

NOMAD MINISTRIES INC.

VISION ♦ PURPOSE ♦ CORE VALUES ♦ PHILOSOPHY

“Moses and Aaron sat talking late into the night, keeping warm together beside a crackling fire. High above them, millions of stars cascaded through the heavens, and around them animals shrieked and howled. A bonding of true friendship had grown between the two old men as they chatted over old times and discussed the mission ahead. Moses gradually came to realize that he couldn’t manage it without his older brother. The man who thought he could take on the job of deliverance on his own had finally learnt the lesson that we all need to learn if we are going to succeed for God . . . **that God is into teamwork and always has been.**

God Himself is a team – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, all with different roles and responsibilities, each loving and honoring one another. And He repeated the pattern when he recognized that Adam could not manage on his own and set him to work in team with Eve.

Right through Bible history, we find that the people who acted independently failed in the end. Samson, Saul, Absalom, Solomon . . . they were all loners who knew God’s anointing and saw His power and His glory, but ended up in a mess because they acted alone.

When Jesus began His ministry, the first thing He did was establish a team. And He drilled His disciples on the importance of **interdependence** right from the word go. He always had them functioning in groups, or at least with a partner, whether it was ministering in the supernatural or doing basic administrative tasks like finding a donkey for the triumphal entry or booking a room for the Last Supper. The only disciple who acted alone was Judas. He was solely responsible for looking after the money, and it wasn’t long before his independence gave Satan a foothold in his life . . . a foothold that enabled Satan to influence him to betray His Messiah. Independence always produces death in the end. It did with Moses . . . and it took him forty years to realize that he needed a partner and he ended up with a dynamic working relationship with Aaron. While they were working as a team, they succeeded. But when they acted independently, problems arose . . . as Aaron discovered when he tried to take on the leadership mantle on his own with disastrous results while his younger brother was up on Mount Sinai (Ex. 32:1-6).

There are lessons here for all of us. Jesus taught us to pray *Our Father*, not *My Father*, because He wanted us to understand that while we are all called to have a personal relationship with God, it will not flourish on its own for long.” (*Moses: The Making of a Leader*, Cleland Thom, Chariot Victor Publishing, 1999, pp. 172-73).

Nomad Ministries is a TEAM Ministry

The **VISION** for Nomad Ministries is **N E W S**:

- N** Nomadic ministry (“somebody who belongs to a group of people who move from place to place seasonally in search of pasture for their herds or food and water; somebody who wanders from one place to another.”)
- E** Evangelism (families, children, mission projects)
- W** Worship (leading, mentoring, sound systems)
- S** Schooling (Biblical instruction, music instruction, coaching/mentoring, other)

TEAM PURPOSE: To prepare God’s 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. (Eph 4:12-13)

TEAM BOOK: NEHEMIAH

TEAM VERSE: “So I answered them and said to them,
‘The God of heaven will give us success; therefore we His servants **will arise and build**, but you have no portion, right or memorial in Jerusalem’” (Neh 2:20).

TEAM MOTTO: **“WE WILL ARISE AND BUILD
GO! FIGHT!! WIN!!”**

TEAM CORE VALUES:

- Restore the Church (“rebuild the ancient ruins”)
- Reach and Rescue the Lost
- Repair “broken walls”
- Restore “streets with dwellings”
- Replenish the Poor
- Reap a rich harvest, bearing “much fruit,” showing ourselves to be Jesus’ disciples (John 15:8)
- Receive eternal reward

TEAM PHILOSOPHY based on the following Scriptures:

Isaiah 61:1-7

“The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has **anointed** me to **preach good news to the poor**. He has sent me to **bind up the brokenhearted**, to **proclaim freedom for the captives** and **release from darkness for the prisoners**, to **proclaim** the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to **comfort** all who mourn, and **provide** for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a **crown of beauty** instead of ashes, the **oil of gladness** instead of mourning, and a **garment of praise** instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a **planting of the LORD** for the display of his splendor.

They will **rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated**; they will **renew the ruined cities** that have been devastated for generations. Aliens will shepherd our flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. And **you will be called priests of the LORD, you will be named ministers of our God**. You will feed on the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you will boast.

Instead of their shame my people will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace they will **rejoice in their inheritance**; and so they will **inherit** a double portion in their land, and **everlasting joy** will be theirs.”

Isaiah 58:6-12

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to **loose the chains of injustice** and untie the cords of the yoke, to **set the oppressed free and break every yoke**? Is it not to **share your food with the hungry** and to **provide the poor wanderer with shelter**—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the **glory of the LORD will be your rear guard**. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you **spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry** and **satisfy the needs of the oppressed**, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a **well-watered garden**, like a **spring** whose waters never fail. **Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.**”

Ephesians 2:10

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

2 Cor 6:3-10

“We live in such a way that no one will stumble because of us, and no one will find fault with our ministry. In everything we do, we show that we are true ministers of God. We patiently endure troubles and hardships and calamities of every kind. . . . We prove ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, by the Holy Spirit within us, and by our sincere love. We faithfully preach the truth. God’s power is working in us. We use the weapons of righteousness in the right hand for attack and the left hand for defense. We serve God whether people honor us or despise us, whether they slander us or praise us. We are honest, but they call us impostors. We are ignored, even though we are well known. We live close to death, but we are still alive. We have been beaten, but we have not been killed. Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything.”

TEAM MOVIE: *Facing the Giants*

TEAM GOAL: To be “Nomad Nobodies”-- Phil 2:7ß

The **Philosophy** of evangelism: **M O S S:**

- M** **Motivation** – that we would be **motivated** to share the Gospel and the love of God to others
- O** **Openness** – that those we share with will have an **openness** to receive the ...
- S** **Salvation** -- of Jesus Christ our Saviour
- S** **Sanctification** – and progress in **sanctification**

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