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Welcome to the Vanderbloemen Leadership Podcast. I'm your host, Holly Tate, Vice President of Business Development here at Vanderbloemen, and on today's episode, our executive search consultant and my colleague Brian Jensen talks with Ben Thomas who's the director of Kigali International Community School, which we call KICS, and he's the founder of a non profit called B2THEWORLD. Now, at the time that this was recorded, it was before COVID-19, and we were working on a search with Ben to find KICS' new secondary principal, and we are so excited to announce that even in the midst of COVID-19, we saw God's faithfulness and were able to help KICS complete their search, and they have hired Chuks Ekwelum, and he is in the Boston area and is going to move to Kigali, Rwanda to join the KICS team. So working with KICS was an incredible journey that God guided us through during this pandemic, and we'd invite you to check out the story, it's a God story that we released on our website, [vanderbloemen.com](http://vanderbloemen.com).

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But in today's episode, Brian talks with Ben about how the Lord used his passion for the lost and led him to international education. Ben discusses how Kigali International Community School prepares students to excel academically and to live out a biblical world view. He explains how B2THEWORLD partners with believers around the world to develop school systems for generations to come, and how we can prayerfully support them. I know you'll be encouraged in this conversation with Ben and Brian today. So tweet your takeaways from today's episode using the hashtag, [Vandercast](https://twitter.com/Vandercast), and check out today's show notes to join our Facebook group where we post behind the scenes content. We'll post today's show notes and a behind the scenes video in that Facebook group. So without further ado, here's Brian's conversation with Ben.

Brian Jensen:

Well I am so excited about today's guest. I had the opportunity last week to spend a few days in Kigali, Rwanda with a great host, Dr. Ben Thomas who is our guest on today's podcast. He's the director of the school in Rwanda, Kigali International Community School. Fantastic school doing some really cool things, we're going to hear a little bit about that, but Ben, thank you for joining me today.

Ben Thomas:

Absolutely. Glad to be here.

Brian Jensen:

Yeah. This is awesome, and he's in our office. He's here in the States doing some fundraising some training, and I'm excited to hear him talk a little bit more about why he's doing that, but Ben, why don't we start by just, we're going to get into some of your specifics of your role, but tell us a little bit about your story and what excites you about your work right now.

Ben Thomas:

Yeah. Well thanks, Brian, it is great to be here, and so thankful for the work that you work that you and all the folks here at Vanderbloemen do. Really a blessing to the kingdom. So I think to start with my story I've got to start with my parents who immigrated to the US in the early 70s from India, and they've really taught me so much, and a lot of people, many people, will say nice things about me and different things like that, but I often say about 90% of who I am, you can really attribute to my parents. So, so

thankful. Not everybody gets the privilege of having two solid parents that shape them and mold them in that way, but I'm one of those lucky few.

Ben Thomas:

And through that, growing up as an Indian immigrant in the US, born and raised in New York, always just had a sense of there was more to life than just what was happening here in America. We'd often travel back to India, and so I knew at least there were two worlds, and my parents really encouraged me in trying all the things that America had to offer from sports to different lessons along the way, and yet we stayed rooted and grounded in our culture as Malayalis, and so, so thankful for that.

Ben Thomas:

And I'll fast forward this story along the way, met my wonderful wife, Susie, and really just that started a trajectory in our life that really was about service and serving God's kingdom and his people and doing that together. And so we were serving in a unique role with a ministry called Athletes in Action and loved it and loved what we were doing and loved the people and in 2012 when we had three children and Susie was pregnant with our fourth, Susie was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor.

Ben Thomas:

As you can imagine, totally life stopped as we knew it, and we went from the first doctor saying to me, "Ben, you got to choose between your wife and your baby." To, "The baby's not going to survive surgery." To the day after the surgery, different specialists saying that she had maybe two to three years left to live.

Ben Thomas:

And so it was this real, it was part of this intense time where I would say God was remaking us and reshaping us, and lots of deep lessons of learning how saved we are and yet how sinful we are. How loved we are. And we really counted that time as a gift, and it's just, from January 25, 2012 until now, it's just, as they would say, up and to the right. It's been a real blessing, and we're still thankful.

