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What audacity!

Really? It's true – on two levels:

A study done among Swiss families in the 1990s pointed to a greater tendency to follow dad than mom. And Dad's approval tends to matter more – in every culture.

Another study showed that the presence of involved men was directly associated with church growth, church health, and church unity. Churches that have as many men as women are three times more likely to be growing than churches that are dominated by females. In contrast, having just a few men in your church is strongly associated with church decline. (from- *Why Men Hate Going to Church* by D.Murrow)

Change Starts Here also describes what Men of Valor International does. Our conferences are designed to ignite efforts to reach and build men. In the U.S, if he wants to, a guy can find a men's breakfast, small group or study nearby. Not so elsewhere. Our messages in the MOV Conferences convince pastors and church leaders to reach men because men matter to God; they are key to His kingdom; and in fact, have the leadership role. (For ex., look at 1 Cor 11:7.)

The Church needs to minister to women and children... but if you really want to change a church and a society, stop focusing only on the symptoms of community and cultural breakdowns, and turn your attention to the root cause of so many of the problems – the men. Because - when you change the man, you change his marriage, you change his family, you change his church, you change his community.

Change starts here – with the men.



MOV Traveling to Tanzania and Zambia in October

Dear Friends,

MOV will travel to Mbeya, Tanzania, Oct 17-20, where Pastors Mbidu and Mayala with the Churches of God in Tanzania are calling together churches from the western region to a 4-day MOV Conference. Our host wrote that the "Pastors in Mbeya are very excited about this event because they had never had one dealing with men alone."

We ministered with Pastors Mbidu and Mayala in 2010 in Dar es Salaam. At that time, the brothers asked about us coming again to other regions of Tanzania.

Our previous conference in Dar es Salaam saw some 70 pastors, church leaders and men attending. During testimonies, one pastor told about how he visited a man after the conference ended the previous night and reconciled with the brother who had left his church. This pastor realized that he needs men – every man – in his church if he really wants to reach his community for Christ.

Last Fall, we received this email from Pastor Mbidu: "Just I would like to remind you sir next year we need you here in Tanzania, the ministry is loved here, the pastors would like to have the impartation of what the LORD HAS LAID IN YOUR HEART. Thanking you in advance for considering my request."

Then, on Oct 21 Brad journeys to Ndola, Zambia. to join MOV Board Chairman and



Men of Valor Team Huddle

Every ministry of God consists of men and women who pray, serve, lead, teach and give. It's a team effort. And on **September 8, 2013** every MOV team member is invited to the first Team Huddle at Cedar Run Community Church (CRCC) for dessert and hear how you can join in the ministry.

We will:

- **Thank** the Lord and you for what you've helped to accomplish since MOV began.
- **Tell** what is coming for MOV this Fall, what is coming together for 2014, and strategy and direction for the future.
- **Ask** for your support. We need short-term trip support (Tanzania & Zambia October 2013) and long-term monthly support as the ministry expands.

We want to thank CRCC, home of two board members and a major MOV supporter, for hosting this great event!

If you are local to Virginia and the Washington, D.C. area, join us Sep. 8 at 7:30pm!



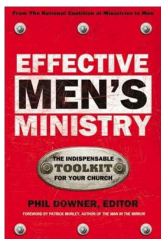
Please RSVP to brad.smith@movinternational.org or call 703.327.8556

WHAT IS MEN OF VALOR?

Please tell a friend about MOV



The National Coalition of Ministries to Men (NCMM) Provides Books to Men of Valor



For the Fall 2013 trips, the NCMM provided 200 copies of *Effective Men's Ministry* for African pastors. MOV is a proud member of the NCMM and thanks them on behalf of the churches and African men who will benefit from this resource.



It is not too late to sign up for the NCMM 2013 Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, September 16-18, 2013. Register at ncmm.org/conferences/reload13/reload12-conference-registration/

Zambia, to join MOV Board Chairman and Pastor Mark Seager (of Cedar Run Community Church in Oak Hill, Va.) for a "Super Conference". That's what Pastor John Chellah of Faith Deeper Understanding Church is calling it, and he has booked the Kafakumba Training Center in northern Zambia for men across Zambia to come to the 4-day event. Men will be traveling from Lusaka, Kasama, Kabwe, Mansa, Kalulushi, Kitwe and other cities for this final US-led MOV Conference in northern Zambia. As we wrote in the May 2013 MOV Newsletter, we are "passing the baton" to Pastor Chellah to lead MOV Conferences in Zambia and surrounding countries, replicating our mission. Please pray with us for the trip and the many arrangements.

And please join our team! Expenses for this two-nation Tanzania and Zambia trip are substantial. We need to raise \$10,874.00. Can you help with a gift of \$1000? \$600? \$400? \$100? Please send whatever you are able to give. Would you talk with your church about supporting MOV?

For His worldwide men of valor,

Brad

Brad Smith, Executive Director

P.S. Time is short! Please consider a special gift to Men of Valor to reach men in these African countries. Please donate online (see URL below) or send a generous gift to Men of Valor, PO Box 223793, Chantilly, VA 20153. We need your help today.

Neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. (1 Cor 3:7-8)



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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.

Our Vision

Flourishing families, thriving churches, impacted communities - through God's men of valor.

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?

Please Let us Know!

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 airfare.

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