



KINGDOM SENDING CENTER

The Vision

Fulfilling God's End-time Harvest Mandate

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THE INITIAL CALL

I never heard of a “sending center”—and neither had anyone else I knew—until one afternoon in Chicago shortly after Heidi Baker had finished speaking to the large conference crowd. She said if we cleared all the chairs out and everyone got down as low as possible and waited, Jesus would come and walk among us.

I felt very little while lying on the carpet for nearly an hour, but suddenly I heard a strong inner voice say, “I want you to start a ‘sending center.’” Of course, I really didn’t know what that meant, but it went along with my burden to help Iris Ministries (founded by Rolland and Heidi Baker) by training workers that would really become a great asset on the field.

I visited mission bases, met the volunteers, and was saddened by some of their attitudes and actions. It was in my heart to help prepare the very best missionary candidates possible. I wouldn’t worry so much about academic education, but more about the ability to die to personal ambition, rights and comforts of life. There was such a need for those who would be peacemakers and not troublemakers, those who loved unity more than they loved being right.

Within a day or two, I was on the phone with Shara Pradhan, Heidi’s personal assistant at the time. She surprised me with the statement, “I believe God wants

you to start a sending center.” Shara had prophesied a number of things into my life the day I met her in Pemba, Mozambique, and her prophetic words had been very accurate and impacting. This fresh word was all the confirmation I needed.

But how do you start a sending center, when you don’t have a clear idea of what it is? In addition, we had little in the way of financial resources. Our ministry, Open Heart Ministries, did not own any property or have any significant monetary assets. Brenda and I traveled a good deal of the time around North America and also Africa and Asia and had only our home as a base of operations.

We have lived by faith and have gone wherever God opened the doors. Brenda is an amazing speaker and encourager through personal prophecy. As a team, we hosted conferences in the Chicago region and had a number of faithful friends in the area, but we never made our personal or ministry needs known or solicited funds in any way, except to take up offerings at the conferences we hosted, to pay expenses and give to our speakers.

Since we have been committed to not publicizing our needs or asking for meetings or financial support, we were not in a position to raise money for a project that we couldn’t even clearly explain or provide reasonable structure. We could pray and share the vision with those

who were interested, but that wasn't going to build a facility, hire workers or recruit candidates for the sending center.

I did begin to share the vision when I had opportunity and we kept ministering to the people God brought across our path whenever He opened the doors. People liked the idea of the sending center and encouraged us to pursue it.

PHASE ONE – MISSION TRIPS WITH PREPARATION

I continued to take teams of hungry folk to Mozambique every summer as the first phase of the 'sending center' operation. We required those planning on going to Africa with us to attend at least one Missions Prep 101 weekend session. We shared our hearts with those going, letting them know that our ultimate purpose was to get some of them "hooked" on missions so they would want to go for a longer time to serve Iris Ministries on the field.

We also spent time preparing them with the practical information regarding passports, visas, inoculations and malaria medications. I would teach them a few words and phrases in Portuguese, which is the official language of Mozambique. It wasn't a full missions course but it gave them a head start, and we could really stress the importance of leaving their rights behind and going with a servant's heart.

The results have been very rewarding. We have taken as many as twenty-nine and as few as five, but we led teams every summer since 2005. From the first team until the most recent, the Iris staff has told us our teams are the best and serve with such good hearts and attitudes. It's a reputation that we will try to preserve. Our relationship with Heidi and Rolland has also gone to new levels and they always express profound appreciation for the way that we have labored to partner with them.

A couple of years went by without much more happening as far as the development of the sending center. Shara Pradhan once again spoke with me and encouraged me not to be in a hurry because the process would not kick in for a couple of years. I was a little disappointed to hear that, but since I had no way of getting things going, I rested in that word and waited to see what God might do.

THE CASE FOR A SENDING CENTER VS. A MINISTRY TRAINING CENTER

Why did God want us to start a sending center? What was the difference between a sending center and a ministry or missions training center. Obviously, it had to do with the word, "sending."

Brenda and I had been working more and more with the younger generation, in part because our two youngest sons (born in our early forties) were maturing into young adults and we had the benefit of connecting with many of their friends. We had given prophetic words to thousands of their contemporaries in America and other nations. I also encouraged them through prophetic preaching and teaching that they had a tremendous destiny to steward the great end-time harvest and revival.

We were connected with such ministries as the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry in Redding, California, and of course, the Harvest School of Missions in Pemba, Mozambique. These three in particular have outstanding ministry training schools that have impacted our family and close personal friends.