Ben Thomas:

And so in that process, a few things happened. One, I resigned my role and Susie was not happy about that, and so in response to me resigning my role, she made me start a doctoral program in global Christianity and development. I did that at Gordon-Conwell under Doug Birdsall and Todd Johnson, two really amazing leaders, and we studied the changes in Christianity over the last hundred years, from 1910 to 2010, specifically in the areas of mission, development, and global leadership. And so I just learned so much and God continued to deepen my passion for the lost, my passion for the great commission, my passion to see his name proclaimed, really just equipped me with tools and I was so thankful for that.

Ben Thomas:

While that was happening, God presented the opportunity because Susie really wanted to live back overseas. She kept saying, "I don't want to wait around just to die," and so I thought she was a little crazy, I thought she was in denial, but we were open, and through that process, God opened the door for us to serve at the Kigali International Community School, and this fit so much of what we were looking for. It incorporated our ministry and our family, and it was just a great place that students from over 30 countries, so I could still be a global leader but without having to travel as much, and a place

that our family can be, and so we're just so thankful to step into there, and what we found at KICS was a great group of people that loved the Lord, a real sense of family, and a school that was still fairly young, had received its accreditation, but still, a lot of building blocks still needed to be strengthened. So that's a bit of our story, and we can pick up a little bit more from there.

Brian Jensen:

Yeah, absolutely. I love your story. We got a chance to get to know each other last week, and just the incredible blessing God's given you, through the work you're doing, through your family. I had the chance to eat dinner at your house and meet your wonderful wife Susie and your kids.

Ben Thomas:

Yeah, that's right.

Brian Jensen:

And just a really incredible family.

Ben Thomas:

Thanks.

Brian Jensen:

And why don't we talk a little bit about your current role?

Ben Thomas:

Sure.

Brian Jensen:

So you're the director at KICS.

Ben Thomas:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Brian Jensen:

I had the chance to see it first hand at this really incredible place, but tell us just about the school and why it's so special.

Ben Thomas:

Yeah. Well, so many reasons why it's so special. I think the number one reason is the KICS global family. We have students from over 30 countries represented at our school, some parents that are doing really incredible work in the country of Rwanda, Rwandans as well as expats, and they're all there to help build the country. As many of you, well many of you may or may not know, that Rwanda suffered and went through the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi, and as a result of that, over a million people died in 100 days.

Ben Thomas:

And so what we found at KICS was a group of people that were not there to make more money, were not there to better their own life, but really were there to help contribute to the country, and that's, the beauty is, that's not just at KICS, that is throughout the country of Rwanda, and so I think all of that is what makes KICS so special. It's in this incredible country that certainly has experienced hardship, but the leadership of the country, the people of the country, have all rallied together to rebuild itself and I believe we're living in one of the most developing countries in all the world, and every day you see steps forward, and so KICS is just a small piece of that landscape, but man, I can't imagine a school being in a better setting than that, and to do that with friends and colleagues and parents from all over the world, man, what a gift. What a gift.

Ben Thomas:

And we do that focused on Christ. Our mission states that we want to prepare students to excel academically and live out a biblical world view, and there's a real commitment to our mission and there's a real commitment to our vision. Our vision is to bless, sorry, our vision is to impact the world for Christ by preparing servant leaders who choose character before career, wisdom beyond scholarship, service above self, and a lifestyle of participation over apathy, and so more than any other place I've been, our decisions are based on our vision and our mission. So we're not leading based on personality, but we're leading towards the vision and mission, and I've said from my first day there that if we live out our vision and mission, I believe we get to be part of building one of the best schools on the continent of Africa, and it's just been a joy to be a part of that with the people and the students and trust God together.

Ben Thomas:

I know many people will say this, and I'm so glad they do, and we would echo the statement that we feel like KICS is God's school, and so part of that backdrop and, just so you and the audience is aware, after the genocide of 1994 against the Tutsi, a group of Rwandan believers began prayer mapping the city and the country, and Rwanda, it's a land of over a thousand hills, so I'm here in Texas, and I'm amazed at how flat everything is and how far you can see, well, in Rwanda, that's not the case. It's hill after hill, and well, they got to this one hill, they got to this one hill which KICS is now located on, and they realized it was the center for witchcraft for the whole country, and these Rwandan believers began praying that God would redeem that hill, and from that hill, he would send out laborers to the rest of the world.

Ben Thomas:

And six years later, the government of Rwanda put in a neighborhood, vision 2020, that included in it, a school building and a community center. Seven years later, KICS moved in with the vision and mission to impact the world for Christ by preparing servant leaders, and so it's a joy to be a part of that, it's a joy to be part of what God has been doing, the prayers that have been sowed long before any foreigner got there, and long before I got there, and just to continue that work of preparing servant leaders to impact the world for Christ.

