

ROCenter Overview

“Reviving Our Cities through Christ’s Kingdom”

The Urgent Need: All one has to do is watch the six o’clock news to realize that our cities and nations are in deep trouble. Violence and crime, poverty, substance abuse, fractured families, terrorism, and war are just some of the problems corroding our world-wide communities. The gap between the rich and poor is growing dangerously wide, producing hopelessness, alienation, and rage. The situation is more widespread and dangerous than most of us realize. The desperation of those living in the inner cities and impoverished areas will increasingly impact and threaten those in the middle and upper class living in affluence. Everyone needs to recognize the severity of the problem, and contribute to the solution.

We can revive our cities and nations! With the right strategy and support, enough people can be influenced to make a difference. Most people want to change, but they don’t know how. They may know how, but lack the help. By working together, we can provide the five essential ingredients necessary to alter our communities: 1) worship and prayer; 2) multiplying kingdom families (house churches); 3) marketplace and community development; 4) practical help and opportunities; and 5) training and sending missionaries to the nations.

Our Faith Conviction: We believe that God is committed to transforming whole cities by bringing its citizens under the Lordship of Christ and training them to advance His kingdom in every area of life. This will occur when the body of Christ in a geographic area comes into unity for the ultimate purpose of God’s glory in the nations. When the people of God humble themselves before God and one another, repent for their sins, live holy lives in the reverential fear of the Lord, and practically demonstrate (with loving servant hearts) the kingdom of God in word and deed, their city will enjoy a significant improvement in the overall quality of its life.

What Is A ROCenter?: A ROCenter is a People, Purpose, and Place devoted to advancing the Lordship of Christ and His kingdom in cities, regions, and nations. It is a kingdom resource center that helps to train and mobilize God’s people in reviving and transforming their communities. The **People** have come together as the family of God under the **Person** of Christ, common values, vision, and strategies, submitting to the Christ in one another and His delegated authority. The **Purpose** is to advance the Lordship of Christ and His kingdom in every sphere of life (personal, marriage & family, churches, market place, social & civil). The **Places** are strategically located mission bases that help facilitate the many training and ministry activities necessary to revive its city and other cities in the nations.

- An apostolic **PEOPLE** – connected at the heart to advance Christ’s kingdom in cities, regions and nations.
- A Kingdom **PURPOSE** – to start and multiply kingdom families (house churches) and to bring holistic and comprehensive solutions in every sphere of life (personal, marriage & family, church, marketplace, social & civil).

- A strategically located **PLACE** – surrounded by the international community and the poor, to be a mission base and campus that enables us to reach our goals.

Rock International Tribe’s Mandate: The Rock International Tribe seeks to be an apostolic spiritual family who lives in the reverential fear of the Lord and for His glory, passionately loving God and obeying Him as Lord. We are dedicated to advancing Christ’s kingdom in every sphere of life such as marriage, family, marketplace, education, entertainment, social & civil. Our strategy is to help train and mobilize the body of Christ by planting kingdom families (house churches) in every neighborhood and to establish strategically located kingdom resource centers (ROCenters) throughout the world. ROCenters have five interconnected activities: 1) worship and prayer, 2) starting and multiplying kingdom families (house churches), 3) holistic and comprehensive training, 4) marketplace and community development, and 5) equipping and mobilizing God’s people for world missions.

Core Values & Kingdom Motives Are Key: Because God is the central, supreme, and sovereign Source of all that exists, He had to be true to Himself and create everything for His glory. We are made to reverentially fear God, give Him glory, and worship Him all the time and in every way (Rev. 14:6-7). Life only works when we live sustained by God for God. We fulfill our existence when we live in the fear of the Lord, in humility and holiness, obeying Him because He is God, by the power of the Holy Spirit. With the reverential fear of God and His glory as the ultimate foundation, we summarize our core values as: The Holy Spirit of God, flowing through the family of God, advancing the Lordship of Christ and the kingdom of God in the nations.

Core Values



Five Essential Activities Necessary to Advance the Kingdom in a City:

These five essential activities must be seen as inseparable. Each activity has an extraordinarily important function and contribution to the overall success of reviving a city or nation for Christ.