What we discovered, however, was that once a student graduated from one of their programs, they were often left on their own to pursue their destiny. Many of those students came from churches that didn't quite understand the vision of these training schools. Those who had been trained ended up returning to their churches, many were just assimilated back into the traditional programs they had come from.

One gal, in particular, highlighted this situation to me. Brenda had literally prophesied her out of depression and rebellion. We had encouraged her to attend a six-month training at one of the schools mentioned above. She was tremendously impacted and benefited greatly from the training, but was never given the encouragement and help she needed to apply her training in a practical way and move on to the next level. She was from a great church, but they didn't have the vision for what she had been trained to do. We were saddened to see her just settling back into the same lifestyle as before.

What seems to be missing is the sending component for those who are trained by the top schools in our apostolic, prophetic movement. Many denominations are highly organized to facilitate sending after the required training, but in this movement we have a major weakness in the area of sending that needs to be addressed. We acknowledge that all three of the aforementioned ministries are co-laboring with God and kingdom leaders to address this issue and meet this unmet need. We are a ministry God has called to be forerunners in highlighting and facilitating the sending component of positioning people for the harvest.

God highlighted to me the Scripture passage in Romans 10:13-15. It starts by saying that "whoever calls on the

name of the Lord shall be saved.” It goes on to ask the questions, “how will they call on His name if they haven’t heard of Him, and how will they hear of Him if no one is there to preach to them?”

Finally verse 15 declares: “And how shall they preach unless they are sent?” An excellent question to ask today, but it leads us to another question: What does it mean to be sent?

There are four major aspects of sending.

1. Sending involves training: making sure those who are sent are equipped with the necessary tools for the job they are being sent to do.

2. Sending involves commissioning by leaders. It is the apostolic and prophetic affirmation that God has called a man or woman and is asking them to go where He is sending them. This confirmation of one’s call is tremendously important and is a great blessing, especially during times of difficulty and opposition, which will always come.

3. Sending involves networking and matching people with needs and ministry opportunities.

4. Sending involves ongoing support including financial support. Typical ministry schools train and commission, usually charging tuition to cover the costs of teaching but

there is seldom a sufficient flow of provision to cover the costs of sending and supporting the increasing number of ministry trainees.

God has called Kingdom Sending Center (KSC) to fulfill all four key aspects of sending, including the financial aspect. The question is How?

First of all, God has connected us with certain people in the Kingdom who have been given keys to facilitate a transfer of wealth from the world to the church. It's coming in the future, but it has not yet come into play and may still be several years away.

Meanwhile, God has called us to focus mostly on the first three aspects of sending and when the time comes for the masses to be sent, the finances will also become available. In fact, there has already been a small amount of financing of the sending of individuals into places of ministry and training. This is small change compared to the vision we have for the future, but it represents the beginnings of the birthing process we notice when God is accomplishing His purposes.

GOD GIVES US HIS DREAM TEAM LEADERS

A few years back, we came into a closer relationship with a couple who had wonderful personalities and people skills and great personal resumes. Most importantly, we

discovered that they already had the same strong vision and calling to raise up and send people into their destinies.

Their names are Ron and Valerie Coltman. Both have ministry experience with Campus Crusade for Christ and some pastoral ministry experience with Willowcreek Community Church and Association. Ron has held a management position in marketing and administration. Frankly, I didn't really comprehend what God was doing in sending them our way. I had no idea that they would be the ones to take the ball and run with it.

We were greatly blessed with the way they administrated our larger conferences in the Chicago region. Yet Ron and Valerie had a desire to do much more than semi-annual conferences. They began to develop a team with a strong desire for involvement in meaningful ministry. Soon they were connecting with many gifted, talented people in ministry and the market place. After helping us to get a new 501c-3 status as a non-profit ministry under the name, Kingdom Sending Center, they began conducting two or three weekend trainings every month.

THE SENDING CENTER BEGINS TO EMERGE

Friday night encounter meetings include a powerful worship session that lasts an hour or more, followed by

some sharing and then some rather extensive personal ministry. It was an opportunity for everyone to either receive prophetic or healing ministry or to practice doing it, or both. Although the meetings began with modest attendance, it wasn't long until the meeting locations were being filled to capacity and the excitement was tangible.

On Saturdays, people were being trained in many aspects of effective Christianity. One of the first and most repeated was the training for inner healing, which we call, "SOZO," the Biblical word that means total healing, deliverance and salvation. At KSC, we are united in the belief that all Christians, especially our team members and those we prepare to send need to experience ongoing inner healing to remove the pain and sin patterns from their past so the enemy has less open access into their responses to life's challenges. We are committed to living "SOZO" or continuously appropriating the fullness of salvation in community as a lifestyle. The result is individuals working in greater harmony and unity as part of a team.

