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Adventures in Tanzania & Zambia: Oct 2013



Cancelled Ticket. Just as we got to Dar es Salaam, we read a text that the airline had cancelled co-teacher Bruce Campbell's ticket to Mbeya for the next day! It was not clear why -- But, the next morning at the Precision Airways counter, we easily purchased a replacement ticket -- for one of the MANY empty seats on the flight. What was that about?

We arrived to the balmy sunshine of the beautiful, mountain-ringed Mbeya valley, and bear-hugs by our conference hosts, Pastors Myala and Mbidu (shown below).



A Marriage Conference? When we arrived, we found a singing crowd of men - and women! The pastors' wives and women church leaders came. We informed them that all of the messages, exercises and materials were for the men. But maybe they could share the teachings with their sons and with their young men in the church and community?

Our teachings focused on a man's position, priorities and practices, and we tried several "men lessons" to reinforce them. For example, a pastor stripped a banana tree branch in 5 seconds, but despite cheering from the crowd, gave up on putting it back together. The lesson showed how quickly a careless or harsh word can extinguish a Man of Valor's glory - his wife - but re-lighting that glory can be difficult, if not impossible. A water-pistol lesson illustrated how a lone man of valor's fire can easily be quenched when he doesn't stand with other men.



Expanding the Playbook



Dear Friends,

Our message is the same, but the vehicle a little different. Instead of working solely with international contacts, MOV is coming alongside local churches to supplement their mission trips. Cedar Run Community Church in Oak Hill, Va., sponsored Mark Seager to join several men traveling to work with the Verbo Churches in Managua, Nicaragua. From December 11-14, Mark led six core MOV sessions to 40 pastors, church leaders and men, and supported CRCC's small-business development and a men's outreach.

This is what we want to do: Encourage churches to expand their mission efforts with reaching and teaching men.

What about you? If your church would like to reach the men where you already invest, let us know. Your men could come on a MOV trip and we could join your trips. The goal is to train your men, and we can help you with messages, logistics and planning. There is need everywhere for focused men's teaching, that could lead to change in churches and communities.

It's not about Men of Valor, it's about men of valor - worldwide.

MOV will always conduct "official" conferences, and we have 5 countries in various stages of planning for 2014 and 2015. On top of that, three churches have discussed working with MOV to reach the men in 7 more countries. This is fantastic! MOV's catalyst ministry is expanding.

As 2013 draws to a close, would you consider a generous year-end gift so that more men can hear about becoming men of valor? Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Brad

P.S. In 2014, MOV wants to develop a book/workbook of the core materials and create a "trip planner kit" for churches as we train their men to conduct MOV-style conferences. Please consider "what is in the power of your hand" (Prov. 3:27) and send a generous year-end gift to Men of Valor today.

"One sows and another reaps." I sent you

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**February 16, 2014
MOV BENEFIT CONCERT**
by the
**THE FRANKLIN PARK
BIG BAND**



**Join Men of Valor on
Sunday, February 16, 2014 for
Big Band music at Centreville Baptist
Church in Centreville, Va.**

Gil Paist, Men of Valor supporter, member of Blue Ridge Bible Church in Purcellville, and founder and director of the Franklin Park Big Band, has offered the band's musical talents for a benefit concert for MOV! The 19-piece band gave its first concert in February 2010 and has performed at the Franklin Park Arts Center, the Lansdowne concert series, the Lovettsville, Oktoberfest, and private engagements. You'll hear songs like *In The Mood*, *Chattanooga Choo Choo*, *A String Of Pearls*, *Moon River*, and more.

Suggested donation is \$10/person or \$30 for a family of 3 or more; Proceeds will benefit MOV.

**Call 703.327.556 or e-mail
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for advance tickets**

What's Next?

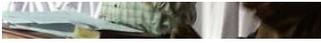
2014

Nicaragua
Burundi, DR Congo & Tanzania
(Congolese Refugees)
Nairobi, Eburru & Eldoret, Kenya

Initial Discussions

Belize, Haiti, Montenegro,
Paraguay, Peru, Russia,





Bruce's message on "The Core of a Man of Valor" spelled out what a real man is, and a tea-in-water illustration of Gal. 2:20 drew boisterous affirmation. Brad's "Why Men Don't Go to Church" drew both incredulity and clear agreement. Before the end of the second day, three bishops and an itinerant Bible trainer said that they will be teaching the MOV materials in their Bible School and pastor's training programs - YES!

