



CASE STATEMENT

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Developing Leaders in Hard Places

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A person wearing a blue backpack and a white cap is walking away from the camera on a city street. The background is a blurred urban scene with buildings and traffic lights.

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Mission

Street Psalms trains the head, heart and hands of urban leaders to love their city and seek its peace.



Vision

Our dream is to see a global network of incarnational leaders equipped to create cities of peace for all people, particularly the most vulnerable. Our dream is energized by the transforming power of the Incarnation which frees us to see and celebrate good news in hard places. Our vision is expressed in Jesus' first public address.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor...to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)





CHALLENGE

Cities are growing at unprecedented rates worldwide. Leaders are not equipped to meet the challenges of an urbanizing world.

OPPORTUNITY

Vulnerable urban communities want incarnational leaders who can love their city and seek its peace.

TRAINING STRATEGY:

Our approach to training develops incarnational leaders who embody the message, method and manner of mission modelled by Jesus. Leaders undergo a series of paradigm shifts that transform the way they love their city and seek its peace.

MESSAGE:

Scarcity to Abundance

Incarnational leaders see good news in hard places. They recognize that vulnerable urban communities are filled with the assets necessary for radical change.

METHOD:

Theory to Practice

Incarnational leaders are skilled in the art of city transformation. They nurture relationships, steward power and engage systems, making things happen from the bottom up and the inside out.

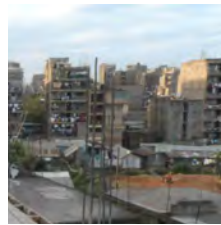
MANNER:

Rivalry to Peacemaking

Incarnational leaders are peacemakers who have the spiritual maturity and resources to sustain the work over the long haul. They build bridges between unlikely partners and seek “third way” solutions that build community without making scapegoats.

IMPACT

Scarcity to Abundance

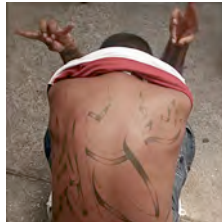


Moses grew up in Mathare, a slum of 500,000 in Nairobi, in a context of severe economic scarcity. Where others saw scarcity Moses could see abundant opportunity. He is building a 40 unit affordable housing complex that will be financially self-sustaining. The Incarnation transforms the way we see the world and serve our communities.