Weekend trainings focus on prophetic ministry, intimacy, healthy marriage and family relationships, out-of-the-box worship, the ministry of the Holy Spirit and a variety of other topics. The team works diligently on the materials for these

trainings and everything was done with the highest standard of excellence.

People are coming from every direction to take part in giving and receiving ministry and getting excited about these events. So much so that they are bringing new people every month when the event returns to their region, whether in Elgin or Lombard, Illinois or Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

INTERNS

Several years ago, God began placing young adults and some older teens in our home and the homes of the Coltmans and Fergusons. We called them “interns” and gave them a free place to stay so they could dedicate themselves to ministry and worship. At present, Brenda and I host four young adults and other KSC leaders have many living in their home or coming and going on a regular basis. It is another aspect of KSC that reflects the initial manifestation of a calling to equip His saints for ministry and the expansion of His Kingdom through the holistic approach of discipleship within the community of a family-like home atmosphere.

DIVINE CONNECTIONS

Early on in the process, because of our many contacts from previous home and church meetings and conferences

in the area, and because of all the new contacts Ron and Valerie were making, leaders of a number of smaller ministries began to ask us to provide an apostolic and prophetic covering for them. These relationships have grown and have broadened our sphere of influence and opened more doors for us as a sending center.

Our passion is to give support to any ministry with a God-given vision that involves equipping, empowering, and positioning workers for the end-time harvest. We are not seeking to build up our own ministry to use and control others. We simply want to get as many spiritually healed and equipped people into the harvest fields of the world, as possible and we want to do it as quickly as possible. Jesus told us to pray for the laborers to be sent into the harvest, and we want to cooperate with Him. May God keep our hearts and motives pure as long as KSC exists.

Recently, as the vision of KSC has become known, we have been invited by other ministries to partner with them to help equip and send workers into specific world-wide mission opportunities. This is another new and exciting development, which came not because we asked for it, but because of the faithfulness, dedication and integrity of our leadership team and God's favor.

THE TEAM TAKES SHAPE

Under Open Heart Ministries, we had a wonderful team of supporters, who would do anything we asked them to, including serving at conferences and other large meetings. We have mentored a number who could minister prophetically and help administrate events. They include the Fergusons, the Myers, the Danielsons, the Hurless's, the Robbins, the Nordlings and many others.

But God knew that the Kingdom Sending Center needed the leadership of a very gifted and pure-hearted couple to put all the pieces together. It was honestly a job that Brenda and I could never have done. It was not our gift. When Ron and Valerie came on the scene, everything began to shift and the Kingdom Sending Center began to take shape. Valerie, having a gift for helping people use their gifts in practical ways, soon developed a smooth functioning team.

As the ministry grew, so did the team. People began to attend the twice-a-month house fellowship meetings and other trainings provided by the Coltman's and Ferguson's. They loved the leadership and the harmonious atmosphere they encountered in KSC relationships. More have volunteered to join the team.

All came with many talents and spiritual gifts to offer. When the sending center vision was birthed, I had no idea

where the staff would come from, but God knew and He has been developing the ministry team now for some time. It is composed of people of every age group. Many are much younger than I would have expected, but they will equip their own generation, working together with older and more experienced leaders. Everyone has a place and a function in the harvest.

THE SENDING CONCEPT EXPANDS

My original vision was simply to equip and send more qualified workers for Iris Ministries and other missions as God led. Yet in the past two years or so, God has been radically expanding that vision.

I was introduced a couple years ago to the Seven Mountains of Society concept through Lance Walnau. The seven mountains include, Family, Religion, Government, Education, Arts and Entertainment, Media and Communication, and Business and Finance. God inspired me to write two books combining a revelation of Kings under the King of kings with the “Seven Mountains” concept. The books are entitled Kings and Kingdoms and Finding Your Place on Your Kingdom Mountain.

After writing these books, God began to show me that the sending center was not only for foreign missions, but also to send spiritually equipped people into every

mountain of society. This was a huge expansion of the original vision, but I am sure that is exactly what God has called us to do.

We often say to others, “Your vision is too small,” so my own vision was far too small. I now believe we will be training and sending many thousands of people into their places of destiny on their kingdom mountain.

OUR BIBLICAL MODELS FOR SENDING

1. Our first model is Jesus with His disciples. He first chose twelve disciples to walk with Him and learn from Him. They were expected to be followers, servants and students. After hearing and observing Him for some time, He sent them out to preach His message to others. They said what He said and did what He did. They preached the Kingdom of Heaven, healed the sick and cast out devils, just like He did. Jesus did the same with the seventy who were sent out after the twelve.

