Life Around “The Fire” Ministries International

Who we are and what we do:

Relationships

- God’s highest priority is to Co-operate with us as we “Colonize” the Earth with His Kingdom. He is accomplishing this through Blood Covenant relationships. The result of the sinless, sacrificial Life Jesus led and the power of the Atoning Blood He shed

continually frees us from the bondage of sin and death. He conquered those things on our behalf while because He was raised from the dead on the third day.

- Our first and highest priority at Life Around The Fire Ministries International is to worship God in the Beauty of His Holiness.
- Our second priority is to establish healthy and growing relationships with other members of the Body of Christ.

Life Around The Fire Ministries is a Local Fellowship and an International Outreach consisting of men and women who share a common desire ***to worship God and help unite, equip, and activate the Body of Christ to meet the needs found in our churches as well as in the countless communities and regions found around the world.***

We believe by being united we can make a greater impact on those who have some of life's greatest needs.

We have seen this can be done through the collective **resources** God provides for us as citizens of His Kingdom… Jehovah-Jireh.

The days of the "one-man, charismatic, revival show" are rapidly ending… Praise God! We stand ready to serve as a nameless and faceless group of people simply wanting Jesus to be The One Who is revealed and exalted while the Spirit of God manifests the Glory of the Son of God to us and through us.

In saying all of that it is also important for us to state very clearly that we stand arm in arm with Israel praying for the Peace/Shalom of Jerusalem- Psalm 122:6

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Our Fellowship consists of many "home churches" we refer to as, "Fireplaces". When we meet in larger gatherings we then become, Life Around The Fire. Even though we are autonomous, we are strong supporters of all local and international Ecclesia … The International Body of Christ! We are joined together by the Holy Spirit with many other ministries and fellowships. The prayer Jesus prayed recorded in John 17 is His vision for His followers being one even as He and His

Father are One … This prayer is and will be completely answered before “The End” of this Age is here.

*** Redemption & Lift: Here are some of the more pressing needs we find ourselves addressing when working with other local churches in their regions ***

- Spiritually Dead: i.e. Generational Oppression, Severe Demonization, Habitual Sins, Voodoo Spells, Witchcraft, Sorcery, etc.
- Mental/Emotional Conditions
- Physical Needs Such As: Food/Water Supply, Clothing, Agricultural Concerns
- Sickness
- Demonization (All Levels & Types)
- Homelessness (Poverty/Joblessness)
- Orphaned Children
- Widows
- Sexual Slavery
- Human Trafficking
- Drug/Alcohol Addiction

We help by coming alongside the local ministries providing our experience along with additional time, energy, and money required to gain the proper momentum needed in equipping the local members to serve (long term) in the outreach opportunities being developed.

We also help organize times of extended prayer/fasting, praise/worship, teaching, prophetic ministry, and larger open-air meetings.

Our desire is to enhance and develop deeper unity in each respective church/organization by reaching out to those who are less fortunate … It’s amazing how things change when we help other individuals … It takes our minds off ourselves.

“True humility is not thinking less of your ‘self’; it’s about thinking of your ‘self’ less.” – C.S. Lewis

John 13:35

Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples if you love one another."

Mathew 25: 31-46

Our Lord went on to reveal another Truth in His parable of the Sheep & the Goats. In bringing the parable to a conclusion Jesus highlights The Core & The Crux of His Message, "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me'."

We believe the best way to impact our communities is by introducing people to the transforming Life and Relationship Jesus provides for us. Only this will give others the same access and entrance into the very Kingdom of God we enjoy living in right now.

Our part is to help provide the preaching of and teachings of Christ … Him crucified as he demonstrates the Kingdom of God in supernatural power. If that weren't enough, He is also committed to meeting our practical needs. He does this by giving us the grace to work through the difficulties we face in our lives … Those things that often try stealing away the blessings God intends for us to enjoy.

