

*"In most churches around the world, there is no intentional effort to meet, get to know, help or call for men to be on the team."*

-Kenny Luck, men's pastor, Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, Ca.

## The Impact of a Man

Pastors, missionaries and church leaders agree, "We believe that the Bible teaches that men should lead." They want men to be strong in Christ, to step up, to lead their marriages and families, to lead in outreach. But then they don't offer teaching for them or reach out to them.

I'll never forget the career missionary who said after I spoke at a training seminar, "I really liked what you said about reaching men. But reaching women is easier."

As a result, communities, cities and whole countries are degenerating, not because the women don't care, but because the men aren't leading as God's men of valor.

A study done in Europe found that "where the father is uninterested or absent from church - then children see that church is a 'women and children' thing, children will stop going to church or at least go much less often. Even adult children conclude that Dad's absence shows that going to church is not really a grown-up activity. Mother's choices have much less effect upon children than their father's choices."

My wife pointed out that this is true right in our neighborhood: The father next door to us doesn't go to church. His wife does. Once their daughter turned 14, she announced that she wasn't going to go to church anymore - and hasn't now for some 6 years. Two houses down, though, Dad attends church with Mom. Their daughter not only continued to attend church, but now attends a religious university.

The responsibility for the fulfillment of God's plan for the church throughout the ages starts with men. Women and children naturally follow the leading and example of their husbands and fathers. When a man meets Christ, his family follows.

In Acts 16, there's a beautiful picture of this. Following an earthquake, Paul and Silas share the gospel with their Philippian jailor. The man was instantly changed.

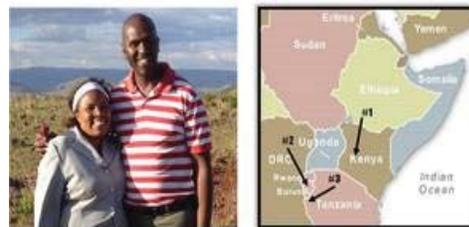
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## Three Countries, Three Conferences October 1-15, 2014

MOV leaves Oct 1 for Eburru, Kenya; Bujumbura, Burundi; and Kigomi, Tanzania. Alex Marcus, Men's Ministry Director at Reston Bible Church, Sterling, Va., will join Brad at the last two locations. This is Alex's first MOV trip.

**Eburru, Kenya, Oct 3-4:** Steve Njenga, our Kenya host, is a church planter and founder of Camp Brethren Ministries. He and his wife have planted two churches; opened a school, feeding initiative and orphanage; begun a medical clinic and maternity ward; and started a pastoral training program. His growing desire to reach the largely unemployed street men is the driving force for this first-ever men's conference in Eburru.



David's Hope International introduced MOV to Pastor Steve and Mary some time ago and the planning for the men's conference has been underway since 2012. "Men and boys are being neglected in Kenya," Mary said. "We want to emphasize how valuable they are." On the first night of the Eburru MOV conference we will show Fireproof for the 70 men expected. These include both church leaders and pastors and men right off the street.

**Bujumbura, Burundi Oct 8-9:** Alex and I will speak to an anticipated 130 men at this refugee camp of DR Congo exiles. Due to threats by armed groups or inter-ethnic conflicts, Burundi hosts more than 50,000 Congolese refugees and asylum-seekers, with about half in refugee camps and the rest living in urban areas. Some have lived in Burundi for more than a decade.

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## The Vision of Men of Valor

To see flourishing families, thriving churches,  
revived communities - through God's men of valor.

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He immediately took the apostles to his house where they shared Christ with his family. Before the night was through, the entire household was baptized and following Jesus.

When you change the man, you change the marriage, you change the family, the church, the community.

This fall, MOV is traveling to three African countries and one in Eastern Europe to reach men. Altogether, the host committees expect about 450 men to attend.

**Remaining known costs for the Africa trip are \$6,000. Would you consider a generous gift? 12 gifts at \$500 or 24 gifts at \$250 will cover the costs. A gift of any amount will help us reach the men in these impoverished communities.**

When men fulfill their role as God's men of valor, their churches and the communities will flourish. Lord willing, it will start here with the MOV conferences.

For Him and His men of valor in Kenya, Burundi, Tanzania and Montenegro,

**Brad**

P.S. Please consider sending a generous gift to Men of Valor TODAY. The first conference is soon! We start in Kenya on Oct 3. Then Alex and I travel to the refugee camps in Burundi and Tanzania. Could you send a gift of \$500? \$250? \$100?

*"One sows and another reaps. I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." John 4:37-38*

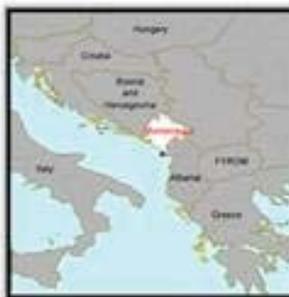
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**Kigoma, Tanzania Oct 11-12:** We will then drive to the Nyarugusu Refugee Camp, just over the border in Tanzania. Over 68,000 refugees reside here. Pastor Rehani wrote, "We would please let you know that most of refugees in Nyarugusu are facing a great of lack of financial means since they are not allowed to move from the camp in order to undertake any kind of business for their economic security. Due to the economic calamities faced, we kindly request you to understand our feeling of pains so that our participants can freely take to this meaningful event." The host committee is anticipating some 200 men to attend the two-day event.

The Congolese refugees have lived in these camps for so long that churches have been established — but with few men.

### Centreville Baptist Church Sponsoring MOV to Reach Montenegro Men



MOV seeks to work alongside local churches to supplement their mission investments by reaching and teaching men, and will be working with Centreville Baptist, Centreville, Va., to first conduct and then pass on the MOV methods and messages to national leaders.

On November 14, MOV will travel to a Roma community in Kokik with CBC leaders. Area churches are coming together at a local retreat facility for three days during the rainy season when the men are unable to work. CBC's missionary Nate Hatcher will oversee follow-up while he serves in Kokik for the next year.

### MOV 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 Go to Church ♦ A Man of Valor at Work ♦ Three 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.

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