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That's How We Roll!

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For us, it's about equipping and multiplying the number of people who are willing to do the work of Jesus' ministry so they can be mobilized for serving on a local church prayer team, with a missions and evangelistic outreach, or helping lead a friend or neighbor to salvation and freedom in Christ. One of the ways we do this is through an ongoing relationship with a church body, a particular ministry, or a mission-sending organization. In the opening weeks of the 2016

through former board member, **Lee Martin**, and his wife, **Colleen**, who both have been a significant part of Kingdom Ministries over the years. Lee, Colleen, their daughter Shawn, and her husband Jeff have quite the ministry of praying for and training others themselves. It's amazing and so very encouraging to hear their testimonies of how God is working both in their church and in their local community. For me, there's hardly anything more rewarding than to see the

ministry of Jesus multiplied through others we've helped to equip for ministry. Because of their faithfulness and diligence in prayer we've had an opportunity to partner with this very special body of believers. The setting is spectacular, with window views from inside the church looking onto the majestic and snow-capped Grand Teton range, but even more remarkable is that those in attendance have a gifted and Spirit-filled pastor who diligently immerses himself in fasting and Spirit-led intercession. It's not hard to understand why the Martin family drives an hour and a half once or twice a week to participate. The church not only has wonderful leadership there, but also has a bold and aggressive vision to

We're so excited to be a part of what God is doing there. A vision we both share is for the equipping of God's people *and* for an ongoing relationship and partnership with this church—one that provides ongoing training and support along the way. It's the kind of relationship we also have here locally with the People's Church that began over a year ago and continues each month as we provide ongoing training and resources for those on the front lines of ministry whether it's serving on a prayer team, a mid-week ministry team, in the marketplace, or for personal ministry with a friend or neighbor.

If you'd like to know a little more of what I'm talking about, I would encourage you to check out the River Crossing Church website (rivercrossingonline.com) to hear what God is doing there. You can listen to some of the online teaching that's provided. I've also included several brief testimonies from our time there in the section *In Their Own Words*.

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Keith with Pastor Mike Atkins, River Crossing Church

New Year, we took a team of 4 to the River Crossing Church in Jackson, Wyoming where we teamed up with friends to help us coach those attending the training workshop on *Leading Others to Freedom in Christ*. This was our third occasion for ministry there. This time began with preaching in the two morning services. The teaching and training portion started Sunday evening and extended each evening after that through Thursday. Our connection there is

see the Kingdom of God become an experiential reality for Jackson County.

Part of the vision at the River Crossing Church is to equip every member to minister with the love and power of God to those they work with, encounter in the marketplace, and who come to visit or attend their gatherings.



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One of the distinctive aspects of our ministry and partnership with churches and other organizations is that we offer more than a single speaker to teach or preach. It's not about a single individual, speaker, or *man of God*. Rather it's about all of us being the Body of Christ and becoming equipped *to do the work of ministry* and be built-up as *each part does its own special work*. Because we emphasize a team approach to ministry and training, we utilize others from our staff or core of volunteers to serve as **Ministry Coaches** who provide leadership and help facilitate groups of 4-8 in a hands-on approach to ministry training. In this kind of setting, participants have the opportunity to apply what they're learning in a real-life ministry situation. This provides an occasion for the Holy Spirit to direct those who need some kind of ministry to receive prayer in order to help them resolve whatever issues the Lord brings to light.

Often we've learned to simply say a prayer for someone or try to address the problem presented at the surface without going deeper to resolve the matter at its point of origin. It's thrilling to see how God leads each individual to a knowledge of His truth in a way that is very personal and unique to them. It is so rewarding to see the Lord Jesus bring freedom to an area of a person's life where they've been stuck, often for years, and experience the fruit of that freedom in the days that follow.

And it brings us incredible joy to see people we've helped equip go on to lead others to freedom, whether it's freedom from some kind of bondage, healing the sick, or leading someone to faith in Christ as Lord. A bit of each of these takes place when we work with mission-sending organizations like **Youth With A Mission (YWAM)**. During the first week of February, we taught and ministered again at the YWAM base in Honolulu

(for the 21st consecutive year). Because several of the staff there have been equipped in this way over the years, we are now able to take a smaller team when we go. There were 3 of us who went from Kingdom Ministries for this recent week-long teaching, training, and ministry school. Over the years, the title given for the week we're assigned has changed from *Spiritual Warfare* to *Spiritual Authority* or *Freedom Week*. The change is welcome and better describes the focus of our time in teaching and ministry there. Our purpose is to help students understand Jesus' central message



YWAM Discipleship School, Honolulu, HI

and ministry of the Kingdom of God and then equip them to use Christ's authority, the Holy Spirit's counsel, and God's Word, to evangelize, pray for the sick, and lead others to freedom. In addition to the nearly 12 hours of instruction, we also schedule appointments in the evenings for ministry, or as they like to call it, *Freedom Prayer*. Those who travel as part of our ministry team use this time to engage students in the process of leading others to freedom with at least one or more person from their outreach team. During the day, our additional staff and volunteers serve as prayer intercessors while I teach. In the evening, they serve as ministry coaches to facilitate one or more prayer ministry & training groups.