All these things become possible as we present a unified demonstration of our collective faith to God. We trust in His love to join our purified hearts together like gold that has been refined to magnify the Glory of The One Who has Ascended to the Right Hand of God, Most High!.

As an Outreach of The Body of Christ we are like a hearty stew, with haven't lost our different shapes and sizes but we have been blended into a savory broth of God's love; citizens of His Kingdom in the Earth (as it is in Heaven).

Life Around The Fire Ministries International/DBA: Mission of Love

1985 – The vision for what we refer to as “Mission of Love” was born among a small group of students who would pray together regularly in the Virginia Turner Prayer Chapel at North Central Bible College. God gave these young people a taste of His heart for the poor and needy street people in the inner city of Minneapolis, MN. The students pooled their money together and with a kitchen full of Soup Starters they started an outreach to those who were poor/disenfranchised in the inner city. An Assembly of God Church by the name of Praise Assembly, in the heart of Minneapolis caught wind of what was going on and invited David Huotari to be the church’s Associate Pastor in charge of the fellowships outreach ministries and “Mission of Love” was one of those outreaches God would use in touching that community.

It began as a food/clothing “free” store that was open 1 day a week every Saturday. Over 150 people came in weekly and used the various things that were provided. The concept was a result from the Scripture found in Proverbs 19: 17 “Every time you give to the poor you make a loan to the Lord. Don’t worry --- you’ll be repaid in full for all the good you’ve done.”

Jesus, Himself, made a statement we referred to in Matthew 25: 31-46 about serving the naked, imprisoned, and sick … In helping them we serve Him.

We were compelled to do something… That something was to begin a “Mission of Love”!

What we found to be true from the start was the Presence of the Lord … It was much stronger than the smells of cheap perfume, cigarettes, and alcohol that filled the waiting room.

Not only did we offer free food/clothing, but we also offered prayer to those who would like it.

The overwhelming number of people wanted to receive prayer as much as they wanted food/clothing.

It wasn’t long before we saw some of those same people attending worship services (regardless of whether they were drunk or sober).

It was encouraging to see how God was reaching into people’s lives and transforming them by His forgiving mercy, grace, the cleansing blood of Jesus, and

the Power of the Holy Spirit. Every worker involved in helping would continually say they received more than in giving help to others in need.

Soon, Mission of Love became known on the streets of Minneapolis. We were a place where people could come as they were and be loved. One of the most unique components to this entire ministry was the rich presence of the Lord. I underscore it was "RICH" amongst the poor. His presence made ***everyone*** feel welcomed and wealthy.

It wasn't long before we were renting out community centers all over the city. We would host food giveaways for up to 200 people at a time. We could not keep up with the needs we encountered. Some people would come for groceries, but when the Glory and Power of God and His Kingdom hit them, they would simply fall at His feet unable to move. When they would come out from those encounters, they were instantly transformed, born again from the inside out. I've heard more than one person say, "I came for groceries, but God has given me something far greater than groceries. I need to go home and tell my family what has happened to me today… Praise God!"

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We have come to understand we are equal in value but different in function. We might be different racially, financially, sociologically, and positionally ... But we are all equal valuable to our Heavenly Father … The ground is level at the foot of the Cross.

There is a resurgence of this ministry and we're finding a fresh expression of the Ruach Ha Kodesh (*Hebrew: The Wind of God*) blowing strong on our hearts …

Mision of Love III: There is a purpose and plan that God has for all of us to be involved in reaching into the lives of men, women, and children who find themselves facing needs for assistance in food, clothing, and shelter. This will be a multi-ethnic and multi "church *affiliation*" outreach.

We can see this being established in various regions all around the world. The name will be free to use; "Mission of Love." It can be part of any church community structure (like a franchise ... except free to use at no cost).

For more information on how you or your fellowship can be involved drop us a line at lifearoundthefire@gmail.com, find us up on our website, lifearoundthefire.com. or call (904) 372-0828.

We look forward to hearing from you… Shalom

Deep in the Harvest,

David Huotari, Founder/Senior Leader