

Background for the Development of Value 6 – Nurturing Community

(Please note: This letter was written prior to the 2021 ILA Leader's Assembly in Egypt and also prior to the transitions that are taking place in the KKI leadership structure.)

The following gives the background for the formation of the “Nurturing Community” core value, the value which previously had been included in our KKI value of “Team Leadership.” After much prayer and discussion by the KKI International Leadership Team (ILT), the decision was made to now have it as a “stand alone” core value in our ministry—value #6. This indicates the further strengthening of our commitment to and involvement with biblically-based communities in our KKI global ministry family.

When our “Team Leadership” value was first recognized, based on key formative scriptures we had received during the birthing of KKI, our primary involvement as KKI was with programs engaged in worship, prayer, discipleship and outreach. In the midst of these we recognized how important the role of team leadership is to the effectiveness and functioning of our programs, especially with camps and outreaches. We also recognized the importance of partnering and networking with the rest of YWAM, local churches and other like-minded ministries, so these factors were listed as principles in the existing “Team Leadership” KKI value.

More recently as a KKI ILT, we have come to recognize, through continuing “words of the Lord” and various experiences, the importance of the wider expression of Kingdom relationships in the form of Kingdom community life, beyond programs. Initially, this led to dividing the former KKI value of “The Importance of Family and the Linking of Generations” into two separate stand-alone values. Now, we are seeking to discover how our Father would have us better understand and engage with what He has spoken to us about leadership, as well as how to live His Kingdom together, as we apply these two core values of Team Leadership and Nurturing Community in our daily lives and programs, including as we reach out.

All of this was initially brought to our attention in 2005 with a word from Rev. 3:1-3. Through this passage, our Father admonished us as a ministry to wake up! His message was that in spite of the many good existing KKI programs, we would have a limited future unless we developed beyond programs to a sustainable, multipliable way of living our values in everyday life. This lifestyle would need to be supported by dependable closely-knit relationships involving family, generations and what we came to understand to be community-based Kingdom living.

Soon after this word from the Lord in 2005 – with subsequent prayer and processing – the KKI ILT of that time agreed on the importance of our KKI ministry pursuing this Kingdom life factor. We then met with the existing YWAM senior leadership, agreeing together with them to see KKI develop further into Kingdom life expressions not limited to but including KKI programs. This act of unified commitment is described in the “KKI Journey/History” document (available on the kki.global website). This agreement, together with a realignment process of prioritizing above all our ministry to the Lord--as part of our Levitical calling--has been in a process of further application since that time.

We are endeavoring to better understand and commit afresh to who our Father has called us to be as a KKI ministry; how we are to relate to Him, each other and those He leads us to serve. We recognize that our ministry is truly defined by our beliefs, purpose, core values and supportive principles. We are seeking to further clarify and strengthen these in order to be prepared to take next steps with our Heavenly Father into the future He has lovingly prepared for us, and to ratify and freshly commit to them during the coming KKI International Leadership Assembly in Alexandria, Egypt from July 30th to August 8th, 2021.

With this in mind, we spent much time in prayer and processing within our current KKI ILT, further served by the efforts of those working on our Values and Principles documents. We recognized and were challenged by recurring prophetic words to us as a ministry regarding “shakings” (Hebrews 12:26-29) our

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Father has warned us about and that are now taking place throughout the nations, including the Covid virus. We believe Our Father's intent in allowing these challenges to take place is to provide us with a merciful wake-up call arising from His loving desire that all would be saved and drawn to the three unshakable things, which are Himself, His Word and His Unshakable Kingdom. Based on these three never-changing realities, we believe He is inviting us to learn to live and share His promised and provided for "Unshakable Kingdom." This, together with God's promise of a coming global spiritual awakening, which He is encouraging us to get ready for in the midst of gradually increasing opposition and persecution, is a key part of preparing ourselves and the nations to welcome Him back (Acts 2:17). The role of communities is consequently recognized to be vital, even essential in the midst of these unfolding realities.

We recognize there are many different expressions of Kingdom community that exist and are developing throughout the world. We also know that a number of those who are part of our KKI global ministry family are leading KKI-related ministries with limited support of a wider circle of relationships or community of fellow believers. In a number of situations, this is true despite their efforts to develop supportive partnering relationships. In recognizing this challenging reality, it is not our intent to be critical of their current situation or belittle the importance of their present programs. Rather, we want to help them find ways to further strengthen their relationships, beginning with what is available to them now. Hopefully the principles in this KKI "Nurturing Community" core value will help them further develop the Kingdom of God expression they are pursuing, as they build further from their current situation.

This may involve finding ways to welcome others to join them, and/or pursuing deeper relationships with a KKI ministry that is already stronger relationally and can help them further develop community life. This can also entail engaging more intentionally with a YWAM base community, local church community or partnering ministry community in their area. Our commitment is to do all that we can to ensure that no one is isolated, both with existing KKI expressions and new ones that will be launched in the future.

We trust that the "Nurturing Community" core value and supportive principles can further enhance the continued development of an existing KKI ministry, or be used to strengthen the community life of other ministries we are currently relating to or will be relating to in the future. In either case, our hope is that all those who are part of the KKI global ministry family, our YWAM tribe, or those with whom we relate in the Body of Christ, may be further empowered and encouraged through the application of these principles, in whatever ways the principles may be relevant to their situation.

We believe that God's Unshakable Kingdom can be established in our midst and that He desires to dwell with us in transformative power. We further believe that He will, in turn, multiply the DNA of His presence and Kingdom which He forms in our midst, to the ends of the earth (Matthew 24:13-14).

It is also our hope that those KKI ministries that apply, in growing ways, these community-nurturing principles can become places that intentionally welcome other members of our KKI global ministry family and partnering friends to "come and see" in order to be further equipped, and that they will be able to help them to further nurture Kingdom community expression wherever they are involved.

We believe it is important to encourage and enable our KKI ministry family to intentionally pursue and grow into sustainable Kingdom community life expressions. Hopefully this letter enables our KKI family to understand the background of this core value, and encourages them to develop and embrace what our Heavenly Father is wanting us to receive and apply in our continued privileged walk with Him as part of His multipliable Unshakable Kingdom.

In His Love and for His Joy,
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