

## **Wissmann Family News Release**

A teenager slipped the mandolin strap over his shoulder while another tall young man quietly strums an opening chord on the banjo strings. With a smile at the trio of sisters clustered around the microphone, they step in a little closer, making the music fly from their fingers. The auditorium is filled with their rich sound and the sincerity of their message.

The bond between this friendly group of young people is evident. They are the Loren Wissmann family — a family from Seward, Nebraska that has shared throughout over 35 states, Canada and Mexico. Their deep love for God, each other, and the people they meet is a showcase for their musical talent. Loren and Gloria were married in 1980 and soon the children began to join them, filling their lives with activity and laughter. Embarking on the adventures of starting an industrial business, home schooling, and hearty country living, they have experienced firsthand the truth of God's Word in everyday living. Now the doors have opened to share a music and testimony across the country — traveling in a 45 foot bus with the 13 children in tow: Rachel, Ruth, Josiah, Bethany, Andrew, Elizabeth, Matthias, Stephen, Hannah, Elizabeth, Alaythia, Nathanael and little Charissa.

With a wide variety of instruments featured in each performance, including guitar, bass guitar, banjo, mandolin, dobro, fiddle, hammered dulcimer, harmonica, piano, and flute, accompanied by harmonized vocals, the Wissmanns present gospel and bluegrass music with professional style. As those who have experienced their performances attest, "There is something neat about hearing them sing together. You can just sense how much they love each other and truly enjoy being together - the joy of the Lord shines in their faces."

They typically travel over 35,000 miles annually, sharing at churches, Christian schools, prisons, banquets, county fairs, city festivals, state and local conferences, and even a few unique venues such as a cattle sale and campground gatherings. Family Life seminars have also been added to their repertoire.

"Our primary goal is to proclaim the eternal hope and promise found only in salvation through Jesus Christ." Says Loren; "We also have a great passion to share the joy found in God's design and purpose for the family."

The Wissmann family's music fills both the atmosphere and the hearts of those who gather to hear their exciting live performances. As the final chord fades at the close each service, they hope that the hearts of those present are touched by the gospel of Christ. As Loren acknowledges, "Our prayer is that each concert gives people much more than just an entertaining event."