

## THE CORE

### CALLING . . . CORE VALUES . . . VISION

#### Introduction

As our ministries have spread and deepened, around the world, we have been drawn to a fresh statement of our Calling.

Our diversity has increased. Our opportunities abound. Our unity is precious.

Therefore, more than 80 leaders from diverse contexts were invited to come together, some at Cyprus 2001 and others at Niagara 2002, in order to join in a process of capturing and expressing our Calling from God.

This community of leaders met in focused worship, prayer and extensive interaction. We believe that God met with us. We experienced convergence around a global Calling supported by eight Core Values and a Vision Statement. Our International Team affirmed these in May 2002, drawing from the recommendations of a consolidation group. A ninth Core Value was added in January 2004.

The attached statements have been received and are owned by our international leadership community.

By **Calling**, we mean the mission to which God is calling us.

By **Core Values**, we mean those central motivations that are written on our hearts. They define who we are and permeate everything we do. They guide our journey. These Values need to be taught and applied in context, in ways that keep them fresh and alive.

By **Vision**, we mean an impression of the outcomes as we faithfully pursue our calling. This is our prayer. It paints a picture that is descriptive rather than definitive.

Collectively, we refer to our Calling, Core Values and Vision as **The Core**.

#### Our Calling

To advance the Gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom  
into the nations  
through spiritual generations of laborers  
living and discipling among the lost.

## Our Core Values

- The passion to know, love and become like Jesus Christ.
- The truth and sufficiency of the Scriptures for the whole of life.
- The transforming power of the Gospel.
- The leading and empowering of the Holy Spirit.
- Expectant faith and persevering prayer rooted in the promises of God.
- The dignity and value of every person.
- Love and grace expressed among us in community.
- Families and relational networks in discipling the nations.
- Interdependent relationships in the Body of Christ in advancing the Gospel.

## Our Vision

We see a vital movement of the Gospel, fueled by prevailing prayer, flowing freely through relational networks and out into the nations. Workers for the Kingdom are next door to everywhere!

What characterizes this movement? A heart for the whole person . . . climates of grace . . . compassion for the vulnerable and broken . . . sacrificial unity embracing diversity . . . cultural relevance and sensitivity . . . interdependence with others in the wider family of God . . . transformed men and women, fragrant with humility and the aroma of Christ.

They are marked by a deep engagement with and obedience to the Scriptures as the Word of God. They believe the promises of God. Both personally and in committed communities, they seek to know and pursue the purposes of God.

Laborers and leaders are emerging, with an increasing passion for Jesus Christ. They demonstrate faith and courage as they live and move among their friends and families. As spiritual parents, they model authenticity and relevance.

Ordinary people, in many walks of life, are joyfully leading integrated lives. They live as fruitful insiders among the lost. There is perseverance in the face of hardship and suffering. Around the world, many are coming to faith. As they become established in discipleship, some grow to be foundational for further generations. The Gospel spreads naturally and powerfully, as believers share Christ . . . life upon life . . . family to family.

Crossing cultures into new cities and nations, teams of mobile pioneers intentionally proclaim and embody the good news of Jesus Christ, in such a way that transformed communities multiply. These communities are bringing joy and hope to their surrounding environments as relationships are healed and justice increases. Indeed, the lost and unreached burn in their hearts, as they move the Gospel into the nations.

The leaders of this movement, developed and empowered for God's service, live out a growing commitment to Christlikeness. They are dependent upon the Holy Spirit. New generations of leaders are emerging, rooted incarnationally in their local and national contexts. An international leadership community brings focus, alignment and energy to their movement. These leaders are clearly committed to long-term impact in generational ministry.

*International Team*

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