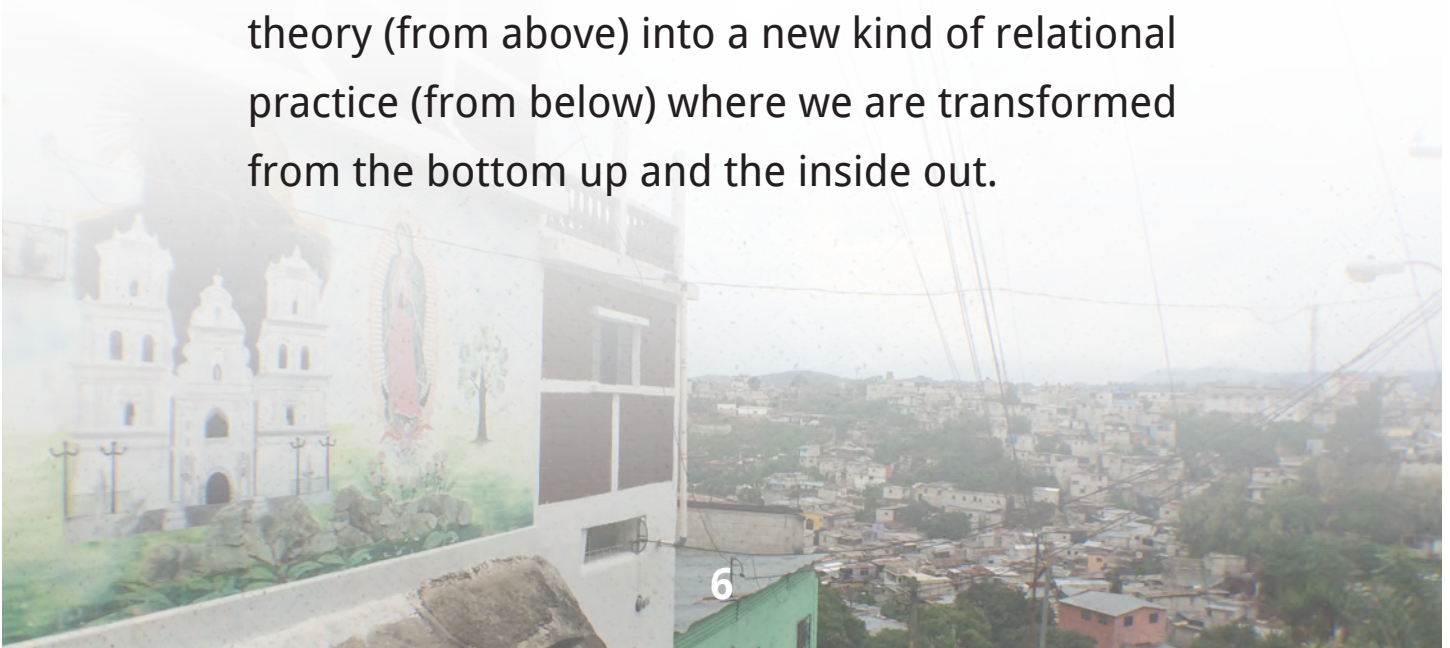


IMPACT

Theory to Practice



For more than a year William led a Bible study in a Guatemalan gang prison by literally standing on top of the cage, speaking down to the inmates. Eventually he persuaded the prison authorities to let him get down into the cage. The Incarnation transforms the method by which we serve. It calls us out of the disembodied realm of ideas and theory (from above) into a new kind of relational practice (from below) where we are transformed from the bottom up and the inside out.



IMPACT

Rivalry to Peacemaking



Wilna leads the “Festival of Clowns,” in Pretoria, South Africa where every year 20,000 leaders dress up as “holy fools” to speak truth to power in peaceful ways, advocating change in the systems that impact the most vulnerable. The Incarnation transforms the manner in which we love. It gives us a new heart – one that no longer needs enemies and scapegoats. Incarnational leaders seek peace in all things.



Delivery System

Street Psalms develops and resources training hubs through the Urban Training Collaborative (UTC) – a joint initiative that includes Leadership Foundations and Christian Reformed World Missions. It represents nearly 100 cities globally. We currently have nine hubs equipping more than 1,500 leaders. Our hubs offer informal and formally accredited programs (certificate-masters). We host an institute for hub directors and provide onsite consultation/training. We envision scores of hubs training urban leaders to love their city and seek its peace through power of the Incarnation.

Street Psalms also provides training for churches and city serving organizations. Our virtual platform provides resources to more than 4,000 subscribers. Our in-print books reach an even larger audience. Our scalable delivery system represents growth by multiplication rather than addition.

Each hub performs three essential tasks.

Gather Leaders

Gathers leaders of good faith and goodwill from all walks of life, public, private and religious sectors.

