

Faith Based Model

Founded on biblical principles, University of the Nations, Kona (YWAM Kona) fulfills its commitment to Christ and His Great Commission by equipping men and women with spiritual, cultural, intellectual and professional training, and inspiring them to both continually grow in their personal relationship with God while also seeking to make Him known among all peoples in all nations.

To fulfill its purpose YWAM Kona uses a faith based model. It says in Hebrews 11:6 that ‘without faith it is impossible to please God’. We can trust in God to provide our needs because He is faithful and says in Haggai 2:8 ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine.’ Therefore, we know that ‘God’s work done in God’s way will not lack God’s supply’. This faith based model applies to YWAM Kona staff who support/train students and campus development which provides dorms and classrooms for students.

YWAM Kona has over 500 staff including doctors, lawyers, CPAs, teachers, architects, builders, and other professional and administrative staff who all serve for no salary. All staff are required to have faith and raise their support. Support is raised thru donations made to YWAM Kona and other not-for-profit organizations such as other YWAM campuses and churches. Over \$9 million in donations was received by YWAM Kona in Fiscal Year 2018 related to support of staff associated with YWAM Kona.

In the business model when funds are needed for expansion it is typical to borrow. YWAM Kona does not believe it is wrong to borrow; however, we agree with Proverbs 22:7 where it says: “The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.” Thus, we have chosen to fund our campus development thru faith/donations and not thru borrowing.

With the faith based model the YWAM Kona campus is now valued at close to \$100 million. We do have just under \$5 million in debt related to the time when we followed the business model, but we are paying this off and hope to be debt-free in the near future.

In the last 35 years with a faith based model the following improvements and buildings have been added to YWAM Kona. The amounts are estimates based upon new building costs.

8 Dormitories (approx. 100 beds each)	\$ 27,456,000
5 Building (64 Units) in Hualalai Village	17,316,000
Site Improvements	10,000,000+
Cafeteria Building (under construction)	9,000,000+
GO Center	6,330,000
Design Center – Admissions Office	2,356,000
Counseling & Healthcare Center	2,326,000
Early Childhood Education Center	1,590,000
Ohana Court	1,290,000
Library & Recording Studio	<u>767,000</u>
Total	\$78,431,000+