As Bruce and I prepared, I encouraged him to speak expansively on marriage and family, more than in previous MOV conferences... and then we saw the husbands and wives talking over the materials during the breaks. An MOV Marriage Conference? Maybe so!

Back-to-Back 4-day Conferences Require Stamina. Back in Dar es Salaam, Bruce and I parted - him for home and me to meet Mark Seager in Zambia and begin the second 4-day event. After a great reunion with our host John Chellah, we walked into an auditorium of 120 enthusiastic men. (Only men!) After the second session on "Why Men?," a pastor asked for prayer about the lack of men in his church.

We sang the Zambia National Anthem for their Independence Day, and taught on a man's priorities: marriage, family, work, church, and money. They even called a special session with Pastor Chellah to discuss their marriage customs vs. biblical truth. They challenged Chellah to begin doing men's conferences each year - YES! As in Tanzania, the sessions were supplemented with discussion groups and active breakouts.

We challenged the men to stand together to face the battles of life, and led a brainstorming session on how to draw men to their churches. Mark sealed the conference by charging the men to leave a Godly legacy.



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to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." John 4:37-38

MOV is Going to Bluefields, Nicaragua Spring 2014



Pastors Ed Janecke and Humberto Newball of Bluefields, Nicaragua will host an anticipated 150 pastors, church leaders, church and community men for the first-ever Bluefields' men's conference in March or April 2014.

Plans are still underway but the cost is roughly \$5,000, with 40% already pledged. 10 gifts of \$300 will cover the remaining shortfall. Would you pray about making a tax-deductible gift for the Bluefields MOV Conference?

Wanted: A Few Men of Valor

Do you:

- ▶ Intuitively understand the importance of men in expanding Christ's church?
- ▶ Know the Scriptures?
- ▶ Have experience ministering to men?
- ▶ Enjoy speaking to men?
- ▶ Have good health and like roughing it? (because housing is unpredictable)

Are you:

- ▶ Willing to sacrifice vacation time for ministry to men?

Men of Valor needs you! We're not looking for men who can go full time. We're looking for men who will go full out. Are you one of those men? Want to learn more?

Contact: brad.smith@movinternational.org

Our Vision

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



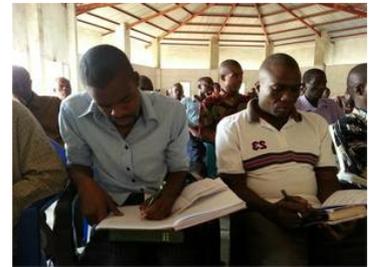
First Men of Valor Team Huddle: Touchdown!

Every ministry of God consists of men and women who pray, serve, lead, teach and give. It's a team effort. On September 8, 2013 some 38 MOV team members from six churches came together for the first Team Huddle at Cedar Run Community Church (CRCC) in Oak Hill, Va. Huddle participants enjoyed a wealth of desserts and camaraderie, while Board Chairman Mark Seager, Executive Director Brad Smith, and Board Treasurer Bill Wilcox talked about the ministry's launch, history and plans.

MOV will be holding a second Huddle in the Fall of 2014. Please plan to join us!

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We learned that the men were from 43 churches in six Zambian cities. We enjoyed our Zambian brothers and trust that God will bless their families, communities, churches... and the country.

Thank you to Cedar Run Community, Reston Bible, Centreville Baptist and the United Methodist Men from Pender Church, as well as DESE Research and the 35 families who generously supported the trip!

Our Core Messages

A Man of Valor ♦ Why Men? ♦ A Man of Valor is a Man of the Word ♦ The 5 Roles of a Husband of Valor ♦ A Father of Valor ♦ Why Men Don't Come to Church ♦ A Man of Valor at Work ♦ 3 Things Every Man Wants ♦ A Man of Valor's Money ♦ Men of Valor Stand Together ♦ A Legacy 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 airfare.

Please consider monthly support. Gifts of airline miles are also welcome.

**** Now 3 Ways to Give! ****

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