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"As the men go, so goes the Church"



Passing the Baton

If I wanted to render the Church irrelevant, I'd begin with its men. Because as the men go, so goes the Church.

I would:

- Overemphasize a soft, comforting Jesus rather than the man Jesus -- who fasted for 40 days, drove the moneychangers from the temple, spoke his mind to the Pharisees, prayed all night, spoke with authority, endured the cross.
- Let Christianity appear irrelevant to real life so that men leave "impractical, spiritual matters" to the women.
- Emphasize activities for the women and children and forget the men.
- Distract men from their God-given yearning for adventure, honor and live-impacting mission by pandering to a shallow subculture limited to sports and entertainment.
- Discourage healthy man-to-man friendships and kill off camaraderie that leads to sharing *life*.

In summary, I'd distract men from their core mission: encouraging one another to maturity in Christ and reaching a dying world.

Just before He ascended to Heaven after *destroying* sin, death, and the grave, Jesus gave His band of brothers (and all who came after them) a mission. He said, "... go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matt. 28)

Let's give men a vision – let's give them something to do that makes a

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What's the Point?

Dear Friends,

What's the point of Men of Valor? Well one very personal point for me is fellowship, friendship, camaraderie. It's not perfect here in the U.S. of course, but in Zambia, Tanzania, India, Portugal, Japan, South Africa, Ghana and I'm sure in many more places, men don't enjoy godly camaraderie and friendship with one another. One very important reason for men's programs in churches is to give men the chance to get to know one another, and grow old together.

A Christian men's leader in the U.S. said "Most of us could name six men who will carry our coffin – but few of us have a friend we could call at 2:00 am."

Men don't know one another. And to have success in the daily battles of life, we need reliable support from our brothers. To "go it alone" is a foolish and dangerous choice. That's why we need the fellowship and friendship of at least one very close brother.

A man may act like he doesn't need anyone, but down inside, he's aching for a close brother. In the countries I've been, where men's ministries are often non-existent, men don't even have the *opportunity* to build friendships. I want to replicate what I've enjoyed in my church to other countries.

That's one reason for what we are doing. To pass the baton. It is our specific intention to plant a vision in pastor's and church leader's hearts to provide opportunities for men to build friendships and stir one another up to good works. And through them – change the world.

INTRODUCING Our New Web Site
<http://movinternational.org/>



With thanks to several generous contributors, MOV enlisted the talents of kevinmcmillan.com to redesign our website. movinternational.org now features a crisp, clean look and feel, eye-catching design, a photo gallery, and succinct yet comprehensive overview. You'll easily find:

- What We Do
- Why Men?
- Sample Conference Schedules
- What We Believe
- Ministry Brochure
- Testimonials
- What is MOV? VIDEO
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WHAT IS MEN OF VALOR?

them something to do that makes a difference and changes the world – because that's just what Jesus did.

Men of Valor exhorts and equips pastors, church leaders and men in churches around the world to get serious about our King's mission. We believe that if you can change the man you can change the marriage. Change the marriage and you can change the family. Change the man and you'll change the Church, the community and the culture. That's what discipleship of men can lead to. That's what men were designed to do: Lead.

This October, we will be joining Pastor John Chellah in Zambia. After hearing Men of Valor's messages a few years ago, Pastor Chellah focused on men. An elder bought a pool table, built a gazebo for it, and the church uses this to attract neighborhood men. Absent husbands and fathers have returned to church. John publicly testified that his church has grown from 200 to 700 people as a result. Pastor Chellah has already taken the Men of Valor mantle to men in Zambia and surrounding countries. [Learn more at: movinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/MOV-Zambia-Pool-Story-120929.pdf]

Now Chellah is organizing a national men's conference in Zambia so that the baton will continue to be passed on. Men from seven cities are coming for this conference. Please pray with us and consider supporting this endeavor financially. We'll be filling you in with more details as the trip draws closer.

[Tell a friend about MOV!](#)

Change the world.

Sounds good to me – what about you? Are you in?

Brad

Brad Smith, Executive Director

P.S. We are working out the final details for trips to Zambia and Tanzania this fall. Please consider a special gift to Men of Valor to reach men in these Eastern African countries. Would you please pray about monthly support to MOV?

What is in the Power of Your Hand?

(Prov. 3:27)

Will You:

1. Pray for the men who attend MOV Conferences?
2. Invite MOV to speak at a church, men's or missions event?
3. Support MOV financially?

[Let us know!](#)

Looking Ahead

Fall 2013: Tanzania & Zambia
2014: Congo, Burundi & Kenya
Please Pray: Two Northern Virginia churches are considering hosting MOV Conferences for their global mission partners.

MOV is on Facebook!



...and



See Just-released Ministry Video At:

movinternational.org/video/

(Special Thanks to www.johnsnavelly.com/)

MOV Hires Part-time Administrative Assistant

Thanks to a generous donation by one of MOV's supporters, MOV has hired an administrative assistant. Suzanne Ponchock attends and serves at New Life Christian Church in Chantilly. Suzanne brings a varied background in financial auditing and record-keeping, accounts receivables, policy and procedure development and improvement, and general administration. She will handle financial gifts, receipting, expenses and legal reporting requirements, as well as assisting with donor events, mailings, and trip details. Welcome Suzanne!
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Men of Valor Is an International Ministry

Men of Valor partners with church leaders around the world to reach and build men of valor. We assist pastors and teach men that the Lord is with every man in Christ and equips him for a high and lofty calling to lead with strength, holiness, humility and prayer at home, at work, in the community and in His church – as a Man of Valor.

Please Give to Men of Valor.

Men of Valor is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3). Contributions are tax deductible under section 170 of the US Tax Code. All contributions go to trip-related expenses: supplies, in-country costs, ministry development and administration, and airfare.

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