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NASHVILLE (RNS)-The Texas-based Christian group MercyMe recently was named artist of the year by the Gospel Music Association.

The band also won Dove Awards for group of the year and pop/contemporary recorded song of the year for "Word of God Speak."

Mercyme, a Christian music group based in Greenville, was named artist if the year by the Gospel Music Association.
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That song, composed by band leader Bart Millard of Highland Terrace Baptist Church in Greenville and co-writer Pete Kipley, was named song of the year.

Jonathan Foreman, lead singer of Switchfoot, won the most Dove trophies, earning three with his band and three individually.

His band won top rock recorded song for "Ammunition" and best rock/contemporary recorded song for "Meant to Live."

Their album featuring both tracks, "The Beautiful Letdown," was recognized as rock/contemporary album of the year.

In addition, Foreman won two Doves for his songwriting and one for his production of that album.

Stacie Orrico was honored as female vocalist of the year and also for top pop/contemporary album for her self-titled project and short form video of the year for "(There's Gotta Be) More to Life."

Jeremy Camp earned two Dove Awards, one for male vocalist of the year and another for new artist of the year.

Other winners of two honors included the Crabb Family, the Martins, Smokie Norful, Michael Tait, Third Day, Randy Travis and CeCe Winans.

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