Brian Jensen:

What an incredible story of yours and also of KICS. And of course, this will be in the show notes, but we encourage you to go check out KICS, their website, just learn more about their school. It's an incredible place. I can say that, I've been there now, but one of the things I want to make sure you talk about, is something we spent a lot of time talking about last week, and that's this exciting future of KICS. Tell us more about that.

Ben Thomas:

Yeah, so our school currently sits on 1.68 acres of land, so doesn't matter what country you're in, that's pretty small space. We use the space well and we're so thankful for it. Well, after about a year, sorry, after about six months of our arrival, we really went to Rwanda thinking, "We will be there until Susie's tumor returns." Within our first six months, we began to sense God say, "I want you to now trust me that I've healed her." And Susie and I, it was through a few different ways and individually and then corporately, we began believing God that he had indeed healed her, and after he revealed that to us, he also began reveal to us and members of our board, what does expansion at KICS look like? How do we ensure KICS remains for generations to come? We were getting ready to celebrate our tenth anniversary as a school in 2016, and I arrived in July of 2014, so really, I think it was 2015, we began this sense of prayer, this anticipation that God wanted to do something more, this sense of we can be part of the generation that helps establish KICS for future generations. Not everybody gets that privilege, but God's calling us into that.

Ben Thomas:

So we began to think about what are some areas of education that are lacking in Rwanda. So we don't want to just build a better school just for the sake of KICS, but we said how do we be a blessing to KICS, to East Africa, and to the continent as a whole? And so we looked at, we really struggle with learning support and special needs education in the country. We don't have a proper performing arts theater in the country. Rwanda really wants to grow in its ability to teach the sciences. Rwanda wants to grow to be a leading center of ICT, information and computer technology, and we wanted to develop a sports center where students can learn lessons on a field or a court that they can incorporate into life, and then finally, we have learned so much from Rwanda, and we would love to help the world learn more lessons of leadership from this country. And not just from Rwanda, but other countries in the world, so we'd love to help develop global leadership.

Ben Thomas:

And so we said, yes, let's build a new school, and let's put that school at the center, but around that school, let's build these other centers that even if you can't afford a KICS education or you're not a KICS students, but you're in Rwanda, you can access those centers. And so we began praying, and God has, over the last few years, been very faithful and present with us and after about four years, we were able to finalize the land purchase of 21.75 acres of land in the city limits of Kigali, which is our capital city, and it's one of the last virgin pieces of land, and it's been a long process, and I often remind some of our friends, well, it was only a four year process, the Israelites were 40, so it really depends on perspective, but God's blessed us with this land, and we've been able to secure that land in cash, which is remarkable for our school in Rwanda, and we're very thankful, and so we're really excited about what's ahead, and we're excited to develop this.

Ben Thomas:

We're in the middle of our school transformation process and our strategic plan process, and that'll lead to the architectural designs by the end of this year, and then we'll formally launch our building process as we look to raise resources for that, so the idea of two ideas. In a country that has been rebuilding itself, the opportunity to establish a school and leave a school for generations to come that stands on Christ, to impact the world for Christ from there, what a gift. What a gift. Right? And that doesn't start and end with me, that doesn't start and end with our board. This is generational impact, and we are privileged. Humbly privileged to be a part of that, and so we're so thankful.

Ben Thomas:

And then the second part of that is just the idea of building something that's not just for us. Not just for our constituents. Sometimes I think, not trying to be critical of anyone in God's kingdom, but sometimes I think we've just built a world unto ourselves, and so one of our lessons learned in Rwanda is how do we bless others? And not just say that, but yeah, let's spend money to do that. Let's build a school that yeah, there's kids that don't go to the school that access the school property. And sure, we'll think about safety and all those things, but how do we be a blessing? How do we say to the artists in Kigali, "Hey, come and perform here." How do we say to the students at other schools that want to grow in the sciences, "Hey come and spend a weekend at a science camp." And the list goes on and on.

Ben Thomas:

And so I just think it goes back to Genesis 12 when God called Abraham to be a blessing. He's calling us to be a blessing to the nations. And we get to do that know with the knowledge of Christ, with the love of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, and so we're just so excited about that.

Brian Jensen:

It's so exciting to hear it again.

Ben Thomas:

Thanks.