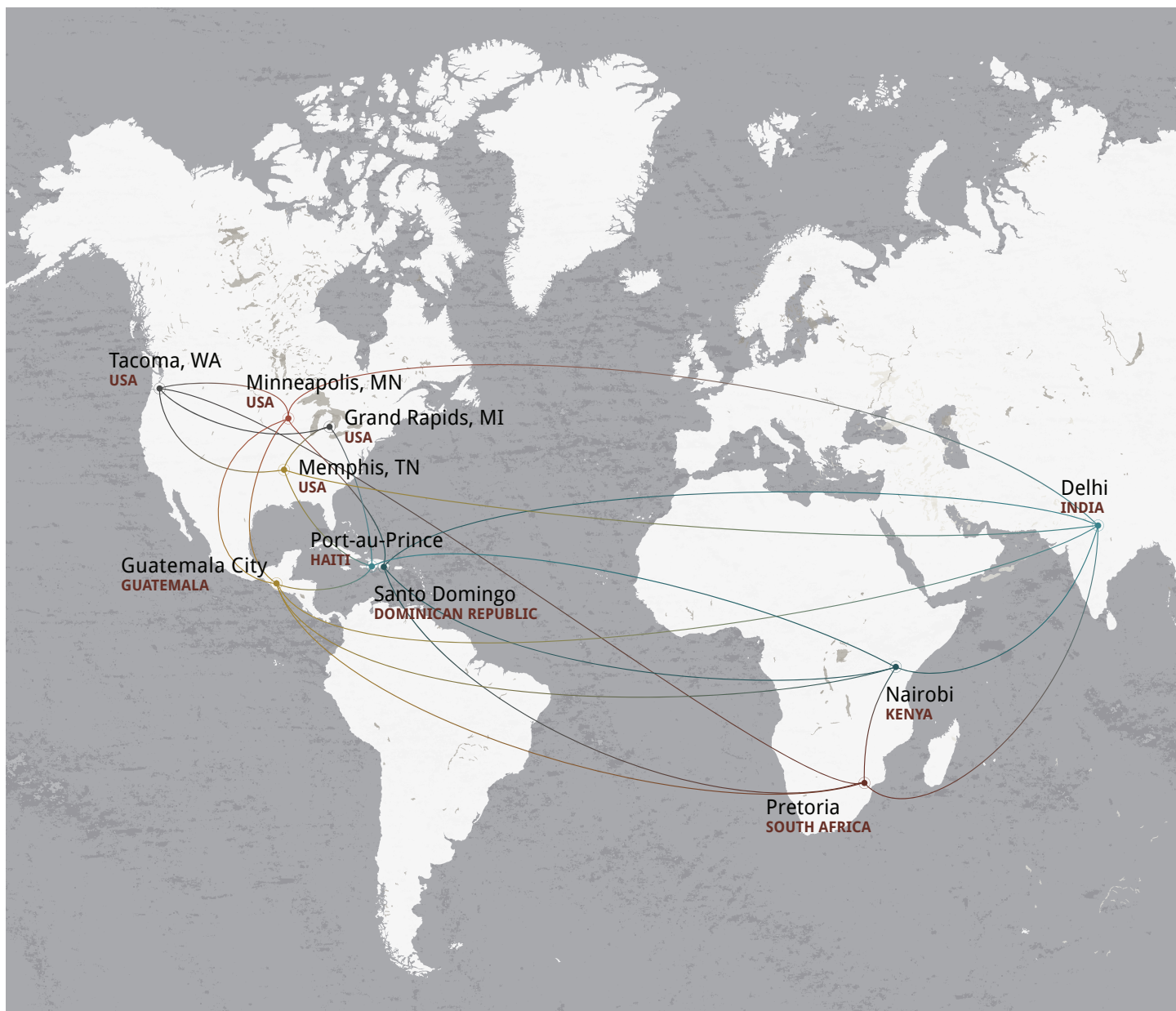
Train Leaders

Trains the head (reflection) heart (discernment) and hands (action) of urban leaders.

Cross-Train

Hub directors cross train each other. They participate in monthly training calls and annual trainer-of-trainer gatherings and summits in various hub sites.

Urban Training Collaborative Hub Map



A Joint Initiative of Street Psalms,
Leadership Foundations and
Christian Reformed World Missions



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Street Psalms Staff

Kris Rocke, Executive Director

Kris lives with his wife, Lana, and their two sons Grant and Mitchell in Tacoma WA. He has served in urban ministry since 1985 and is the founding director of Street Psalms. He earned a B.A. in English at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA, an M.Div. at Palmer Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA, and a D.Min. in Transformational Leadership for the Global City from Bakke Graduate University in Seattle, WA. Kris is also an ordained member of the Street Psalms Community.

Joel Van Dyke, Urban Training Collaborative Director

Joel Van Dyke has lived and served in Guatemala City since 2003 with his wife Marilyn and their children Joel and Sofia. Joel was the founding director of CTM Guatemala and now is seconded to Street Psalms from Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM) to direct the Urban Training Collaborative. Joel earned a B.A. in Psychology and Social Work from Calvin College and his M.Div. with concentration in Urban Mission from Westminster Theological Seminary. He completed a D.Min. in Transformational Leadership for the Global City from Bakke Graduate University.

Justin Mootz, Interim Director of Operations and Communications

Justin lives with his wife, Amanda, and young son, Crosby, in Tacoma, WA, where they practice incarnational ministry as the live-in community chaplains of a low-income apartment complex. Justin received his B.A. from Augustana College in Political Science and Spanish, and his M.Div. from Luther Seminary.

Lana Rocke, Office Manager

Lana has served in urban ministry since 1981 in several cities as a volunteer youth worker, Young Life Metro Director, and operational staff for Street Psalms since 1999. When she's not working as a critical care nurse, Lana continues to serve with her husband Kris at Street Psalms. The Rockes and their two sons live in Tacoma, WA.

Street Psalms History

Since 1999, there have been four expansions to our organization.

1.0 Philadelphia Roots

MUD Inc. Street Psalms traces its roots to 1996 as a youth worker training initiative called the Philadelphia Project for Youth Ministry (PPYM) of the Pew Charitable Trust in Philadelphia, jointly managed by Kingdomworks and Center for Urban Resources with Joel Van Dyke as director. In 1999 the PPYM project became its own organization, incorporated as MUD (Making Urban Disciples) Inc. with Kris Rocke as Executive Director. MUD Inc. continued to train and equip youth workers in urban churches throughout the greater Philadelphia and Camden area.

2.0 Urban USA Expansion

Center for Transforming Mission

In 2001, when money ran dry, MUD Inc. was mothballed but not disbanded. The board continued to meet to discern the way forward. Between 2002-2005, under the direction of Kris Rocke, the work of MUD Inc. became a joint program of Bakke Graduate University and World Vision to train urban youth workers in 9 U.S. cities. In 2005, MUD Inc. was renamed the Center for Transforming Mission (CTM).

3.0 Global Reach

CTM Resource Center and International CTM Partnerships. Between 2005 and 2013 the Center for Transforming Mission trained more than 3,000 in 26 cities and 14 countries. With strategic organizational partnerships, we helped to establish program offices in three international locations: Guatemala City, Santo Domingo, and Nairobi. In June of 2013 the Center for Transforming Mission became four independent organizations: CTM Kenya, CMT Dominican Republic, *CMT Guatemala, and *CTM Resource Center located in Tacoma, WA. (*CTM in Spanish is CMT = “Centro para la Misión Transformadora”).

4.0 Global Training Center

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The CTM Resource Center took on the name Street Psalms in 2014 to help transition our former identity and role from an organizational headquarters for the international programs, to our current primary focus as a training center that serves global partners such as Leadership Foundations and Christian Reformed World Mission. What began as a training initiative focused on developing local youth workers in Philadelphia has become an international center that serves a network of urban leaders in cities throughout the USA and abroad.