

My Hobby: Recording music in the digital age - Music and song give so much joy

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Back in 1975 when I met the Oakland Family, I gave my guitar away and my music aspirations were put on hold. There was not much room anyway to lug around a guitar on a mobile fundraising team (MFT). But later, a guitar and a desire to sing were useful for cultivating fellowship when pastoring a church. I just had my 69th birthday and now more than ever I'm enjoying the blessing of music and song.

My earliest memories of singing were in my elementary school days in California. I can remember the joy and zeal of singing American classics like "Home on the Range" or "America the Beautiful". When I was 12 years old, I learned to play the guitar. Growing up as a teenager in the sixties, I learned many popular songs of the day. Bob Dylan's songs captured my heart with his music and raw lyrics. Whenever I had the chance, I would record some of my songs on a reel-to-reel tape recorder. Later, I purchased a four-track stereo

cassette tape recorder. That recorder enabled one to record four separate sound tracks, not simultaneously. In other words you could record the guitar part on one track and then while listening to the playback with headphones, record the bass guitar on another track. And then do the same for the vocals. One person could create all the song parts of the song as if a whole band were playing.

The digital age has brought music recording, to a whole new level. For quality music recording one doesn't have to rent a fancy recording studio and pay an expensive fee. Home Recording on a personal computer has become popular. It is possible to get the same quality as the lavish music recording studios. The technology now enables one to record an unlimited number of tracks.

I've often wondered about the deeper question of why music and song give people so much joy and fulfillment. I think through song we can express our emotions in a much more powerful and effective way than simply talking!

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