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## Two Countries, One Mission --> Mission Accomplished!



**Ghana**  
23-25 Apr 2012

Bill Wilcox of Smyrna Ministries and I worked alongside Pastor J. Asare to lead 80 pastors, church leaders and laymen in a 3- day, 13-session MOV conference Northern Ghana has been largely Muslim for 350 years and most of the attendees were converts from nine tribes. Some came 25 miles each way by motorbike, bike, or on foot.

### Did Men of Valor make a difference?

▶ *"It opened my eyes to know my responsibility as a male."* -F. Fabawri

▶ *"What has touched me is when you reach a man then you reach his whole family."* -Pastor S. Salifu

▶ *"It has been a new revelation to me of what is expected of a husband. [It] never occurred to me or have I heard any teaching on reaching men alone and what would be the result on church growth."* -Rev. G.A. Queru

▶ *"Though a leader I must also consider the decisions of my wife. I should be humble enough to say sorry to my wife – as a Dagomba it is very difficult... A man must break out of his silence to have a free*



Summer 2012

## In the Lord's Time

Dear Friends,

I'm learning about launching! The Lord continues to open doors: We have two Kenya invitations as well as interest among DR Congo refugees, Jordan, Nicauragua and Brazil. In addition, Zambia, Ghana, South Africa and Tanzania have asked us to return. The need is clear, but time and resources are limited. Communications and administrative tasks are consuming, let alone trip coordination and ministry prep. We've been asked for a descriptive video showing what we do... detailed brochures... the messages in book form... a "certification" process for nationals... website enhancements... additional follow-up materials... *phew!!*

Would you pray? **We need an administratively gifted volunteer who has a few hours a week.** Please email [brad.smith@movinternational.org](mailto:brad.smith@movinternational.org).

It's clear the Lord is using MOV. You can read that throughout this newsletter. Both Spring trips brought requests for more conferences and nationals who want to become MOV partners. We'd like to do more... in the Lord's time. Please pray that MOV does what it should (Proverbs 3:27), as it can, and in the way He wants us to.

For Him and His Men of Valor,  
**Brad**  
Brad Smith  
Executive Director

PS. Please read below about how local nationals are



**South Africa**  
27-28 Apr 2012

A day after the Ghana conference, 30 students and professors from Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya and South Africa who attend university and Bible college in South Africa, as well as men from local churches, attended a weekend MOV conference in Pietermaritzburg. We were excited to instill a focus on men that will lead to reaching entire families and communities through these budding pastors.

### Did Men of Valor make a difference?

▶ *"This has been a great awakening to the reality of the position and function of men in God's eyes. I am not only equipped but fired up to do something..."* -Rev. E. Mvdave

▶ *"I have a passion for reaching men but I had no strategies and teaching to do it. [This] gave me tools..."* - Pastor J. Kutsira

▶ *"I have learned how I can approach the men in my community who feel the church is a place of women. I have learned a mistake that I do in preaching the messages that are neglecting the men, and the men feel not challenged."* -S. Moyo

▶ *"We are focused mainly on women in church because they constitute the largest number. Little did I know we are chasing the men away."* -

flow of communication with his wife." - anonymous

► "[This] teaching should continue worldwide to encourage Christian men. This program is re-defining the life Christian men should live. Men can really change the world if they understand God's purposes for His creation." -anonymous

► "It is easier to reach women and children so... that is where we target to reach, but I have learned that we need to target men. I learned what it means to be a man of valor, to be like Jesus, in character, attitude, speech, etc., to fight as men, and stand for the truth." -D.A. Sahy

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### Tell A Friend about Men of Valor

Men of Valor partners with local church leaders around the globe to build men who change their world. Through conferences and retreats, MOV reaches out to men in churches and communities to help them understand that in God's eyes, they are men of valor - His men of valor - a high and honorable calling.

15. Please read below about how local nationals are reaching men, thanks to MOV. Our Zambian partner is conducting conferences in other cities in Zambia as well Uganda! The need to continue this work is great. Your tax-deductible one-time and monthly gifts are needed!

## The MOV Inbox

June 6, 2012

"It's been over a month since we met in Tamale, Ghana. We started putting the lessons you taught us into practice. In fact, the seed of the gospel you sowed has since been yielding fruits in my ministry. The idea of men reaching out to men and men following men instead of women has gone down with many of the participants at the conference, especially me.

"Eighty per cent 80% of our church membership used to be women and children, the trend is now changing after we were enlightened at the conference. We now target the men. We are going for the men!"

Rev. Clement Lamptey (Ghana)

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May 30, 2012

"I have started reaching out to men in my local church. I am targeting the "part timers" for a start. One young man in his mid 20s who hasn't been coming to church for some time is now coming, in fact he hasn't missed a service since I spoke to him when I came back from Peitermaritzburg. Last Sunday I was away but he was in church.

"I also reached another family man just like the one above. He has never missed a service also. He is bringing his whole family with him - they had stopped coming when he stopped. True to your teaching. The power of man!"

"I am planning to meet men in our local church every Wednesday. I am also inviting men to join me when I go 'road running'. They are interested. After working out we go for drinks and chat about this and that hoping to 'catch' them."

Elder Shepherd Mugari (Zimbabwe - attended S.Africa Conference)



anonymous

► "This has made me realize that if we men could take our positions of leading our families in a Godly manner, life can be good for all that live on this planet." -T. Ntsau

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#### Next for MOV

7-8 Sep: Blue Ridge Bible Church Men's Retreat, Purcellville, VA

17-19 Sep: National Coalition of Men's Ministries Conference, Ontario, CA

20 Oct: Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference, White Plains, MD

Nov/Dec: Tentative MOV Conference - Jordan or Kenya

**"Preach to the men and the women will listen. Preach to the women, and the men will leave."**  
-Pastor Robert Lewis

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