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*This documentary film takes viewers on an exciting journey to discover a sustainable means to disciple and transform families, communities and nations. It will inspire leaders to pray and work together to love the lost, bringing greater freedom, justice and prosperity to societies.*

Dear Friend,

The King's Court Foundation's mission is to grow and sustain prayer-based Christian efforts that meet the spiritual, physical and social needs of communities. After years of research (historical and contemporary) on prayer-based efforts in regions around the world we believe this full-length film documentary is the best way to communicate our findings to believers worldwide.

Jesus commanded his followers to teach people in all nations what he had taught them. He also said that if his followers intimately knew his love and joy, loved God, and loved each other, the world would believe in him. Their lifestyles would be 'leaven' in society. His teachings implied that believers would joyfully choose to share their gifts, skills and resources, enabling communities 'long devastated' to be rebuilt and restored<sup>i</sup>. During the last three hundred years, the number of people knowing Jesus' love and teachings has increased dramatically. Largely because of certain missionaries,<sup>ii</sup> millions of people have experienced greater freedoms, with many coming out of acute poverty. Nevertheless, there remains over three billion people from 7,076 'ethne' or 'nations,' many in dire poverty, who do not know Jesus' love or his teachings.<sup>iii</sup> In addition, many Christ-followers continue to remain in acute poverty.

This full-length documentary, *Reign*,<sup>iv</sup> dares to answer how believers can teach all the nations 'everything' Jesus taught. *Reign* takes viewers on Michael Spence's journey of discovery for these answers. Seeing firsthand for himself how colonialism, national socialism, communism, multinational corporations, trade laws, and the international aid industry frequently limited justice, prosperity and personal freedom in Southern African nations, Michael left a promising career with a multinational corporation to become a missionary student in the USA. He studied church growth, leadership development, and the phenomenon of 'supernaturally' transformed persons, organizations, communities and nations. *Reign* tells the stories of real people from diverse historical and geographic contexts, working in business, government and the church, who were used of God to root out corruption, alleviate poverty, and bring greater justice and freedom to society. Ezra and Nehemiah (456-440 BC), John Wesley (1703-1791 AD) and three contemporary Ugandan leaders are covered in detail. In each story, important biblical (and socio-economic) principles consistent with Jesus' life teachings were remarkably present.

Everyday life examples, interviews with select scholars and practitioners, and biblical texts augment these biblical principles, making a compelling case for believers to seek God's miraculous interventions in their social contexts. Using these principles as a foundation, *Reign* then advocates that leaders seriously consider integrating three grassroots Judeo-Christian transformative 'phenomena' (approaches) for the sustainable transformation of their communities and nations. The first phenomenon, 'revival,' results in people having a heightened supernatural encounter with God's love and joy, often bringing profound emotional, spiritual and physical healing. The second phenomenon, 'discipleship multiplication movements' (DMM's), is the rapid and explosive proliferation of large numbers of people, and their families, discovering the joy of Jesus' life-altering teachings in small communities of love, often bringing deep relational healing. And the third phenomenon, small and medium enterprises (SME), allows

entrepreneurs to create needed products and services in their communities/societies. SME's also represent 95% of the businesses and 65% of the employment in prosperous nations.<sup>v</sup>

Michael Spence, a researcher and ordained minister, has thoroughly researched Judeo-Christian transformational approaches; he has also participated in revivals, SME's—including banking, and DMM activation. He completed his PhD dissertation on the role of prayer, from the perspective of select leaders, in transforming social systems. The King's Court Foundation previously pioneered collaborative prayer efforts, including several city-wide prayer mobilization initiatives. The growing *Reign* Team includes a former Disney executive, industry professionals, and a development officer; the Team is also working with a professional production company. The Ugandan leaders involved with the profound social transformation in government, church and business have already been interviewed in person about their stories; and the initial list of supporting experts and professionals from relevant fields has been compiled.

The film's intent is to help leaders better understand some of the inner dynamics involved in God's interventions to relieve spiritual, economic and social oppression. The film's primary audiences are revivalists<sup>vi</sup> and truth seekers from Christian backgrounds worldwide, particularly those who have been disillusioned. Others seeking greater understanding of Christianity will also find hope, encouragement and life direction from the film. Passionate revivalists seek outcomes reflective of God's heavenly Kingdom in their respective socio-economic "eco-systems." By knowing God's principles of intervention, these ardent Christ-followers will avoid becoming frustrated, giving up, or using approaches that may bring unintended harm over the long-term.

The *Reign* Film will take one year to complete after being funded. Missions organizations and Churches will help distribute the film locally and internationally. We will have a limited release in select theaters and independent film festivals. Our hope is to translate the film into different languages.

We are respectfully requesting you partner with us through prayer, volunteering and/or a financial donation. Email us or go online for more information.

Your Sincerely,



Michael Spence, President and CEO

<sup>i</sup> References the biblical passage in Isaiah 61 that Jesus read from at the start of his ministry, related to the Year of Jubilee.

<sup>ii</sup> The Missionary Roots of Liberal Democracy. Robert D. Woodberry, National University of Singapore. American Political Science Review. Vol. 106, No. 2 May 2012.

<sup>iii</sup> [https://joshuaproject.net/people\\_groups/statistics](https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/statistics).

<sup>iv</sup> Romans, chapter 5 verse 17: - having an ability to bring God's blessings and presence into their social contexts.

<sup>v</sup> *Reign* will show how SME's blossomed initially in Judeo-Christian contexts. This statistic comes from the award-winning documentary, *Poverty, Inc*. This is a 2min clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqWPcCLG6Vk>.

<sup>vi</sup> Revivalists want God's primary Kingdom characteristics - joy, peace, hope, righteousness, and the power of the Holy Spirit- to be the dominant and sustaining characteristics within their families, organizations, communities and nations. These mitigate against destructive self-determinism, bringing greater societal freedom and justice.