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### Kingdom Growth Movements



Kingdom Growth Movements is the heart of ALL discipleship at KGM. Our mission remains clear, "Restoring Discipleship Foundations to the Body of Christ." The way we do this is through a variety of resources offered as a ministry and as resources to the local church and community of faith. Check out: https://www.karengaithersministries.org/ to learn more. In November 2023 we hosted our first "Giving Tuesday" event. A week where we shared our ministry story and raised \$800.00. In addition, in 2023, "Watermark Life Coaching" began! Through Watermark, I am professionally engaging in peacemaking as a "Discipleship Coach" focusing on life traumas, managing conflicts, mediating and more. There are sooo many beautiful facets to KGM that are touching lives. In fact, many of our partners through Watchmen On the Wall are pioneering their own discipleship movement as missional leaders. This is where KGM gets its name!

#### **Expanding Our Territory**



June 2023 was an extraordinary month, taking the work of discipleship in Peacemaking to the UK! This was actually the fulfillment of a supernatural encounter! I and my dear friends and colleagues, Mercedes and Matthew Williams (shown) became connected over a span of 2 years. My meeting with Mercedes was initiated by a dream I had wherein I heard the words, "The Jubilee Center" Well, long story short, after searching and reaching out, I met Mercedes who "just so happen" to also have the same passion for the ministry of peacemaking as I did! Our on-going talks over 2 years inspired us to courageously embark on producing a peacemaking project as a documentary to shed more light on the subject for the faith community to learn, explore and implement peace tools in various ways. Matt joined us later because he too had great interest in the ministry of peace and had already done work of this kind in Africa. My trip to Cambridge UK (where Matt and Mercedes live), was a beautifully productive mix of work and pleasure. Our filming is complete and we are now looking for professional assistance in storytelling and editing. We hope to release this project by 2025-2026.

# Kingdom Life Chats - For Women in Leadership



Kingdom Life Chats has long since been a quarterly online discussion arena to create "God Inspired Discussions" around poignant topics that are relevant to the Believer's walk of faith. It is my belief that conversations are a powerful tool where people can learn and be inspired to grow and enhance their life. When these conversations are centered around godly principles, well, they become "God Inspired" and these compelling discussions have been rich in message, testimonies, and resources offered by our various presenters on these compelling topics. Amid these conversations there was always a longing for how to better support those in leadership that is a part of KGM and also our extended partners. Kingdom Life Chats was the ideal platform to make this shift. This is what we did in November when we hosted our first webinar, "Leading in the SUPERNATURAL," a training forum that will maintain the rich discussions Kingdom Life Chats is known for, while focusing on topics that are relevant to women in leadership.

## The Authentic Walk



The Authentic Walk Podcast is now more than just a podcast show. Since 2021 the discussions have been centered on the book, "Mysteries of the Kingdom" and they continue into 2024 with such thought-provoking topics as: Understanding the "Kingdom of Heaven" and how to intentionally live in it. Identifying the opposing kingdom, the "Kingdom of Darkness" and its distinction. "How to Hear from God," The "Ministry of Fellowship," The "Assignment of Sin," and "Finding Forgiveness," which was a special series all its own. Our podcast shows have proven to be timeless and relevant because our conversations are biblically base, down to earth and relatable. Our conversations will now be used as study aids for book clubs and the Finding Forgiveness Series continues to be our most popular shows. In all, the podcast is reaching across the globe, predominately in North America and extending to South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and even Oceania! God is touching lives with these authentic conversations about Life in His KINGDOM.

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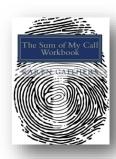
Closing the year with an EPIC Watchmen Christmas Party!

#### KGM 2024 Annual Events



Hey! What's in Store for 2024? Well, we have a bustling calendar of events this year. We hope you will be able to join us! To download your own calendar, just go to https://www.karengaithersministries.org/ and scroll down to the bottom of the page to access. Some of our annual highlights this year will be "Craft Day" making handmade fragrant candles, the much loved, "Sum of My Call God Encounter," "Finding Your Fitness" (San Diego road trip-health and fitness focused), "Kingdom Life Chats," "Movie Night-Backyard Party," "Birthday Celebrations," "Watchmen On the Wall LIVE Worship and Prayer," "Ambushing the Gates of Hell" (Spiritual Warfare Consecration), "Mysteries of the Kingdom Book-Facilitator Training and Club Summer Series," "Monthly Bible Study Fellowship" and of course our annual epic "Christmas Party!" We believe a discipled life is not boring. We understand it's a "Way of Life" that cultivates a healthy, happy and balanced life; a life in the spirit with God and others in meaningful ways. We realize so many people are looking for this, but not everyone knows how to find it. We happen to believe we do!

#### The Sum of My Call



This is EXCITING! The Sum of My Call - God Encounters is in its THIRD season. This training/Encounter is no doubt one of KGM's premier events! This 8-week consecration and writing experience defines once and for all, the believer's spiritual purpose, identity and clarifies their spiritual mandate; something every believer should never live without. One of the many treasures from this encounter is the Vision Intercessor Fellowship that helps participants continue their pursuit in a journey of purpose. Our Vision Intercessor Fellowship small groups are growing and in 2023 we had our first in person fellowship! This was a rich, inspiring, mobilizing, and empowering fellowship over food and sharing one another's vision. There is nothing more gratifying and affirming than to be in fellowship among other leaders who carry their vision as you do. This year we hope to secure grant funds to begin offering Micro Grants (\$250-\$1000) to these passionate visionaries. For some, this could be a REAL game changer.

### Mysteries of the Kingdom Book Club



Okay! Are you ready for this? Mysteries of the Kingdom - Discipleship Foundations is a book that speaks to people right where they are living...in their quest to understand the meaning of life, knowing God in a personal way and how to live the abundant life Jesus spoke about. Since 2021, this book has been used as a book club both online and on-ground from LA to Fresno CA. It is the centerpiece of discussion on the Authentic Walk Podcast and recorded excerpts are used as book club study aids. In October 2023, I traveled to New York for a discovery trip to share with church and ministry leaders the benefits of MOTK as a discipleship tool. I was surprised by two things on this trip. One, I didn't realize how much I'd love NY! LOL. Two, the gospel message about the Kingdom as shared in this book is a "New Sound" (as one pastor shared), and I saw how the body of Christ was hungry for it as well. This year we will be in a prayerful posture on a strategy to plant book clubs across the nation. Our summer series online book club is designed for just that! We will be launching a book club in June for 8 weeks; igniting missional opportunities for believers to facilitate and lead groups.

# Watchmen Christmas Party



If you haven't attended our annual Christmas party, you must plan to this This is one of our many fellowship gatherings (hosted by the Watchmen On the Wall Prayer Network) and we get the whole family out! We really try to bring back the spirit of Christmas in an old fashion kind of way with games, music, dancing, gift exchange, caroling, photo booth, good food and fun for everyone. Every year seems to get better and better. KGM cultivates a ministry atmosphere that's intimate, loving and nurturing. The kind that begins at HOME. Our Christmas party is in many ways, the cap on the year, celebrating ALL that God has done.