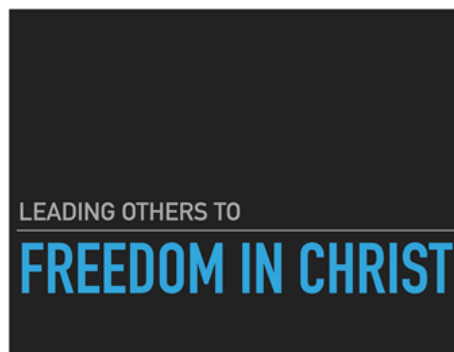
This is one of the most rewarding and fruitful ministry opportunities we've regularly been a part of. We have the opportunity to see many of these young people experience real and miraculous freedom. Perhaps even more exciting is to hear the testimonies of those who apply what they learn during their outreach after they return from

their assignments in some unreached part of the world. But even before they leave, these same students are fired up and ready to go! They almost immediately begin to apply Jesus' authority and rely on the Holy Spirit to lead them and counsel others whether at the base, or on the neighboring campus of the University of Hawaii or in various parts of downtown Honolulu. As a result, they experience the reality of what they're learning in God's Word and can see the cause/effect of applying it. This also provides a great opportunity for testimonies, questions, and practical

teaching moments. There are a number of wonderful testimonies from some of these students available to view on one of our websites. We've also included some feedback from our last visit there in the section titled *In Their Own Words*.

What's Next?

On Saturday, April 30, we are offering a one-day **Leading Others To Freedom Training Workshop** here in our hometown! The People's Church of Fresno will host this event in their newly-remodeled Worship Arts Center in a room ideally suited for this kind of hands-on workshop. In addition to the nearly 60 first-time trainees who signed up from People's Church, we hope to have all 24 of our previously trained and current prayer team members to help with the coaching and practical application. It's both exciting and encouraging to know that many others are now equipped to help multiply the number of workers for the harvest field and to do the work of ministry. This is precisely what we mean when we say, "that's how we roll."



In Their Own Words

From River Crossing Church, Jackson Hole, WY

The most helpful part was working with the coaches and having their direction.

I learned how to use God's authority and power. I received new tools for prayers and setting the captives free.

Thank you for helping me go deeper; for understanding the power of Jesus Christ and the power that I have with Jesus through me!

The most helpful part was practice time.

The feedback, instruction, direction from the facilitators was excellent.

This helped me to be more comfortable using my authority. That was a foreign concept to me, but being able to witness it and practice it was very empowering.

Your ministry has been a blessing to me at the right time. I was unaware of the tools available to me. I know now I have authority over Satan and the lies he has told me my entire life. I understand better now the power of prayer and how it can impact my life and others.

It has helped me understand my authority. It has increased my confidence to pray for others.



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The freedom prayer was the most impactful part of the course for me. It was also great to learn how to be authoritative with evil. Everything was extremely beneficial in becoming an evangelist and better person in faith, in strength, in love and all the gifts that God gives me. Praying with authority is pretty banger, it changed the way I talk to God and rid me of fears and insecurities.

I liked the simplicity of the message and the way that Keith made it practical and his ability to share his knowledge and experiences in such a down to earth way- thank you!

We were taught practical ways to pray for ourselves and others that doesn't seem so scary or intimidating. I loved it!

What I liked most was Keith's engaging and honest manner of teaching. He was helpful, patient, and biblically saturated. Loved the humor, the humility, and the sincerity.



I liked the resources handed out (cards), they are super helpful to take on outreach and use in real life situations. It was a fantastic week and super encouraging and insightful- thank you so much!!

I really appreciate how much time we spent on praying with authority. It's really powerful too and I enjoyed it!

It was most helpful that I got to know how to pray with authority in my prayer! You are awesome, cool, and funny!

What was most helpful was practicing the Freedom Prayer and the testimonies of what happened.

I found the freedom prayer to be very helpful and I cannot wait to do this with my friends.

I found the reliance on the Holy Spirit to guide and counsel us in evangelism, prayer, and healing to be the most impactful and practical..

The importance of demanding evil out of situations and that it wasn't weird, but was said in a natural way.

Love how solidly you know your bible and how you're not just taking these steps out of your butt and throwing them on a page. You're a wise, cool and respectable dude.

Through prayer, God completely opened my eyes to the reasons behind my deepest concerns and fears. Just being able to identify the issues is life-changing. Since my brother's suicide, I've carried a lot of fear from the day. This freedom prayer not only exposed it, but also obliterated it and filled me with the strength of God.

Through the class and the freedom prayer that I did, I was able to leave behind insecurities about myself, relationships with women, and fears of being favored by God. Jesus is so powerful and mighty to save! I know now that I am loved, provided for, and favored by God.

This has given me confidence in my God-given authority which I didn't have at all. It has given me awareness and power to deal with my problems when they arise. Also how God wants to love us. Thank you so very much!