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JARS OF CLAY'S 'LONG FALL' RISES TO CAPTURE SIX GMA DOVE AWARD NOMINATIONS

Band Honored In Artist, Group and Song of the Year Categories, Among Others

(Nashville, Tenn.) February 18, 2010 – Veteran progressive band **Jars of Clay** may have reinvented its sound with last year's *The Long Fall Back To Earth*, but its peers in the Christian music community continued to honor band members in some familiar ways, with the band picking up six nominations for this year's **GMA Dove Awards**.

The group was well represented in the GMA Dove Awards' general categories, picking up mentions in the **Artist of the Year** and **Group of the Year** categories, as well as inclusion for **Song of the Year** for **"Two Hands."**

The Long Fall Back To Earth was also nominated as **Pop/Contemporary Album of the Year**, as well as notching two slots in the creative category **Recorded Music Packaging of the Year**, for the standard and limited editions of the project.

But the band will not be partaking in any celebratory beverages in honor of its nomination slate, as band members are in the early stages of its annual "40 Days of Water" benefit for its long-time charitable concern Blood:Water Mission. Jars of Clay, along with many other artists and fans, undertake drinking water as their only beverage for 40 days (coinciding with the Lenten season) and donating the savings to support local water projects in Uganda. For more information, go to 40days.bloodwatermission.com.

About Jars of Clay

Jars of Clay launched its breakout career with the multi-format hit "Flood" in 1995. Since then, it's amassed more than six million in career sales (5 Gold, 2 Platinum and 1 double Platinum certification), 3 GRAMMY Awards (from 8 nominations), an American Music Award nod, 17 No. 1 radio hits, and numerous film credits and BMI honors for songwriting and performing. Its recent **GRAMMY** nominated tenth album, *The Long Fall Back to Earth* (April 21), debuted at No. 1 on SoundScan.

While celebrated for its music and writing, Jars of Clay is most concerned with the needs in Africa. Compelled to make a difference, members Dan Haseltine, Stephen Mason, Matt Odmark and Charlie Lowell founded the Blood:Water Mission in early 2002. The first effort of this non-profit was the "1000 Wells Project" with a goal of raising funds to build, rebuild and repair 1,000 wells in urban and rural areas of sub-Saharan Africa. This year Jars of Clay will celebrate the building of the 1,000th well which will bring clean water to more than 150,000 people. (www.bloodwatermission.com)

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