

Slide 1 What Does Firestorm Ministries Mean by Apostolic Hub and what are spokes?

A quick and very condensed review of FSM.

- Group of 12 prayed 2 years asking God what He wanted
- The Lord gave Don Davis and Virginia McManus a joint vision that they saw those of us at that first prayer meeting running down a hill taking care of the wounded and the dead. The Lord said He would send the wounded and the dead in to us.
- The Lord gave Cathy Davis a vision of a wagon wheel with spokes reaching out from the hub. There was fire burning on each spoke. God called us together to start an Apostolic Resource Center (Apostolic Hub) with distributed leadership.
- **Slide 2** In June of 2012 Jimmy Kellett, a Prophet from Christian International, said he saw us as a hub with connectors going out. Jimmy also said that we are going to do a new thing, that people would say it couldn't be done but he affirmed the fact that it would be distributed leadership.
- In April of 2012 Melinda Lockrem was reminded by the Lord of a dream God had previously given her. In that dream he told her the name of our ministry was "Firestorm Ministries".
- We helped launch The Well
- We launched FSM on April 14, 2013 as an apostolic hub
- We blessed and sent the Tuggle's into ministry and the Hanson's to go help their grandchildren
- **Slide 3** The 6 of us left were commissioned by GOZ as leaders of an apostolic center (we are the only ministry they commissioned more than one leader)
- So then What is an apostolic hub/center (review of Charlene's talk)
 - A place to launch people
 - A ministry with an Outward focus
 - A group who will Mobilize an Army

- A ministry where a Team makes decisions (this one is debated, some groups say yes, other groups believe the Apostle is the one who decides)
- Source: Antioch Hub - What Is the Purpose of An Apostolic Hub?
 - An apostolic hub exists "to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4) An apostolic hub in a region is concerned with the Body of Christ. It is a center where prayer is made not just for one church, denomination, or organization but for the Body of Christ as a whole. Pastors, churches, community leaders, and decision-makers are lifted up before God.

There are many different kinds of Apostolic centers that people have started. People have used small office spaces, their homes, and huge complexes. They have used Make overs – sewing lessons – English lessons – to draw people to them. There are house churches (Synaxis) that meet regularly, and then meet together for large worship and instruction– There are churches that switched to apostolic centers,

Slide 4 God gave us a vision and we believe we heard him:

VISION: To ignite and transform people's lives.

Mission

- Healing of the whole person.
- Equipping, training and activating.
- To facilitate spiritual growth.
- Releasing individuals into their Kingdom destinies.

How did that look for us at first:

Once a month encounter nights, Thursday night prayer, Wednesday AM prayer, Evangelism days, prophetic trainings, RTF trainings, prayer journey days, Sunday morning home groups, worship events. Eventually, Freedom Outpost. We ministered to a lot of different people in those days. We prophesied over people. We did frequent trainings. We reached outside of our group to help equip the saints for kingdom purposes.

Slide 5 What is Firestorm Ministries doing now:

Support and service this is different than the care ministry. This includes office administration, repairs, decorating, library, cleaning, etc.. The ministry center is used most days of the week. Lots of people go through the center for counseling, RTF, several prayer meetings a week as well as Freedom Outpost. FSM leaders have been so grateful for those of you who have stepped up to do all the things we use to have to do. This is the spoke where many of the servants will be.

Freedom Outpost God gave Don and Melinda the charge to start Sunday morning meetings. They function as pastors over a local church. All the things that a local church would do: teaching, worship, maintaining relationship with the spiritual family/tribe, Pastoral outreach (pastor's luncheon), etc.

Likeminded ministries: joint conferences, joint worship services, community outreach that is not being done by the local church

Care ministry: Providing help to the kingdom of God through meals, helps, etc. for the sick or needy.
(although this ministry can be within a church setting, it can also be kingdom)

Restoring the Foundations providing healing and deliverance to the kingdom Ecclesiae. Cathy is also a trainer with Healing House status. She has helped the RTF ministry build their web presence as well as many other things.

Don Davis is providing **Training and Education** for equipping the body of Christ. He is writing manuals and preparing for more that God is drawing him to.

Music Outreach examples:

1. Michael Voiers
2. Chris Walters
3. Michael and Junko Clifton

Watchmen on Fire Prayer Ministry:

FSM wall of prayer, Women's prayer for family, Government prayer meeting, National Family Mountain prayer meeting, Casino worship, Land/prayer Assignments, Prophets and Apostles meeting (to determine WA state prayer objectives), Prayer chains, Hosting Third Portal Prayer

Women's fellowship Monthly fellowships, women's summits, Book club

Men's gatherings monthly men's breakfast, rallies,

Suggestions for other possible spokes:

Home groups (Synaxis), Bible Studies, New Convert Studies, Evangelistic outreaches, School Bible Clubs, Vacation Bible Classes, Worship nights. Encounter Nights, community outreach.

Slide 6 Why not just be a church? Why we are an apostolic center/hub?

Read Apostolic Church Arising, pgs. 59-62 (highlighted)

Personal examples:

In my Wed. prayer meeting, I want to have any woman who comes to feel welcome. Over the years we have had differing numbers of churches represented.

Trainings are easier from an Apostolic Center, since often Churches are not trusting of other churches and suspect that trainings will keep their people, not send them back to their original church. Remember Apostolic Hubs/centers are for kingdom. I recently have been asked to do some prayer trainings, but I didn't get the invitation until they found out that I am not a church-based ministry.

In the casino worships, we need to be free to go to the tribal churches to build relationship. They are more comfortable with us being a ministry, not a fellow church

Our RTF team has benefitted from being non-church. Again, pastors will send their people, because we are not a church.

Ministries that originate in a church, feed in to that church. Ministries that originate from an apostolic center, feed in to the Kingdom. You might have an evangelist go out from the Apostolic center and lead souls to the Lord. He is going to direct them to the best church gathering for that person when he is kingdom minded.

We want to be kingdom minded. We want to be cross pollinated. We want to send people, not collect people. We want reach out, not only in. We want to be a battleship, not a cruise ship.

A perfect example of why I know we are functioning as an Apostolic hub: Dick and I have had to miss prayer meetings that we have had scheduled. People are willing and trained enough that they step up and take the prayer meeting. The same way for Freedom Outpost. We have been training ministers, not spectators, therefore they can step up and lead while Melinda needs the help.

Slide 7 How can all this make people feel? Jimmy Kellett gave me permission to share his story.

After one of the casino worships a brother sent a prophetic word to Jerry Chapman to send to Dick and I. There were several things he said that I

told Leslie and Jerry I felt like he had been spying on us in the living room. This is a man I had never met before. He knows nothing about any of us. Here is part of what he said: I see a changing of the guard where some team members will rotate out and new members will rotate in... They are heading into a time of re-training and re-tooling... They will cause local congregations to shift from the church age to the kingdom age. Some of this will look like church splits.

Conclusions :

These points, everything I have brought today, is how I interpret the information. Each one of us in the leadership will interpret things a little differently.

But I think we all agree, and by all, I mean you as well, we want an Apostolic Hub or Resource Center. We want to build kingdom. We don't want insecurity to motivate us, but to be motivated by an intimate relationship with Jesus, listening to the Holy Spirit and doing what our heavenly Father asks of us.