

1. (Kevin) I went to church as a child, around 12 years old I went up during an altar call. Was I saved. I don't know. But as a teen I stopped going to church and for the next 25-30 years I sure didn't live for the Lord. In 97 I went to prison for 6 years....still didn't start living for the Lord. I ended up going back to prison in 07 on a new 15 year sentence. That time I started praying and reading the Bible. I was very depressed and angry with myself. I had that "lightning bolt" moment there. My world changed....because of Jesus. I got released from prison on parole, my parole officer was a Christian and was very supportive of Sonshine Road ministry. I received an early release from parole last year and here we are....living for Jesus 24/7.
2. (Rachelle) I was introduced to The Lord through conversations mainly with my Grandma Horn, who was my best friend while I was growing up. Watching Royal's Baseball games, eating milk and Hi-Ho crackers, playing Chinese Checkers and talking about The Lord/ reading The Bible until 2 in the morning sometimes. (Some of my best memories while growing up!) My mother didn't go to church. We went with other family members on special occasions but that was it. When I was 9 years old, my school friend, Heather (Holloway) invited me to go to Sunday School and church with her. Mom let me go as long as they were willing to pick me up and drop me off. I LOVED IT!!!! Brother Bob Dasal at the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Missouri was preaching a sermon one Sunday that not only caught my attention, my caught my heart's attention as well. "Jesus died to save you because He loves you that much!" he said as he looked right at me. And he didn't just say it...he cried and shared the love of those words through his voice and tears...as if Christ was speaking to me through him. I went up to him, tears streaming down my face, and took Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior that day. A week later I was baptized in water. That's when the tears started ...and they haven't stopped yet.
3. Kevin was in a Gospel band with his mother and a big part of their ministry was nursing homes. Rachelle was an activity director at a nursing home and Jackie (Kevin's mom) contacted her about singing at her nursing home. Come to find out that the band "leader", Rick Horn, was also Rachelle's cousin that she hadn't seen in years. They reconnected and Kevin and Rachelle met.
4. Rachelle joined the band, "Citizen Band", and Jackie became her mentor. Kevin was a "no touch" zone because of his past problems with drugs and alcohol. The Lord was working on Kevin and he was changing...had changed. But Rachelle had not had good experiences with men and their addictions. Jackie became sick with cancer and the Lord took her home. Citizen Band did 2 or 3 nursing homes a month but had problems being able to schedule more ministry events because there were so many in the band...7 people. So Kevin and Rachelle started doing a few programs outside of Citizen Band, as Sonshine Road. Before long the Lord kept opening more and more doors for us and now....here we are.
5. We are called to share our testimonies. Kevin's of addiction and prison, Rachelle's of abuse, self image and overcoming a suicide attempt.
6. Our songs, first a song has to fit with what we want to say in our ministry and have personal meaning to us. There are so many wonderful songs out there but they all don't convey the message we want. We also pray....a lot about the song. God has to make it feel "right". We also work closely with our producer Jimmy Jack Whitaker. As a "third" party he helps to be able to judge if a song fits our "style" of singing.. we are somewhat different. Can't really call us Country Gospel, Southern Gospel or hardcore Bluegrass Gospel. We love each of these styles but our sound is what God makes it.
7. A program with Sonshine Road is ministry from different angles. We certainly have the personal testimonials but we also try really hard to show the spirit of joy. Too many think that "religion" is a boring, somber thing. Being a Christian is FUN. We have a couple of "novelty

songs we do, Kevin dances (poorly) we laugh and try to share our good time with all. There are usually tears, laughter and prayers at our programs.

8. A ministry moment that stands out was a last minute invitation to a church event in a small town in Southwest Oklahoma. We happened to be in the area when the call was given to come minister in song. We did two programs that day at the church. At the second program a young man who had been at the first program went home and insisted that his dad come hear us at the second one. He came, they did a “love” or “free will” offering for us. It was a very financially stressed community. This gentleman was touched by the Lord in a big way that evening. After the program he quietly pulled Kevin over to the side and pulled a crumpled \$1 bill out of his pocket to give him. We don’t want anyone’s last dollar, we don’t want anyone to give anything they can’t afford. But Kevin could see that it was important to him that he donated to our ministry....to be a part of investing in the message that God sends us out to give. We keep that dollar in our office as a reminder that it isn’t the “dollar” that is important, but the message that God wants out there that is.
9. Probably the most exciting adventure(s) for Sonshine Road so far has been the 2 JimmyJack Foundation cruises that we have been on and being a part of the 2018 Gospel Music Fan Fair We never dreamed of going to the Caribbean on a ship or singing on a cruise.....all for the awesome cause of helping kids through the Jimmy Jack Foundation. Gospel Music Fan Fair was filled with so many spiritually, talented artists and they just came together as a big family... a big Christian Family.
10. Our only goal in our ministry is to follow where the Lord leads. If God doesn’t want us somewhere then we want no part of it. If God wants us somewhere then we go....whether we like it or not. The hard part is discernment. We pray at all times and a big part of our prayers is to have the wisdom and discernment to follow the Lord’s lead and not do things just because we want to or think it is fun.
11. We live for the Lord. He is to be First. We welcome prayer request from others, we write them down in our private prayer book and we continue to pray for the requests. We want others to know that there is joy in the Lord and that when a person becomes a Christian, then they are part of our family. Love one another as I have loved you....
12. We are between albums right now. Not sure when we will get back in the studio. We did our first album, Rise and Shine, under Stoney Ferguson in Branson, Mo. In 2017, we went to a Nashville , TN and recorded, Love Is Common Ground; Jimmy Jack Whitaker, producer, and Mark Moseley, engineer. 2018 we were blessed again with recording our album, My Journey To The Son, with Jimmy Jack,;producer and Kyle Hensley; engineer. A few months ago we released our first song out to radio through Millennium Music Group called “When Grandpa Sang How Great Thou Art”. It has done really well. So now we are getting ready to release another song called “Lord You Are Love”. It features Rachelle on lead vocals and harmonies. It is her love song to the Lord. It will also give others the opportunity to hear that Kevin isn’t the only lead singer in Sonshine Road. Haha
13. We have been very blessed as far as receiving some awards. We have been active in CGMA (Country Gospel Music Association) based in Branson, Mo. in 2015 we received Central and International Traditional Country Gospel Artist of the year. In 2016 we received Central Traditional Country Gospel Artist of the year as well as Central and International Bluegrass Gospel artist of the year. In 2017 we received Central and International Traditional Country Gospel Artist of the year. Also this year, our first in ICGMA Sonshine Road was nominated for Bluegrass Gospel Artist of the year and Kevin was nominated for Male Horizon Artist of the year.
14. We are members of CGMA, ICGMA, ICCAN, USAGEM, MOKAN Gospel Association. Each of every one of these have been a blessing and we have made “family” through them.

15. Coming up we have a busy schedule. We have a trip to the Chicago area for a program for a homeless shelter. Ministry in Oklahoma, South Missouri and Kentucky. We are going to Alabama for the first time to Cullman for a Gospel Jubilee. We are also headed to Louisiana for the ICCAN Fall roundup. ICGMA convention, CGMA convention. And of course we are always open for any opportunity to minister at area churches, any area that we are in at any given time.