

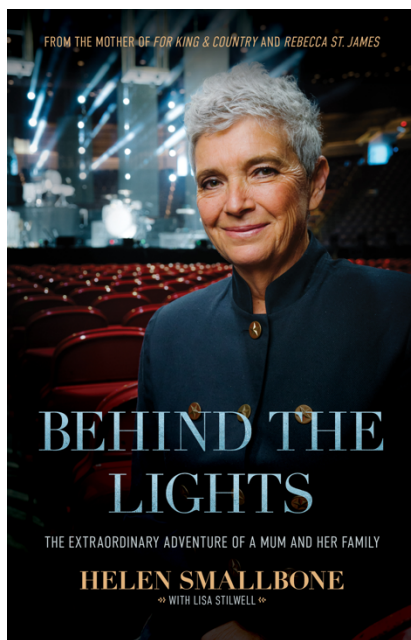


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Helen Smallbone Recounts Life ‘*Behind the Lights*’ The Extraordinary Adventure of a Mum and Her Family

FROM THE MOTHER OF GRAMMY-WINNING ARTISTS
FOR KING & COUNTRY AND *REBECCA ST. JAMES*



Nashville, Tenn. (January 24, 2021) – Helen and David Smallbone were raising their six children in Australia when a devastating business setback wiped out their family’s livelihood. With no prospects in their home country and a new baby on the way, they realized God was opening doors in the U.S. In an enormous leap of faith, the Smallbone family relocated halfway around the globe to Nashville, Tennessee.

Three decades later, the Smallbone family has inspired millions of people with their radical faith and the Grammy-winning musical talent of *Rebecca St. James* and *for KING & COUNTRY* (Joel & Luke Smallbone). Now Helen Smallbone offers readers a behind-the-scenes view of their family life in ***Behind the Lights: The Extraordinary Adventure of a Mum and Her Family*** (K-LOVE Books, April 12, 2022).

“I wrote ***Behind the Lights*** to encourage and challenge families to live differently – outside the box – seeking God’s will rather than

their own,” Helen writes. “I look back on our family adventure, and I see God’s hand everywhere. At one point we lost everything, yet God redeemed every loss beyond what we could have hoped for or imagined. It is my hope that our story will inspire you to embrace God’s plans for you without fear or hesitation.”

Helen has lived faithfully behind the stage lights and curtains – teaching, guiding, admonishing, and encouraging as she modeled a life of prayer. ***Behind the Lights*** includes full-color family photos plus “where are they now” profiles for each member of the family. Helen Smallbone unfolds unforgettable stories of God’s faithfulness across her six decades of life, including:

- Meeting her future husband while she was still a teenager in Australia – with a cockatoo riding on her shoulder
- Seeking God’s direction after their business failed in Sydney, and living by faith as God called them to move halfway round the globe
- Arriving at an empty house in Nashville with no defined source of income, and meeting the challenge with an all-hands-on-deck family work ethic

- Learning the ropes of homeschooling seven children – while on the road with music tours
- Launching Rebecca’s music ministry and overcoming the loneliness of her teenage life
- Discovering the individual talents of all seven children and preparing each to follow God’s leading in their lives – wherever it may lead

“Millions of families admire the Grammy-winning music, creativity and faithful lives displayed by the Smallbone family,” comments Dave Schroeder, K-LOVE Books publisher. “K-LOVE Books is honored to publish Helen’s memoir of their family adventure, which highlights the faithfulness of God to all who dare to follow His lead.”

K-LOVE Books is supporting the launch of ***Behind the Lights*** with extensive media and marketing efforts:

- ◇ International publicity campaign targeting major Christian media the U.S. and Australia
- ◇ Social media promotion to the 1M+ social media followers of Helen’s children, music artists Rebecca St. James and for KING & COUNTRY
- ◇ Promotion through MUMlife, a ministry and podcast for mothers, co-founded by Helen Smallbone with Helen Houle
- ◇ Bookstore author events in Nashville and other U.S. cities

HELEN SMALLBONE is the co-founder of MUMlife (MUMlife.org) and co-host of the MUMlife Community Podcast. Her passion is encouraging mothers and families with the God-breathed wisdom she has gleaned during 32 years of active mothering. Born and raised in Australia, Helen dedicated her life to Christ as a teen at a Billy Graham Crusade. Now the mother of seven and grandmother of thirteen, Helen lives near Nashville, Tennessee, with her husband David and a small menagerie of animals.

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