



Apostolic Hubs - A Revolutionary Kingdom Lifestyle

We have entered the Kingdom Age. In Matthew's gospel alone Jesus speaks 24 times about the kingdom of God and in all four gospels together only twice about the church.

The kingdom is the original message of Jesus and the first church:

From *"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."* Mt 6:10 **to** "and this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Mt 24:14

We are rediscovering God's original blueprints. It's exciting to see more and more people around the world being church in their homes: As a house church and as simple, extended kingdom families. Just as we experience it in Acts and as it is often expressed in Paul's letters. Here are just two examples:

"Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house." Col 4:15

"Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first convert." Rom 16:5

We are also discovering that in Acts, in addition to the house churches, there were also larger houses where people lived together, prayed together, were equipped and sent out. Such apostolic hubs or resource houses are "like the joints" of local home church networks and smaller communities. Together with the apostolic hubs (not mega centers), such kingdom communities can become a city on the mountain with the creative power to change their environment in the most diverse areas of life locally and in other countries in an innovative colorful divine way.

What is an apostolic hub?

- ... an apostolic hub preaches and proclaims Christ's gospel of the kingdom of God
- ... is a community and an ark where people are received and are sent out. (Acts 13:1-3)
- ... is committed to prayer and worship and apostolic teaching.
- ... is committed to fellowship and all that this word means.
- ... births ministries and trains trainers who train others. (2. Tim 2:2)
- ... is committed to share, work and live together.
- ... continues to function daily like a family, 24/7 in all kinds of various gatherings:
 - a hub is not just "church" on the weekends.
- ... a place where each five fold ministry knows their role.
- ... births more apostolic hubs in a relational way.



An apostolic hub in Paphos, Cyprus. Paphos is mentioned in Acts 13:6. Paphos was the first stop on Paul's first missionary journey with powerful wonders and signs. After two and a half years of preparation, we now want to rent a larger house here in Paphos, where people live, work and share together, preaching the gospel of the kingdom. A place where everyone is welcome and can serve.



Dream and pray with us. As a team from different countries we pray together, online every day. Pray with us! Rediscover God's blueprints together with us. It will be a process of listening to God and will be for sure full of adventures. Who knows, maybe God also will talk about such practical things as bee keeping and growing healthy vegetables.

You can also support us financially. As mentioned above, we currently want to rent a house. The annual rental costs would be around 24,000 Euros. We need a miracle.

Blessings,

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Account from a participant of our first apostolic hub training here in Paphos.

Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. John 1:39. - When two disciples of John wanted to know more about Jesus, he simply invited them to come and spend the rest of the day with him. Spending time with Jesus and his modern-day disciples is also the best way to describe our time in Paphos, Cyprus.

We went to learn about house churches and living in the Kingdom of God, but it was no ordinary training program.

We were invited into a home and shared meals together as family. There was a planned schedule which flowed like a liquid directed by the Holy Spirit. The most beautiful example of this was on the morning of “Discipleship Day” when we were honoured to be visited by a 70-year-old Jewish man from Jerusalem. One of our team members had met him on the flight over and invited him to “come and see”. We shared our love for Israel and her Messiah Jesus – Yeshua. As we went around the room, about half-way round everything stopped.

Guenther related how he had visited Jerusalem in 2015 and stood in the Garden of Gethsemane weeping in repentance for his grandfather’s family connection to the holocaust. Our visitor, who had lost family members in the death camps, came over and embraced him in tears.

Our tiny training experience had representatives from four continents living together and sharing lives together. We had apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, some already experienced and others just beginning.

What I loved the most was to see each ‘leader’ looking to promote others and encourage them into leadership roles. Those who gave the most were in the background, preparing, cleaning, praying, encouraging and serving. Now as each returns home, we are connected as family and looking to encourage one another to train new trainers in the ways of the Kingdom.



Acts 13: 1-12

1 Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” 3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. 5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. 6 When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. 7 He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. 9 But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, “You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? 11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time.” Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.