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**Nairobi, Kenya
30 Nov-9 Dec 2012**

"This isn't a want, it's a need." That's what host pastor Stephen Karanga said when he met Austin Kettel and me at the Nairobi airport. "Reaching and building men is a desperate need here in Kenya." Kenyan churches, like many countries, suffer from a lack of men: The congregations generally only have 20% men. Our host church for the third conference said that men totalled only 10% of his congregation.

Men, pastors and church leaders (including women) from 25 churches attended the three conferences in two Nairobi neighborhoods. On Friday, Nov 30, Austin and I spoke and listened to youth leaders at Hope Redeemed Church in Kasarani. Saturday and Sunday, Dec 1 & 2, we conducted a Men of Valor Conference at Uthiru Assembly Church, and returned for an MOV Pastors and Church Leaders' Conference on Wed and Thurs, Dec 5 & 6. Then on Friday - Sunday, Dec 7, 8 & 9, I spoke at a third conference at Redeemed Gospel Church in Boroboro.



Repeated Disruptions. Dropped transportation, miscommunication, traffic jams, and a public-transportation strike repeatedly interrupted the speaking schedules. Yet, our team provided 16 MOV teaching sessions to laymen, pastors and church leaders; two sessions for youth ministry leaders; one for youth; four church services and one prison service in the ten days. None per the planned timina - but all in the Lord's

Year-end 2012



A Spiritual Wake Up Call

Dear Friends,

We received about 100 written comments about the impact of the messages in Kenya. One pastor said that this was a "spiritual wake up call".

Why? Because he realized that Godly men who lead, bring about the restoration of marriages, families, churches and communities. The key to winning communities for Christ is having an army of active, engaged men.

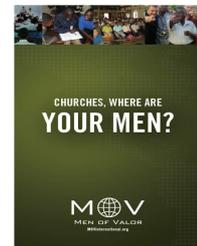
85% of Christian men are not spiritually challenged. We tell the pastors and church leaders to give men something to do. Know your vision for the church and bring the men alongside to achieve it! That will keep men in the church, because men want to make a difference.



The second conference in Kenya with church leaders included a round-table discussion on why men are important, why men don't come to church, and what every man wants. This gathering also included a strategy session - where we helped the leaders decide what their churches could do, together and separately, to address real issues in their communities. Then we challenged them to develop an aligning vision for their men, to which they could teach and train their men for battle, and achieve the vision.

Now, afterwards, my strongest impression is the intensity and commitment that the men, pastors and church leaders conveyed in these conferences. Commitment to rebuild relationships, return to a place of leadership in their homes, reach out to other men, and start ministries to and through men. One pastor wants to start a **Men of Valor Pastor's Fellowship**, designed to share success stories and lessons learned in reaching and building men!

Men of Valor International 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.



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Testimonials from Kenya

I have received a wonderful teaching, some of which I had never heard. Especially about the love for the family and taking responsibility and of course more about the man of valor and its meaning - how powerful

time. [Man in the Mirror](#) provided Men's Ministry Strategy Guides and via [Centreville Baptist Church](#) in Va., men's books to encourage the men and start men's small groups. "We don't have books like this," they told us.



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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 mission's event
3. Support MOV financially

Looking Ahead

Winter 2013: Nicaragua
Fall 2013: Tanzania & Zambia
2014: Congo, Burundi & Kenya

Men of Valor Is an International Ministry

Men in other countries need the Word of God. They need messages and materials designed for them. Church pastors and leaders need to know why men are so important to the future of the church... the great impact men have on marriages, children, churches and communities... and men need to find their anchor and calling in Christ.



Men everywhere really can be men of valor so we must reach out to them. Men of Valor asserts that if you can change the man you can change the marriage. Change the marriage you will change the family. Change the family, you will change the church, the community, the country... the world. We believe world change starts with addressing the root of the matter:
The men.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Brad

Brad Smith, Executive Director

P.S. Please consider a special year-end gift to Men of Valor. Your gift will help develop international men's resources and solidify the financial foundation for pending ministry opportunities in 2013. Would you consider a monthly gift to MOV in 2013?

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...and 

I am if can only do the will of God and do away with evil.

As a Man of Valor, I should leave a legacy to my children. I should leave all forms of wickedness. Not making a decision is making a decision and so I have the power to make positive decisions in life. I should be a Man of the Word. -B.Mwangi

This conference has changed my perception of who the man is in terms of duties and responsibilities for both physical and spiritual needs of my family and the entire community where I live and work. Your notes have helped me a lot. I am the leader of the men's fellowship in the church and I will teach them. -M.Ndala

I thank God for the teaching of a man of valor. I have come to realize that as men we can do so much that can make the world become a better place for everyone. -A.Kiliko

I have learned that God intends that men take the lead at home and in the church. I have learned that the reason men are missing in action in their homes and in church is because they are the target of the devil so that they don't fulfill God's will of leadership. -J.Meshack

God has taught me that I need to stand up firmly in the Lord to make sure whatever it is expected of men in the society is accomplished in a GODLY manner and in a way to influence... a man is always supposed to lead from the front, in the Lord. -S.Chogo

What will I leave as a legacy as a man? -F.Huendo

[You'll Find Many More Comments from the Nairobi Trip at \[MOVInternational.org\]\(#\)](#)

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