We desire to train and send people into the surrounding communities or wherever God opens doors for them in short term ministry assignments. But ultimately, Jesus gave His disciples a commission to go into all the world, not just their neighborhoods. We see this fulfilled in the book of Acts.

2. Our second model is the early church. We read that people were taught by the apostles in daily fellowship and gatherings. Various new leaders emerged as their anointings were recognized by the church. Some were chosen as deacons. Others were called evangelists, prophets or teachers.

Acts 13 is the strongest and clearest model we wish to pattern ourselves after. Leaders of the church in Antioch met after a time of fasting and prayer. The Holy Spirit clearly spoke (probably through one or more of the prophets) and told them to set Barnabus and Saul apart for the ministry God called them to. So being “sent by the Holy Spirit,” they traveled together on their first major missionary journey.

As a leadership team, we want to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit clearly before we send anyone on a major assignment. We anticipate customizing our curriculum to accommodate the leading of Holy Spirit and the needs of individuals.

People require different amounts of preparation to get ready. Barnabus and Saul (Paul) were not sent until the Holy Spirit said they were ready, and we desire to follow this model as much as possible. We anticipate people will continue to be trained and faithfully serve where they are planted until God clearly calls them into another place to serve Him.

NOT A “NORMAL” SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

We do not want to have traditional curriculum with a predetermined graduation time, and we also do not want to charge tuition. We believe all training should be free of charge and those who receive can give into the ministry as they are able.

Let me share my heart on this issue. The conventional concept of training is you go to college or university to receive an education for your own personal profit. Thus, you are buying something of value for your own benefit when you pay your tuition. When you graduate, you have a diploma or degree that supposedly will help you get a job and earn better income for yourself.

We want to impart the concept that Kingdom Sending Center does not exist so you can get a better position in life. It exists for God and His Kingdom expansion. If you become a part of KSC, it is because you love God and His Kingdom and are seeking Him first, not your own personal gain.

When tuition is charged, the school becomes dependent on having enough students attending to pay the expenses of the school. Often colleges advertise for students and promote what the school can do for the student. The student becomes a consumer and shops for the school that will best enable him or her to be

successful in life. As a result, the school must adjust its priorities to appeal to the desires of the students. Thus the purity of purpose and vision can easily be perverted by the need for finances.

Our vision is that God will provide funding from various sources and individuals who also want to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Students will be taught that the training received is worth much more than they could ever afford. They will learn about laying down their lives for Jesus as He has laid down His life for them. They will internalize God's grace—His free gift—as they experience it in action with free tuition.

The students will be sent out with the knowledge that the training was not for their sakes primarily, but for Jesus and His Kingdom. However, we believe that they will receive the joy and fulfillment of serving the King of kings and Lord of lords with greatly enhanced spiritual skills, gifts and passions.

HOW CAN WE DO THIS?

We do this just like we have done everything else in our ministry—by faith in the One who called us to do it. If God doesn't do it, it won't get done, but what is truly His will and plan will be accomplished.

God may provide through contributions of all kinds, including donations for the books and materials, which are available on our website as well as on the public market, including e-readers such as Kindles. He may also provide through a handful of individuals, whom He has blessed with the power to get wealth and who love His Kingdom.

Ultimately, we anticipate a large transfer of wealth into the hands of God's people. By that time, KSC will have grown and developed to a much greater degree. When finances increase, I anticipate the purchase of land, buildings and the hiring of additional staff.

KHOP—KINGDOM HOUSE OF PRAYER

One day Brenda gave a prophetic word to Valerie Coltman. She said KSC is not yet complete. There is another twin to be born. This was at first a mystery to both of them. Within two weeks, Valerie knew what the twin was. She knew they were to start a house of prayer.

Within months, the second baby was born, and what a beautiful baby it is. Our young interns did most of the work and creative planning for the building we have leased for this aspect of the ministry.

Under the direction of Jill Ruh, KHOP is a collaboration of several ministries that are in close partnership. We rejoice in the incredible unity that flows throughout the

KSC network of ministries and ministry partners. We all enjoy the freedom that comes from a common passion to equip and send laborers into the Master's harvest field.

As time goes on, the vision will continue to expand and connect with other pure-hearted individuals and ministries. Until then, we rejoice in what God has already done. For instance, we always envisioned a House of Prayer being an integral part of KSC, but we didn't anticipate it having its own physical location before we had a facility for KSC. It has been in our hearts, however, that a good part of each day would be spent in deep worship and intimate time with the Lord.

