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**CASTING CROWNS READIES FOR FOURTH STUDIO ALBUM
UNTIL THE WHOLE WORLD HEARS, DROPPING NOV. 17**

**Title Track Soars to No. 1 this week on *Billboard's* AC-Indicator Radio chart;
No. 2 on National Audience chart with 8.1 Million Weekly Impressions**

**Fans Get an Early Listen to New Music as CrownsFans.com Releases Six Song Preview
Leading Up to Exclusive Yahoo! Music "Early Edition" Feature Nov. 9**

(Nashville, TN) November 2, 2009 – In an unprecedented six-year span, with 4.5 million career album sales, **Casting Crowns** readies for the **Nov. 17** release of its fourth studio album, titled *Until The Whole World Hears*. The five-time Dove Award-winning “**Group of the Year**” remains focused on discipleship through music with its new 11-song collection, featuring boldly-honest lyrics from lead singer/songwriter Mark Hall, giving listeners a fresh, relevant perspective on loving God and loving people. With **Hall's** 18 years in youth ministry, the band's message remains rooted in the student services he has led on a weekly basis since 2001, at Eagles Landing Baptist church near Atlanta.

Hall says, “The songs start out as our messages to the 400 teens and families we see each week at Eagles Landing. Our goal is to live our lives telling others about Jesus – until the whole world hears – those simple words are a challenge to be intentional with the way we live our lives.”

This week, the title track and first single jumps to **No. 1** on *Billboard's* AC-Indicator radio chart marking a **ninth** career chart-topping song for Casting Crowns. The hit song also moves up to **No. 2** on *Billboard's* National Christian Audience chart gaining **8.1 million** weekly impressions.

Scott Smith, Assistant Program Director for the national **KLove** Network, states, “I am so glad we finally have a new Casting Crowns song to play! It's smokin' and the message challenges us as believers to fulfill the Great Commission until the whole world hears!”

Millions of fans can now hear full-song previews exclusively on the band's newly created fan-centric web site, www.crownsfans.com. A new track releases each Tuesday, counting down to the full 11-song album stream launching exclusively Nov. 9 – 16, at **Yahoo! Music**, tallying over 9 million daily impressions. Yahoo! Music will be the first place to hear the entire record prior to street date.

Both **Verizon** and **AT&T** will feature new ring tones from *Until The Whole World Hears* in November. Verizon hosts Casting Crowns for an exclusive artist feature as the only carrier with ring tones of “Glorious Day” and “To Know You,” while AT&T positions Casting Crowns with a full artist feature offering selected new ring tones. Both campaigns run Nov. 5 – 19.

Casting Crowns is currently headlining the 41-city “Until The Whole World Hears Tour” with special guest Matt Redman. For more, visit www.providentpress.com, or www.castingcrowns.com.

Until The Whole World Hears will follow the platinum-selling band's historical debut at No. 2 on *The Billboard 200* chart with 130,000 first-week copies sold of its third album, *The Altar and The Door*.

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About Casting Crowns:

Christian music's GRAMMY, AMA and five-time Dove Award-winning Group of the Year, **Casting Crowns** is headed by frontman/principal songwriter Mark Hall. The Atlanta-based band served as the featured guest artist at the 2009 National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., performing for President Obama, Tony Blair and 3,000 dignitaries. Casting Crowns' third studio recording, *The Altar and The Door*, achieved an historical debut at No. 2 on *The Billboard 200* chart with 130,000 first-week copies sold, making it the highest debut in the country that week and the second highest CD seller of *any kind* in America. The album wrapped 2008 as *Billboard's* No. 1 "Top Christian Album" of the year, and Casting Crowns was ranked the No.1 "Top Christian Album Artist." In April, Casting Crowns performed for a second time in North Korea, in partnership with Global Resource Services, as the band continues to forge invaluable relationships with the people in the D.P.R.K. The same month, Casting Crowns picked up a monumental fifth consecutive win for the prestigious **Group of the Year** award at the 40th Annual GMA Dove Awards, at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

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