Brian Jensen:

And to be part of the story to watch this happen now. It's an exciting future for KICS.

Ben Thomas:

Thanks.

Brian Jensen:

But one of the things, we can't really talk about KICS without also talking about the story of B2THEWORLD. B2THEWORLD is a non profit that you have founded, and I would love for you to just walk us through the story, tell us what excites you about the future of this organization.

Ben Thomas:

Sure, thanks, and it's an absolute privilege to be entrusted with the vision of B2THEWORLD, and the vision is to bless children, families, and communities in countries recovering from war and devastation through transformative educational services.

Ben Thomas:

And so I'll take you back to 2011. I was speaking at a student conference in Korea, and there were just under 10,000 Korean college students there, and they began praying for their brothers and sisters to the north, and my heart just broke. God opened my eyes to the needs of the unreached.

Ben Thomas:

Fast forward, we go through the process with Susie's health. And oh, by the way, for those of you that are wondering, I know I've shared it, but we're at eight years since Susie's tumor happened, and there's been no recurrence, and we're so thankful, and we know that story is not true for all believers, but we're so thankful that that has been true for us, and we celebrate that and we rejoice in that, and our hearts are empathetic to those believers who've experienced cancer differently, and yeah, it's not because of anything we're doing, so yeah, we're just thankful.

Ben Thomas:

So God takes us through Susie's tumor and the healing of her, but also the hardship that that was and the lessons learned. And in the midst of that, Susie, as I said, made me start a doctoral program. And as I finished that program, one of the startling facts from the Center for Global Christianity in Boston is that 86% of Muslims, Buddhists, and Hindus, do not have personal contact with a Christian. 86%. I was floored. I was floored, and I believe that should floor all of us, as believers as Jesus told us to go and make disciples of all the nations, and yet, I was reminded that at KICS, we regularly have contact with these three large religious groups, and we're not trying to convert them, but we are sharing the love of Jesus with them. We're welcoming them and loving them and caring for them and their children in respectful and kind ways, and I think their experience with us as believers has been a kind one, and it's been one that they would say, "Those people cared for our kids well."

Ben Thomas:

And we present the truth of Jesus Christ. We don't shy away from that, and at the same time, you don't get extra credit for becoming a believer. One of our values at KICS is that we're Christ centered, and so before you graduate, you have to defend your ability to graduate, and so you have to answer the question, do you believe in Christ? If so, why? Or do you not believe in Christ? If so, why? And we believe that every seed that's been sown, God's going to water, and in his time and in his power, and so we look forward to that celebration as well.

Ben Thomas:

So God is reminding me that yeah, 86% of Muslims, Buddhists, and Hindus might not have personal contact with a Christian, and yet at KICS we do. And so we began to look at, and you know the success of KICS and I've shared a little bit about that, so we began to look at how many other countries are there recovering from war and devastation? Well, that lines up with countries that would be classified as unreached or less reached or ever persecuted Christians for their faith, and so we said what would it look like to help bring quality primary and secondary education to these countries? And so that's how the vision of B2THEWORLD began.

Ben Thomas:

It goes back through many years. We are just two years old formally as an organization, but God's been growing this vision in our hearts for the last many years, and so we're really excited. We're excited that KICS is our flagship. It's the model that we've been able to take transferrable principles from. We're not trying to establish KICS-s in different places because KICS is unique to Rwanda, but we've said what are the principles that we can learn from and how might that translate to other countries recovering from war and devastation?

Ben Thomas:

Here's the thing. One of the questions that some of our students will often ask me in the most sincere and heart wrenching way is, "Dr. Thomas, how come in 1994 the world didn't do anything?" I don't know the answer to that question. I was just an eleventh grader. And I'm not saying this so anyone feels guilty, but the reality is, the world did turn its back on Rwanda, and that's a guilt that we all have to carry. And yet today, the same is happening in Syria, in Yemen, and the list goes on and on.

Ben Thomas:

And so I was only in eleventh grade when the genocide of 1994 against the Tutsi was happening and there wasn't much I could do. Well today, God's opened my eyes to be able to say there is something you can do. You can meet a need that is happening worldwide, and that is children in conflict and war torn devastation, fragile countries, whatever label you want to put on it, and you can bring something that's already a blessing in Kigali, you can bring a similar model, similar principles, to those countries in the name of Christ and bless others with that.

