

- Wherever God's people live for Jesus, the Kingdom, the rule of the King is there, and so our job is to present the Kingdom, model the Kingdom, and share the Kingdom wherever we go
- Matthew 24:14, NIV – *“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations ...”*
- So if we are going to be an Apostolic Centre, we have to be as concerned for what goes on outside our wall, as what goes on inside our walls -- we have to be as concerned for the harvest, as we are for the Church

2. Rightly Understanding The Harvest

- We need to learn how to build bridges, so that it's easier for us to go into the community
- And easier for the community to come into the castle

3. First Steps At Bridge Building

- July 4 – Softball Games Outreach – Brossard – Vanier Park
 - Contact Mike Hartigan
 - August 8 – Picnic, Games, Etc.
 - Contact Wim Ridders
 - September And Beyond
 - Contact your elders
- An Apostolic Centre is a centre where people are trained, and the community around the centre is touched with the Kingdom
 - And it can only happen, as we learn how to build bridges, because until we learn how to build bridges, the wheat will never be healed

A HEART FOR THE HARVEST

Part 1 - An Apostolic Centre

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MY VISION

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INSIGHTS

1. An Apostolic Centre

- 1989 – Build an Apostolic Resource Centre
 - 2007 – Eugene May – Build an Apostolic Resource Centre.
- The King (Jesus) Is Enthroned
 - Psalm 29:10, NIV – *“The LORD sits enthroned ... the LORD is enthroned as King forever.”*
 - Hebrews 2:9, NIV – *“But we see Jesus ... now crowned with glory and honor ...”*
 - The Lords And Ladies (Elders) Administrate The King's Commands
 - 1 Timothy 5:17, NIV – *“The elders who direct the affairs of the church ...”*
 - Psalm 107:32, NIV – *“Let them exalt him ... and praise him in the council of the elders.”*
 - Attendants (Deacons) Assist The Lords
 - Acts 6:2-4, NIV – *(2) So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. (3) Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility*

over to them (4) and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

- 1 Timothy 3:10, NIV – *“They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.”*
- d) Trained Knights (Faithful Men & Women) Do Exploits In The Countryside
- Psalm 144:1, NIV – *“Praise be to the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle.”*
 - Daniel 11:32, KJV – *“... the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.”*
 - Mark 16:17-18, NIV – *“(17) And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; (18) ... they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”*
 - Matthew 28:19, NIV – *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations ...”*
 - 2 Timothy 2:2, NIV – *“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.”*

e) Trained Monks (Pastors) Care For All The People

- Ezekiel 34:16, NIV – *“I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak ...”*
- Luke 4:18, NIV – *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, ...”*
- 1 Peter 5:2, NIV – *“Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care ...”*

f) Citizens

- John 9:5, NIV – [Jesus said] *“While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”*
- 2 Corinthians 5:20, NIV – *“We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.”*
- 2 Corinthians 1:12, NIV – *“... we have conducted ourselves in the world ... in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but according to God's grace.”*
- 2 Corinthians 10:3, NIV – *“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.”*

2. The Problem

a) Our Bridges Are Gone!

- “You’ve got to learn how to build bridges, because until you learn how to build bridges, the wheat will never be healed”

b) A Failed Attempt At Building A Bridge

HEALING THE WHEAT

1. Rightly Understanding The Kingdom

- God’s Kingdom is defined as the full realm of rule or influence of King Jesus, and so God’s Kingdom is wherever God’s people are
- Luke 17:21, NIV – *“... the kingdom of God is within you.”*
- The Kingdom certainly should include everything that happens within the walls of the physical local Church, where the elders administrate King Jesus’ rule
- But it also includes everywhere in the community where pastoral care takes place, wherever God’s people do exploits, and wherever a citizen of the Kingdom of God lives, and serves as a light in the world