As I shared in the book *Kings and Kingdoms*, David is our model and he was first a worshipper, then a warrior and then a king. Only those who are true worshippers make trustworthy warriors and faithful kings, serving the King of kings. Intimacy with God is the top priority and number one on our list of values for KSC.

A SCHOOL IS BEING BIRTHED

At the time of this writing, plans are being worked on for a training school that will incorporate what KSC is already doing with weekly classes and other activities. Our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to put this together. They have chosen a name for the school that is simple but unique, prophetic and very meaningful. The name of the school is TWELVE.

Twelve will take the Kingdom Sending Center to a new level. Among other things, it will allow those who must still work for a living to receive a great deal of ministry training through a part-time ministry school. The school will be of the highest quality and use the best resources available.

A MODEL FOR OTHERS

We have a number of prophetic confirmations that God has asked us to pioneer and model something that other ministries with the same vision can duplicate all over the world.

We have no desire to franchise a type of ministry and control or dictate anything to anyone. Our model is not ours. We still do not fully know what the outcome will be. Everything we have belongs to God and His Kingdom and we offer what we have learned in this process to anyone else who wants what we have or what we expect to have in the near future. We are simply stewards of a vision and it does not belong to us. We will not patent or copyright our model or seek to profit from it.

If this short booklet has inspired you, we welcome your feedback at: www.kingdomsendingcenter.org. My personal email is ohmint@gmail.com.

We welcome your input, prayer and financial investments for the harvest. You may find additional information about current activities on our website.

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The Ultimate Convergence

Convergence has been a buzzword in Kingdom streams for the past few years. Ben Peters believes that God is preparing for the greatest convergence of natural and spiritual elements of all time, in preparation for His great harvest and His Son's return to earth.

Whenever God chose to inhabit an earthly dwelling place, He made significant preparations for His coming, giving detailed specifications for each chosen habitation, including the style of building, the style of worship, the financing of the structure and the way He manifested His presence. In *The Ultimate Convergence*, you will discover what can happen if a substantial number of these characteristics converged on the earth.



Kings and Kingdoms

It is often said that Christians should be busy building the Kingdom of God and not our own little kingdoms. There is truth in that, but one problem: the Bible says Jesus has made us kings and priests to our God—how can we be kings unless we have kingdoms to rule over?

In this book, Ben Peters explores what it means to be a king under the authority of Jesus Christ, who is King of kings, and how you can seek first the Kingdom of God by fulfilling your role as king over the domain God has given you.

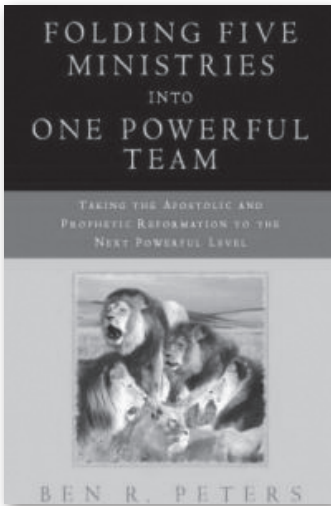
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Prophetic Ministry: Strategic Key to the Harvest

The Harvest is ready; are you ready to gather it? Jesus said, the harvest is ripe, and He told His church to bring it in. God has given us the powerful tool of prophetic ministry to show His love and care to those who do not yet know the Lord Jesus Christ by revealing His plans and purposes for them.

Ben, along with his wife, Brenda, know from first-hand experience the value and effectiveness of prophetic ministry as an evangelistic tool. Learn what prophetic ministry is and how it builds up, encourages and activates believers for harvest evangelism. Included is practical encouragement on how to hear prophetic words from God with greater clarity and how prophetic ministry can help you overcome the fear of evangelism.



Folding Five Ministries into One Powerful Team

Folding Five Ministries Into One Powerful Team is a revolutionary book that takes the Apostolic and Prophetic Reformation to the next level. It gives the Church a vision for what can be accomplished when we empower each ministry to do what it can do best as part of God's team.

Birthing the Book Within You

The Library of Heaven is full of books waiting to be written on Earth. Perhaps you have said, "I know I'm supposed to write a book, but I just haven't done it yet." You have vision for it—it's a work of art, your creativity—but getting it from your heart and mind into a beautifully crafted book seems a far-fetched goal.

In this book, Ben coaches you on how to do it. Modern technology has simplified the process of writing and publishing your own book, yet Ben offers spiritual insight and inspiration along with many practical tips to help give birth to the book within you.