1. **Worship & Prayer:** Passionate, persistent, faith-filled praise, worship, and prayer. We call this a “Prayer Furnace”.
2. **Kingdom Families:** The establishing and multiplying of small (3-15 people) kingdom families (house churches) in every neighborhood, business, and school. These kingdom families (house churches) need to be connected relationally to a larger body of Christ with qualified apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists, elders, and deacons.
3. **Holistic & Comprehensive Training:** Holistic and comprehensive training that renews the mind, transforms the heart, and instructs the “hands” (ie: behavior and lifestyles). Training needs to include such areas as biblical instruction, Judeo-Christian worldview and values, marriage & family, job and lifestyle skills, entrepreneurial enterprise, communications, the arts, trade skills, and leadership and management..
4. **Marketplace & Community Development:** Establishing programs that bring practical solutions to the problems facing businesses, social and civil services, schools, families, and individuals, both in the urban core and in the suburbs.
5. **World Missions:** Training and mobilizing God’s people to bring Christ’s kingdom in other cities and regions around the world. We must commit ourselves to serving those in other nations who have never heard or experienced the kingdom of God.

ROCenters (Reviving Our Cities)



Ten Organizational Areas in a ROCenter Necessary to Mobilize for City Transformation: Each area of ministry will require many leaders, managers, and workers if they are to reach their goals.

1. **Worship & Prayer:** Prayer Furnace
2. **Kingdom Families** (House Churches): Start-ups, leadership training and support, worship leader training, outreach training.
3. **Rock Training Center**
 - A. School of Kingdom Foundations
 - B. School of Leadership & Management
 - C. School of Five-Fold Ministry: Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Pastors, Evangelists. This includes how to start and multiply kingdom families (house churches) and ROCenters.
 - D. School of World Missions
 - E. School of Business
 - F. School of Marriage & Family
 - G. School of Life Skills
 - H. School of Communications
 - I. School of the Arts
 - J. School of Inner Healing and Deliverance
4. **Rock Solid Urban Impact**
 - A. Business Consultation: Helping companies do business God's way
 - B. Establishing new kingdom businesses
 - C. Mentorship Program connecting youth with successful people and businesses.
 - D. Sports Outreach
 - E. Character formation and outreach through Outdoor Recreation.
 - F. Social and civil services
 - G. Compassion Outreach Ministries
5. **Human Resources and Personnel:** recruiting, application process, assessment, orientation, gift discovery, placement, follow-up.
6. **City-Wide Celebrations:** Worship Team, Dance Team, Greeting & Hospitality Team, Drama Teams, Youth Kingdom Institute.
7. **Local Missions:** Hospitality, Kingdom Communities, Food Pantry, Halfway houses, Veronica's Voice, and much more.
8. **World & Cross-Cultural Missions:** Vision casting, Training, Sending Out, Follow-up and Support, Crisis & Disaster Relief.
9. **Business & Development:** Building & Grounds, Finance & Book Keeping, Stewardship & Development, Rock Publications, Rock Productions, Product Marketing & Distribution, Property Acquisition & Development.
10. **Events:** Rock Tribal Gathering, Rock at Table Rock, ROCenter Leadership, Rock The Nations, House Church Conferences, and more.

Current Situation and Resources:

We are in the process of establishing our first ROCenter, located in the urban core of Kansas City. From God's vantage point, the actual location of the campus/mission base is perfect - right in the center of the heart of the Heartland, the place our city needs the greatest amount of help. God's people are called to be a redemptive force in the most hopeless and dysfunctional places. It is a place of hidden treasure. Most of those who are refugees from other lands resettle in this area. Urban youth are an untapped goldmine, and can be loved and retrained to be positive productive contributors to our businesses and community. The location of the missions base places us among the youth, poor, and nations, the primary target group of our heavenly Father. Its location is a prophetic statement of God's heart for "the least of these". It lends itself wonderfully for training those called to cross-cultural missions because it exposes and equips future missionaries to life among an international community and teaches them to overcome the difficulties of living in an economically and spiritually oppressed environment.

The missions base and campus is made up of four buildings: 1) The **Celebration Center** includes large meeting room, fellowship hall, classrooms, showers, kitchen, food pantry, and compassion ministry area serving Veronica's Voice, a ministry to prostituted women. 2) The **Rock Training Center** includes a gymnasium, cafeteria, seven classrooms, and offices. 3) The **Church House** has three offices, kitchen and dining room, four bedrooms, third floor family room. 4.) The **Discipleship House** includes the Prayer Furnace in the basement, kitchen, dining room, laundry room, two living rooms, office, master bedroom suite, and five more bedrooms.

All of the five essential activities necessary for reviving our city and reaching the nations have been established by the ROCenter: Kansas City, but are only in embryonic form. We have been praying for the Lord of the harvest to raise up and/or send us five-fold ministries, leaders, managers, and workers to bring this first ROCenter into maturity. Once we have established one healthy functioning ROCenter prototype, we hope to help establish many more around the world.