Dove Award winner perform many of these holiday favorites and more. For more information and tour schedule, please visit [www.markharrisonline.com](http://www.markharrisonline.com).

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