

With 'Close to You' Adri helps us to get closer to God

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Hearing Adri Vermeulen sing is a bit like feeling that one is eavesdropping into heaven. Her serene voice sounds like bells ringing, water falling, an angel singing... God blessed Adri with an extraordinary talent. Not only does she sing beautifully, but He anointed her to lead people into His presence by doing what she loves.

What makes Adri's ministry extraordinary is the fact that she is a humble person who knows that her authority comes from God only and that she can't accompany people to His Throne Room on her own. Adri knew difficult times in her life. After her father committed suicide a few days after her and Dries' marriage, she became depressed and addicted to prescription drugs. For nearly five years Adri "dwelled in the desert" until God miraculously pulled her out of it and healed her – physically and mentally. She started to use the talents He gave her to serve Him by joining her local church's art ministry and by taking singing lessons to further develop her voice. In time she became a worship leader and serves especially in her congregation and at women's conferences throughout South Africa. This way she became what God had meant for her to be.

Naby U/Close to You is Adri's début album, which was directed by Louis Brittz. There are both original and well known worship songs on the album, written by known songwriters such as Louis Brittz himself, David Rius, Willie Kamffer, Jim Cowan and John Barnett as well as by talented newcomers, Abri Brancken and Dinti Lotz.

Adri and Dries live in Pretoria, where they both still serve in their congregation's art ministry. Dries manages her technical support when she has to minister somewhere else.

To book Adri for ministering in your congregation, to order her CD, *Naby U/Close to You*, or to find out more about her, read an in depth interview with her on www.adrivermeulen.co.za or contact her at adri.vermeulen@gmail.com or 083 320 2608.