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Greetings again from Ceili Bob!

It's hard to believe that it's been almost a year now since Ceili Rain released CR6 in July 2009 titled I MADE LEMONADE. Even more so it's been some 22 months since we first put the call out for CD sponsorship. Lord knows, as do many of you, the trials, the tribulations, the sadness and the joy that has occurred in my life...in our lives...since that time. It wasn't much more than a week after we officially released I MADE LEMONADE did my email box start to fill with notes from all different types of folks offering feedback from "my heart fluttered when I saw my name in your booklet", to "OK...I officially feel cool to have been listed as a sponsor in your CD insert." Many notes asked...no begged... me to make sure I contacted them should we decide to do it again. Others who got missed or caught in the cracks sent notes like "you have no idea how disappointed I was to have missed the deadline", or "I can't believe I didn't know anything about this. I would have been on the top of the list." To read this kind of response kinda choked me up. It made me realize how important relationships are in my life...in ALL of our lives. It is these very relationships that inspire me, make me wonder, make me humble...and most of all...make me WRITE songs!

So hear I am. Back on the hill calling on the city to gather with financial, emotional and spiritual support. Initially I didn't see myself going up this hill. The LEMONADE stand was doing well and brought some new fans to the backlist catalog as well. But recently, a personal family near-tragedy struck when my son was a victim of a violent crime and medical bills have taken their toll on anything and everything (hoping for financial restitution, but it will be what it will be). We are working on sorting out those issues now, but in my heart of hearts, the music must go on. So I write... and through the tears, the anger, the frustration and all the other emotions of this experience and others, I arrive on the hill with MANUKA HONEY. I know it's a quirky name, but that's me and this project is filled with songs about radical and healing love. There are more love songs, and songs to make you love. There are more hot button issues, and buttons that shouldn't be issues at all. It's a different Ceili than you've ever heard before! We're taking a new approach, however, to getting this one out there once it is complete. Of course we'll have a "suggested" price (for those who can), but for those with no dough, who *need* this CD, we're going to send it to them for whatever they can give us. This gives new life to your role as a sponsor. No preset donation limits this time. Donate via Paypal for ease and convenience. Give little change or big change but most importantly... BE the change and be hip to the love.

We'll set up a webpage (as we did for CR6) so you can follow our progress and every contributor will be recognized for their "love" offering. Every donor will have an opp to pre-purchase advance copies for a "*significant*" discounted price off the suggested for a limited time (probably just after the New Year). We expect the CD to release mid February 2011. Shorter timeframe, so we gotta act now.

We've done it before, we can do it again and all I can say is THANKS...just THANKS.