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Amid the conflicts, confusion and suffering, where is God?

Las Vegas, Nevada, July 27, 2006 – As fighting escalates between Israel and the Hezbollah, terrorists' attacks in Iraq and Afghanistan continues and with famines throughout many countries, people are questioning these events. Why is this happening? What does this all mean? Where is God in the midst of all this suffering? The Somebody Loves You Crusades - Las Vegas provide the answer to those searching.

“People today like to put God in a box and treat Him like a genie in a bottle,” Raul Ries of the Somebody Loves You Crusades states. “How easy it is for people to not want God to be part of their everyday lives but want His protection in a time of crisis.”

Somebody Loves You Crusades-Las Vegas with Raul Ries, August 4–6, at the Thomas & Mack Center, UNLV will begin nightly at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Each night of the event will be interpreted in Spanish and Korean, with signing for the hearing impaired. In addition to a message from Ries, the Somebody Loves You Crusades - Las Vegas will feature Christian music spanning genres from Latin pop, to inspirational to rock to Neo-Soul and will include these popular musicians Salvador, Fernando Ortega, Jeremy Camp, Rebirth, the Katinas, Fairchild and the Somebody Loves You Praise Band & Choir.

Somebody Loves You Crusades - Las Vegas Schedule of Events

(All events are free and open to the public)

Friday, August 4 7:00 p.m. Somebody Loves You Crusades - Las Vegas
Thomas & Mack Center, UNLV, Las Vegas

- Friday evening will be a Special Tribute to our Armed Forces, feature a message from evangelist Raul Ries and music from Salvador, Fernando Ortega and the Somebody Loves You Praise Band.

Saturday, August 5 7:00 p.m. Somebody Loves You Crusades - Las Vegas Youth Night
Thomas & Mack Center, UNLV, Las Vegas

- Saturday evening is geared specifically toward the youth with a message from evangelist Raul Ries, and music from Jeremy Camp, Rebirth, Fernando Ortega and Fairchild.

Sunday, August 6 7:00 p.m. Somebody Loves You Crusades - Las Vegas
Thomas & Mack Center, UNLV, Las Vegas

- Sunday evening is a family night with a message from evangelist Raul Ries and music from The Katinas, Fernando Ortega, and the Somebody Loves You Praise Band, featuring the Somebody Loves You Choir in their debut performance.

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The **Somebody Loves You Praise Band** is composed of prominent musicians and vocalists from Southern California churches. Under the current leadership of Willie Morales, the band's musical style features a blend of modern rock and alternative sounds. Several albums have been produced by the SLYC Band and its members, the most recent being "**No Turning Back**" available in English and Spanish. The **Somebody Loves You Crusade Choir** joins the lineup on Sunday for the last night of the Crusade. Under the direction of Norman Craver the choir is composed of singers from Southern California and Las Vegas area churches.

Somebody Loves You Crusades – Las Vegas in conjunction with Canning Hunger Ministries and The Salvation Army, have become partners in the fight against hunger. We ask that you would join us in this fight by bringing at least one non-perishable food item to the crusade. There will be convenient drop off stations in the venue. We will be collecting these items each night during the event and distributing to needy families in the Las Vegas area.

Somebody Loves You Crusades are contemporary, public evangelistic events that seek to present the Gospel of Christ to all lifestyles. Driven by popular, cutting-edge music, the Crusades feature a simplistic, yet relevant, message by evangelist Raul Ries. Crossing denominational and ethnic lines, garnering support from area churches, businesses and individuals, the Crusades have attracted more than 314,000 people since their inception in 1993. The Crusades have also met physical needs through the collection and distribution of food in the communities in which they are held. To date, there have been more than 68,000 meals distributed to needy families in those communities.

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MEDIA NOTES: All members of the news media who are interested in scheduling an interview and photo opportunity with Raul Ries prior to the Crusade should contact Laura Foley-Colvin at (909) 859-6550. All members of the news media who wish to cover Somebody Loves You Crusades - Las Vegas should have their own press credentials and the press credentials that are issued by Somebody Loves You. Credentials will be available at the Thomas & Mack Center, UNLV beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the media table. If an article is written and published, please send three (3) tears to the California address. Thank you.