



"Be strong, show yourself a man, and keep the charge of the Lord your God..."

-1 Kings 2:2



2014: A Look Back



What Men Want

Friends,

What is it that men want? They want purpose, direction, mission, vision.

What do we often see? Confusion, frustration, discouragement. Men don't see the importance they have. They are often hopeless.

Why are we surprised? Schools and colleges tell young men to learn and behave similarly to young women. The media says dads are not required. Popular press says men are incapable and wimps anyway. Peers say sexual immorality is fine.

Even in Kenya, our host couple said that for several years now, the social programs are all about helping girls. Little if anything is being done to help the young men.

So their young men -- like so many in almost every country -- ask "What is a man? Is it okay to be a man?"

MOV teaches what God says about men. Based on Genesis 2, 1 Corinthians 11, and the clear examples of manhood throughout the Bible, it is clear that God has equipped and expects men to be men of valor. It is a high and esteemed calling, bringing with it responsibility. It is not an easy calling but, as He was with Gideon, the Lord is with us.

In Christ, men are mighty man of valor. In Christ, men see the importance they have. In Christ, men find their purpose and mission. In Christ, men find hope. That's what MOV teaches.

Praise God, we've had the opportunity to tell some 400 men this fall that their life of valor starts when they call upon the name of the Lord and believe and act like who they are - mighty men of valor.

For Him and His men of valor around the world,

Brad

P.S. MOV continues to expand. Please send a generous gift to Men of Valor as we launch into 2015. Could you make a generous end-of-year, tax deductible donation of \$1,000? \$500? \$250? \$100?



Dec 5-6: Tanzania

NYARUGUSU MOV CONFERENCE REPORT EXCERPTS (12.11.2014):
We thank the Almighty God for His blessings upon the running of the MOV Conference here at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp. Even though Brother Alex fell sick in Bujumbura, preventing you from journeying, you didn't give up on our men and you sent Pastor Justin Kingombe and Nyandwi Fidele [our Burundi hosts--see below] for the teaching.

The conference started with prayer early morning from 3am, and went until 11:30pm every day for the period of two days. We noticed the massive response of 200 invited men and 22 uninvited men. The participants were motivated by the posture of teachers and the attractive lessons from MOV. Skilled teachers taught people to retake their place as men in the society they live.

We request you increase the time frame of a future conference, if possible, for the benefit of our men in this community and surrounding villages. We ask for help of a project of generative income for the benefit of men that shall help men change their behavior and return to Jesus Christ and allow them to go to church massively.

-Pastor Rehani Lubunga



Nov 17-19: Montenegro

Centreville Baptist Church sent Brad and two elders to Podgorica and the Roma refugee camps. They taught 18 men ages 17-36, all of whom earn a living foraging for metal in the landfill. The conference was conducted in a hotel in Kotor, and these men most likely had not been away from the refugee camp in years, if ever. Five were not saved - please pray for them.

Afterwards, our host missionary wrote, "I think that this came at the right moment in their lives - and some of the fruit we can already see."



Oct 8-9 & 12: Burundi

Alex Marcus of Reston Bible Church and I spoke to 152 people hosted by Pastor Justin. As sometimes happens, 30% of the attendees were women because intentional men's teaching is so unusual that women assumed they were invited. Altogether, 17 churches were represented in this MOV "marriage conference".

Here's what one man wrote afterwards: "God is with me, a man of valor. As a man of valor, I can achieve great things. I need another man closer to me for a deep, direct and dedicated friendship. I, God, taught you how to reach out to more men, the right moment is now, start now!!" - Dr. Lwanamya Marx

Unfortunately, dehydration briefly hospitalized Alex, leading to a postponement of the Tanzania conference (see Tanzania report above).

Oct 3-4: Kenya

At 9,000 feet, overlooking the Great Rift Valley in rural Eburru, 75 men from about 34 Protestant and Catholic churches attended the first gathering of men in this area. Community Chief Nganga also spoke to the men, as did a government health official. This was possibly the most rural MOV conference to date, and one of the attendees belonged to a nearby hunting and gathering tribe from the forest. He said he has a few things to teach me next time! Men from the Kalenjin, Kikuyu, Kambo, Luhya, Luo,

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The Vision of Men of Valor

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

2015: A Look Ahead

Jan 24: MOV Men's Conference, Reston Presbyterian Church, Reston, Va.

Feb 7-8: MOV Men's Conference, Pender United Methodist Church, Fairfax, Va.

March: Guatemala Mark Seager from Cedar Run Community Church, Oak Hill, Va., will teach.

April 1-4: Haiti Sponsored by Centreville Baptist Church, Centreville, Va.

July 1-5: Paraguay Sponsored by Pender United Methodist Church, Fairfax, Va.

11 Nov. 2014 Email: "Men of Valor in Kenya"

"I attended the conference at Blessed Hope Centre in BuruBuru, Nairobi, and since then, my self esteem has grown enough for me to be ready to handle all the duties God gave to me. I am 25 years of age and not married. The conference totally changed me. I have been sharing and holding meetings with my fellow brothers and friends at work and up country using the materials you left us. Some have drastically changed towards their calling as men.

*God bless you,
Martin Mwangi*

Austin Kettell and Brad conducted the first Kenya conferences two years ago. This is exciting evidence of a continuing harvest.

Preparing the Ropes

MOV is an all-volunteer ministry and here are our two youngest: Ethan & Jonathan Campbell. They are preparing the ropes we give to remind men that a "three fold chord is not quickly broken" (Ecc. 4:12).



"The Men of Valor conference has opened my eyes to many things that I did not know. I am a mighty man of valor. And I will nothing to do with evil. The teacher was excellent." -Timothy Niuletta



Aug 23: Brad Appointed Men's Ministry Director at Centreville Baptist Church

Brad has begun forming an expansive men's ministry that will encourage and strengthen men in and outside CBC to build strong friendships, grow side by side, and serve their God, marriages, families, businesses, communities and church to fulfill the CBC vision. Twenty-four men are now leading specialized ministries to and through men.

June 21: Virginia - MOV Mobilization

Thirteen men from Centreville Baptist, Reston Bible, Lakeridge Baptist, McLean Bible, Cedar Run Community, and Blue Ridge Bible attended the our first MOV Team Member Orientation on June 21. MOV is mobilizing to meet conference requests.

May 10: Southeast Asia

Lakeridge Baptist Church of Woodbridge, Va., added MOV's teaching to their long history of investment in the people of this Southeast Asian country. The teaching team led by Tony Dronkers, Men's Ministry Leader, brought four powerful sessions to the pastors and evangelists as an aide to their work. The event went so well that LBC is looking to host more throughout the nation.

April 25-26: Nicaragua

Overlooking the small city of Bluefields and the balmy Caribbean, MOV taught 80 men hosted by the Verbo churches. Casey Gragg and Brad taught unchurched men, laymen, missionaries, pastors and leaders from 10 churches. Hugely enthusiastic and at times deeply convicted, the men received the MOV teachings with humility and great appreciation.

Feb 16: MOV Benefit Concert

The smooth swing sound of the Franklin Park Big Band drew a standing ovation from the 150 who enjoyed the MOV Benefit. Ticket sales and donations helped to fund the April trip to Nicaragua. Thanks go to host Centreville Baptist Church for their donated facility, and to The Franklin Park Big Band (www.fpbigband.com) for their outstanding performance.

Conferences in Discussion:



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