

## A FORCE FOR CHANGE: MOV AND YOU



### Building the Team in 2015

Dear Friends,

2015 is turning out to be an exciting and important year for MOV!

Each year, we see overwhelming responses to MOV's unique ministry of spurring men's discipleship. Additionally, each year we have responded to many of the growing number of opportunities to minister. Last year we conducted conferences in Nicaragua, Burundi, Tanzania, and Kenya. This year we have already led conferences in Haiti and Guatemala, and we'll be in Paraguay in June. Additional opportunities in various stages of planning include Slovakia, Russia, Kenya, Rwanda, Malawi, South Africa, Poland, Peru, and Colombia.

Our team of teachers has grown to eight, with more men expressing interest and praying about it. In light of the projected growth of the ministry, the Board of MOV has strongly urged me to acquire administrative support and to prepare for full-time ministry.

For now, MOV needs a team of men and women to come alongside us. MOV needs experienced, passionate individuals to man the ropes. Will you consider joining the MOV team?

Here's what we need:

- **Volunteers**—doers and coordinators for conferences, mailings, receipting, printing, meeting scheduling, graphics, conference materials, shipping, etc.
- **Opportunities** to share the MOV vision and impact with church missions teams, men's ministries, and individuals;
- **Monthly partners** who commit to give \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200 per month;
- **Mission support** from churches;
- **Board members** and **advisory team members**.

MOV growth can't happen unless you join our mission. If you are interested, please contact me at [brad.smith@movinternational.org](mailto:brad.smith@movinternational.org).

For Him and His men of valor,

P.S. MOV needs volunteer team members and monthly partners to sustain and grow the ministry. *Would you prayerfully consider your part? **Right now?***



### "You've Changed My Life!"

Peter Larison (Reston Bible Church, Sterling, VA), Ray Gabler (New Life Christian Church, Chantilly, VA), and I traveled to Canaan, Haiti, on April 1. Canaan is just outside Port-au-Prince where the devastating 2010 earthquake claimed approximately 250,000 lives in 90 seconds. The destruction forced some 200,000 people to temporary housing outside the city. Many still live in homes of canvas tarp and sticks. Southern Baptist volunteers built 3,000 concrete block, "earthquake resistant" homes in the ensuing months, as well as schools, orphanages, and churches in Canaan.

Centreville Baptist Church (Centreville, VA) invited MOV to conduct the first men's conference. 58 men ages 14 to 40 from the Confraternite Missionaire Baptiste D'Haiti and about 10 other churches heard Peter and me teach on who they are in Christ, how to study the Bible, and what it means to be a husband, father, and worker of valor. We also challenged them to stand together in life's battles to leave a legacy of valor. Ray coordinated logistics.

Enock Laurent (pictured above), said: "You have changed my life. Please pray for me for God to show me what to do next!"

### Gary Thomas Endorses Men of Valor



*"Brad Smith is a personal friend of mine, and his work with Men of Valor is one of the most strategically needed focuses today to get at the root of the church's and society's problems. God has called Brad to help us rebuild on His original foundations. The enthusiastic response to Brad's ministry and message is evidence enough that God has inspired it and is blessing it richly when it is embraced."*

-Gary Thomas, author of *Sacred Marriage* and *A Lifelong Love*  
([garythomas.com](http://garythomas.com))

## The Vision of Men of Valor

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



### Men of Valor Assisting New Men's Confederation in Paraguay

Teams from Pender United Methodist Church (UMC) in Fairfax, VA, have traveled to Paraguay for 25 years, conducting children's and women's programs. Pender recently started supporting MOV and asked us to conduct their first men's conference in Paraguay June 12 & 13. UMC Bishop, Pedro Magalhaes, plans to use this to launch men's ministries nationwide and to encourage men to be what God called them: men of valor. His goal is to develop a national confederation of men's ministries to transform the culture.

Men lead and influence. If they accept Christ, live in Him, and follow the biblical mandate for manhood, women and children will follow. MOV believes that men want deep, direct, and dedicated friendships; they want to improve; and they want to make a difference, have an impact, and leave a legacy that inspires future generations. Bishop Pedro also has that vision.

We will be working alongside a number of missionaries, including John Eisenberg, who has been aware for years that men don't tend to follow women, and that the churches are generally feminine and uncomfortable for men. John said, "I am excited about what you will be bringing to encourage the men in Paraguay. God bless you and prepare you for this incredibly valuable message to men!"

Please pray for Martin Patch and Guy Wilson (Pender UMC) and Jesse Taylor and me (Centreville Baptist Church) as we seek the Lord to ignite a Paraguayan men's movement.



### Building God's Men in Guatemala

Mark Seager and Walt Tomme of Cedar Run Community Church in Oak Hill, VA, traveled to Baja Verapaz, Guatemala, April 23-28 for both an MOV and pastor's training conference. They taught on teaching and preaching skills, reaching and training men for leadership, why men matter to God, and more. A particular challenge facing churches and families here is little work opportunity, forcing men to leave families for extended periods to find employment in other cities. Mark and Walt discussed with the pastors how churches can support and encourage the men and their families while separated. Additionally, 100 public school boys heard God's call as men of valor.

Cedar Run Church has supported MOV for a couple years. To date, Mark has led or co-led five MOV conferences in four countries. He is also the founding member of MOV's team of advisors.

### An MOV Mover

#### MOV Facebook Guru: Will Hoyler

Since 2012, MOV friend and Cru Missionary, Will Hoyler, has been the creative brain behind the MOV Facebook page. Will serves on Cru's R&D Innovation Team in Indiana, and his ministry website is [gcx.org/hoylermissions/](http://gcx.org/hoylermissions/). Go to [facebook.com/MenOfValorInternational](https://facebook.com/MenOfValorInternational) to become a fan - and thank Will for his efforts!



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Watch for an  
announcement on an  
exciting next step for  
Men of Valor  
coming soon!

### Build the Team in 2015: Support MOV

MOV needs monthly partners to sustain and grow the ministry. Would you prayerfully consider your part?

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 pray about giving monthly. [Gifts of airline miles are also welcome.]

\* \* 3 Ways to Give \* \*

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