Ben Thomas:

So my hope is that 20 years from now, when there's the children of these people suffering in Syria and Yemen and some of these other countries around the world, Iraq et cetera, that we can look at them and say, "Hey, you know what? We helped. We brought what we could." We brought what we could, and we're bringing educational institutions, educational services to these countries. So my heart is full of joy, my heart is full of gratitude, and not just mine, my wife's as well. We co-founded B2THEWORLD together, and without Susie's story, B2THEWORLD doesn't happen. Without the doctorate, B2THEWORLD doesn't happen. Without KICS, B2THEWORLD doesn't happen, and so it's a joy to be entrusted with this vision. We believe this vision is not something that's only going to be accomplished by us. We believe that this will go even beyond our lifetime, and yet we're just at the beginning.

Ben Thomas:

A good friend had said, "Ben, you're on the plane. You're on the runway, and you've got some momentum heading down the runway." We're not up in the air yet, but we do have work in Kigali and we have a second project in Pakistan that serves the most vulnerable children. Children of believers. Children of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith and are limited to jobs like making bricks or cleaning streets. And cleaning streets is too high of a description. What they really do is when the sewage system is blocked up, only Christians are allowed to go in and clean it. And they go down there, and they might unclog it, and then gaskets erupted in, and those people often die. And those jobs are only available for Christians.

Ben Thomas:

And so I was recently privileged to be there, and I saw with my own eyes, and I remember my heart breaking, and I called Susie when we got back to where we were staying and I said, "Babe, new fundraising goal for our lives. Billions. Billions." Because as far as I'm concerned, it's not okay that as a believer, my lifestyle is up here, and other believers' lifestyle is limited to down here, and they're looked down upon lower even than an untouchable in a Hindu system. And so we're so thankful to be able to partner with believers in Pakistan, and we provide scholarships for their children to go college there.

Ben Thomas:

We believe the only way to end the cycle of bonded labor that many of them are in for three generations is through education, and so we've partnered with a Christian there who's been doing this



work for over 20 years and serving with schools, and so we've come alongside as they finish to be able to go to college and we've got a mentorship program that we're launching and we're also going to help bring some school improvement to those schools and professional development as well. And so that's our second project. And so that's really exciting.

Ben Thomas:

And then we offer professional development services for educational leaders in the developing world. And we host that in Kigali usually in November, and it's a small gathering. We're in our second year. We had 22 this year, but those 22 educational leaders represented over 100 schools, over 5,000 teachers, and over 100,000 students, and we're able just to share educational leadership principles with them and those believers and leaders are just some of the best and so sharp and so gifted and really doing great things in places like Burundi and DRC and Tunisia and the list goes on and on.

Ben Thomas:

In our next project that'll really complete phase one of this B2THEWORLD opening is to be able to partner with a group of Christians in the Middle East in a country that's recovering from war and really still in the midst of war, but there's a group of believers that are there that would like to start a school, and so we're partnering with them to help them figure out how to start a school, and really, I think what we'll end up with, Brian, is a school system there that just like KICS is now being established for generations to come, a school system that will be established for generations to come, and so we're really thankful that again, that God's entrusted this vision to us.

Ben Thomas:

We don't think of it as our vision, I don't think of myself as the leader. It's kind of like Joshua chapter 3 where God tells Joshua, the arc's going to go ahead of you. Keep about 900 meters between you and the arc. Don't get too close, and then you'll have the people and the officers behind you, right? And that's such a great picture for me because you've never been this way before.

Ben Thomas:

Well, I'll be the first to admit, Brian, I've never been this way before, and so there's a lot of time spent in prayer, and there's a lot of time spent honestly just following the Lord. I really do believe that he's going ahead of us, fighting for us, in the same way he did for Joshua, and I'm looking forward to just walking, following his lead, and trusting him for what this looks like.

Brian Jensen:

It's such an incredible story and I can sense, every time we talk about this, I sense your excitement, your passion, and the spirit of stewardship you're approaching this with.

Ben Thomas:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). Absolutely.

Brian Jensen:

Being entrusted with this to do this good work. It's not easy work.

Ben Thomas:

No.

Brian Jensen:

One of the things I want to ask you about, because you spend a lot of time thinking about this. You spend a lot of time praying about this, and you're living it. One of the things we try and do is help Christian educators be equipped for the work that they're doing in Christian education, and I think this is an interesting question. I'd love you to respond to helping those working in Christian education here in the States that want to gain a broader perspective of the global work happening in the field of education, and are there ways for us to support and pray more specifically for our brothers and sisters doing this good work of education in other parts of the world?

