



December 2015

"I attended the conference in Nairobi, and it totally changed me. I have been sharing and holding meetings with my fellow brothers and friends at work using the materials you left us. Some have drastically changed towards their calling as men." Martin Mwangi

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate Christmas and look forward to the Lord's return, we want to express our thankfulness for all that the Lord has done through Men of Valor this year. And we want to express appreciation for you, our ministry partners.

MOV got its beginnings during a coffee break at a mission-strategy session in India. One of the pastors at the session told me that men were not receiving teaching about their role, their purpose, their unique value, and their impact on their marriages, families, communities, and churches.

Sensing the Lord's direction to address this deficit and help men understand how to walk faithfully as prayerful men and strong, godly leaders, I poured over the Bible and the writings of godly men and prepared the first MOV materials. At the pastor's request, I returned to India to teach 40 pastors and church leaders about reaching and building men. It was a powerful conference, and the material was later turned into a Bible school course for the denomination's pastor training school.

What is so special about this? Well, the trip strongly stirred me. Because at that conference, **men came up to me and said, "We've never heard this before."**

It is because men in other parts of the world have not heard this before that Men of Valor International was started. In MOV's travels over the last **10 years** to **14 countries**, we've had man after man come to us, exclaiming wonder at not only how God made them, but with an "eye-opening" understanding of who they are in Christ and the mission He has for them.

Many, many men have lost their way; many men have lost their mission. MOV helps them to find it. MOV helps them to understand how much they matter to God, and we give them a clear understanding of their priorities and the necessary practices to live out who they are in Christ.

Men of Valor has served more than 1500 men from some 640 churches—pastors; church leaders; and just regular guys, young and old, single and married. We've had a chance to kick-start men's discipleship in these regions and see God bless these efforts in many ways.

Given a man's influence, the impact of MOV may be reaching thousands! We are so grateful for you, our ministry partners, who have prayed for us and given to this ministry so that

we can teach men what it means to be faithful men of God—men who lead well and have an impact on their families, churches, and communities.

Your interest, support, and generosity have resulted in many testimonies—of **churches growing, men’s ministries starting, MOV materials being used in Bible schools, and more.**

Recently, **in Haiti**, men from about 11 churches heard the MOV team teach. Attendee Enock Laurent exclaimed, *“You have changed my life... Now I’m doing the same work like you, and there are many other men of valor whose lives have changed too.”*

In Southwest Asia a missionary was restored. A team conducting a small MOV conference learned that a missionary who attended was about to leave the field. He came in frustrated and tired with no zeal for the work and was on the verge of quitting. He left a changed man—recharged, refocused, and ready to act!

There are stories everywhere we go. They happen in the United States, too! MOV had the privilege of leading three men’s retreats in 2015, **and one church overhauled their faltering men’s ministry**, using as its structure the “Three Things Every Man Wants” message we teach. Afterwards, men reported a “wake-up call” to act upon who they are and to pursue diligent discipleship not just as a Bible study, but as **a strategic tool to building the church of God.**

It is amazing to see how God is positioning Men of Valor to reach more men and their marriages, families, communities, and churches. **We believe God is leading us to expand so that MOV can respond to the many requests that come our way.** Several first-time team members joined trips this year; most will join us again next year.

Plans are underway for teams to go to Peru, Kenya, Malawi, Russia, and Southwest Asia in 2016. Altogether, the conference hosts anticipate a potentially *huge* impact in these communities. We believe that if we reach the men, we will reach the families, the communities, and the churches—so it is vital for us to take these life-changing messages to men around the world who otherwise have little, if any, opportunity to hear Christ-focused, biblical teaching for men.

But, we need your help. Please partner with us and send a gift so that new speaker teams can be launched, more resources can be distributed, more men can be helped to attend, and we can move toward full-time staff.

Please join with us financially as we impact men in these ways in 2016:

PROVIDING: We provide subsidized conferences if needed. This includes meals, materials, and sometimes transportation and a place to stay for those who cannot afford to come otherwise. **\$3,500**

EDUCATING: We buy and hand out Bibles and men’s discipleship books, and we create and print conference workbooks. We are also in the process of editing and reformatting our

talks to create a book and kits to leave with leaders in each country so that they may lead more conferences.

\$5,700

TEACHING: Through seminars and discussion groups, our conference speakers are delivering the important message that God sees men as men of valor even before they act—so that they can act—in their homes, at work, in their churches, and in their communities.

\$11,200

GROWING: For the past several years, the MOV Board has asked me to move toward full-time ministry so that we can bring our message to more men around the world and respond to every request. To that end, we are working with a consultant to take us through the necessary steps. We have urgent administrative needs for our program management, trip logistics, web optimization, and development. It is time for us to add staffing so that we can keep up with ministry growth. Initial costs:

\$29,600

Will you help us? With your partnership we will share the commission of Jesus Christ by reaching and building many more men around the world! Please consider a **sacrificial gift** that will help us provide men the message and resources of mission, impact, and integrity so they can live who they are: a man of valor.

To achieve our **\$50,000 campaign goal by the end of the year**, we are praying for gifts and commitments. Will you prayerfully give a generous gift of **\$250, \$500, \$1000, \$2,500, \$10,000 or more?** **Would you consider monthly support** of this vital work? Complete the enclosed response card and return it in the envelope provided, or give online at **<http://movinternational.org/support-mov>**. If you have questions, please contact me at brad.smith@movinternational.org or by phone at 703-989-1792.

For Him,

Brad Smith
Executive Director

P.S. Thank you for your prayers and faithful support. Please help us reach our year-end goal by giving a generous gift by December 31, 2015.

“The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor.” Judges 6:12

*“The LORD... said, “Go in the strength you have...
Am I not sending you?” Judges 6:14*

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