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Donovan and Ras go on the record ...

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TWO Bermudian brothers are making news this week, one in the world of gospel and the other in the area of international photography.

Troy Donovan and Ras Mykkal are the sons of Bermudian Jean Simons, who has lived in Shelbyville, Tennessee for the past six years.

Troy also lives in Shelbyville, and he has this week released a CD of gospel recordings under his stage name of Donovan.

Mrs. Simons, who manages her son's musical career, reported that Troy has been performing in Puerto Rico and near his Shelbyville home, at community functions.

"This recording project is a strong effort on Troy's behalf to achieve his goal as a travelling gospel performing artist," Mrs. Simons said. "He is very hopeful of

performing in Bermuda, his home country," she added.

Troy is currently working as a freelance graphic artist. He designed the cover and liner notes of his new CD, which follows an earlier recording he released on cassette.

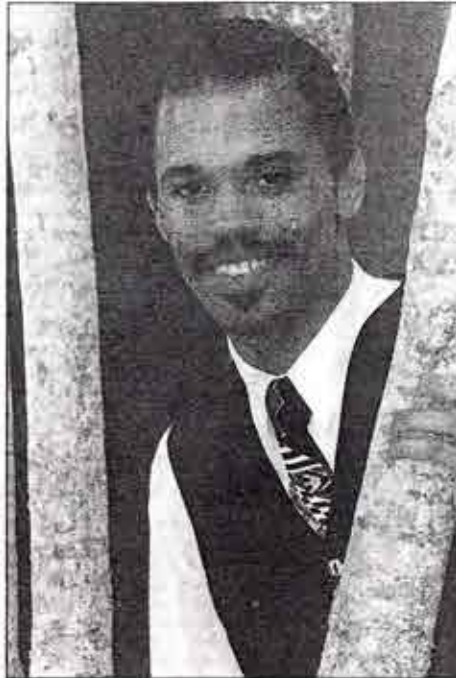
"Troy divides his time between his graphic arts and singing at local community churches and events," his mother said.

Troy's brother Ras, whose photographic work the *Mid-Ocean News* has published extensively, helped with the production of the CD.

Ras is now working in Jamaica, his mother said, as a freelance photographer with a music magazine, which is "sending him all over".

Ras is also working on a CD history of reggae music.

Although copies of Donovan's new CD have not yet reached Bermuda, inquiries may be made at ABC Natural Foods on King Street or the Christian Bookstore and Gift Centre on Burnaby Street.



Picture: Ras Mykkal

□ Troy Donovan, who has released a gospel CD