Ben Thomas:

Absolutely. Absolutely, and I don't say this as just a throwaway answer. I think if every Christian school and every Christian educator spend one minute a day praying for their brothers and sisters outside of the States or even outside of their own school, it doesn't even have to be outside the States, but if we just took one minute a day, on our knees, not on our knees, however your prayer posture is, and prayed that we would each be strong and courageous, that we would each go and make disciples, I think more work happens in the realms of prayer than what I can accomplish in a day. I can only imagine if every Christian school in America, every Christian school worker in America committed to one minute a day, imagine how much prayer coverage we would have, and that's something tangible, it's something, not easy, but something that in the course of curriculum and bell schedules and all of that that we have to navigate, that every school administrator can find one minute to put that in, and not just leave it to chance, not just leave it to oh yeah guys, go ahead and do that, but say hey, at 8:01, at 8:36, or better yet, at 10:40 every day, we're going to pray for our brothers and sisters in the 10:40 window. Just one minute.

Ben Thomas:

And there's all sorts of resources like the Joshua Project and the Center for Global Christianity that can help inform those prayers, but I'll do something even maybe a little bit bolder, Brian, I'd love to share just, you can email me at [ben@b2theworld.com](mailto:ben@b2theworld.com). That's B, the number 2, the world .com, and I'm happy to connect you with specific requests if there's a country on your heart because God's connected us with good people, and so, I think if we can commit to that one minute of prayer, and then from there, what happens?

Ben Thomas:

Maybe people have a heart to give, maybe people have a heart to serve, maybe people have a heart to support. I don't know. But let's start with something that I know we all can do, and that's spend a minute, let's call it 10:40, let's pray at 10:40 all across the US or all across wherever you're listening for believers, brothers and sisters, in the 10:40 window serving in Christian education.

Brian Jensen:

And I can attest to Ben being a man of prayer, and he means it when he says it. Last week, I think I met you and within an hour, we were at this new property, and you said, "We're going to stop, we're going to pray." And we did, right there on your new property. So Ben is a man that certainly practices prayer as well on a regular basis. I appreciate that, [inaudible 00:37:01].

Ben Thomas:

Yeah.

Brian Jensen:

Ben, this has been an absolute joy. It's so fun to call Ben a good friend now, to be able to host him here after he was such a wonderful host last week, and to have him on the show has just been a true blessing. Before we go, how can people learn more about KICS, more about the work of B2THEWORLD? Tell us how we can get involved and how to get in contact.

Ben Thomas:

Sure. Yeah, you can visit [b2theworld.com](http://b2theworld.com). That's the letter B, the number 2, the world .com, and that'll take you to the different websites that we have. And my email address is [ben@b2theworld.com](mailto:ben@b2theworld.com) and would love to be in touch and see ways that we can partner together. We are growing our network here in the US for us to continue the work that we do means that not all parts of the world are resourced the same, and we are, by God's grace, resource rich here in the States and so really what I ask people for is would you root us on? When you hear the name B2THEWORLD, would you say, "Yeah, we're with him." When there's opportunities for service through B2THEWORLD, you say, "Yeah, you know what? I know someone that can serve in that way." When there's opportunities to give, if we align with your giving priorities that you would say yeah, and so you can root us on, and there's so many ways.

Ben Thomas:

We're growing our network here. Right now we've got a good base in Austin and growing a base in Central Texas, Northern Virginia and D.C. and then New York City as well. And so if you're in one of those three areas and you want to get in touch, let us know, or if you want to host me for an event in your area, we can certainly walk you through that, what that means, and yeah. We're just so thankful for what God's entrusted to us, and we do believe this is going to be much bigger than us, much bigger than Susie and I, much bigger than KICS, much bigger than our organization. Believe what God's entrusted to us will be a kingdom initiative that brothers and sisters worldwide will get to put their hand to the plow and see God work.

Brian Jensen:

That's great. If you're interested in learning more about KICS or B2THEWORLD, we encourage you to check out contact information. If your heart strings have been plucked, please get in touch with Ben. Ben, it's been an amazing privilege to have you on today, I'm just so happy, so thank you.

Ben Thomas:

Thank you, and again, thanks for the work that you and William and Holly and the whole team at Vanderbloemen do. It's really a privilege to be able to partner with you guys and thankful for this time together.

Brian Jensen:

Thank you.

Holly Tate:

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