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AUSSIE MUSOS TAKE UP THE FIGHT FOR COMPASSION AND JUSTICE

The on-the-road documentary from Sydney worship band Hillsong United secures a national cinematic release next month.

Launched this week in cinemas across Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, and earlier this month in more than 500 cinemas across Canada and the USA, *We're All In This Together* captures the worship experiences, culture, and stories of young people the band has met touring six continents, 42 nations and 93 cities.

Rather than just being an entertaining travelogue of band antics and backstage banter, *We're All In This Together* illustrates the inseparable union of worship and justice.

The compelling and at times intense film inspires people to see injustice, think creatively and act in response.

The film, rated M, is a companion to the *iHeart Revolution - With Hearts As One* CD and DVD project released last year.

More details: <http://www.hoyts.com.au/Movies/Events/Hillsong.aspx>

TOUR OF DUTY FOR AUSSIE

Sonicflood guitarist Phil Baquie has been called up for a one year tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Christian artists have often performed to the troops. But this is probably the first musician from a Christian band who been called to serve in the Afghanistan theatre.

Curiously, Baquie only became an American citizen on November 3.

The Australian who was born in Goulburn NSW has been living in the US for the past ten years.

In addition to his work with Sonicflood, Baquie has pursued a solo career and has worked as the Artist Relations Manager for Mission of Mercy, an organisation that serves the poor in Calcutta, India.

FIREFLIES, LIGHT OF THE WORLD?

TRAA newcomer Owl City has reclaimed the top spot on the Billboard Hot 100 Singles Chart after hitting the #1 position two weeks ago and dropping to number two last week with the smash hit *Fireflies*.

The song continues to break boundaries at Christian and mainstream radio making it one of the most requested songs in the US, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand.

In one week alone, *Fireflies* sold an amazing 200 000 digital singles bringing sales totals to more than a million.

Livedaily.com describes Owl City's music is "Nine Inch Nails trading dark for light".

Owl City hits the road across the US in January, Europe in February, plus Australia and New Zealand in March.