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Newsletter



Well-attended MOV Conference in Dedza

excellent job spearheading our Lilongwe conference in February, wanted to hold conferences in several other cities in his country. Hearing of our limited availability, Charles was willing to take our materials and lead these conferences himself! After watching him do such an excellent job, we felt confident that he would continue the work.

His first conference took place in Dedza on August 17–19, and was attended by 164 men from 35 churches in Malawi and neighboring Mozambique! Charles and his team taught all the Men of Valor lessons using our materials, hands-on illustrations, and group discussion guides.

The feedback enforced what we have heard in most places we go: it was the first ever men's conference in their district – a district with a population of more than 600,000. Some of the bishops, pastors, and laymen referred to the conference as "a surprise and a wonder."

Samson Sitiya said, *"I have been blessed so much in this conference and I am just praising my God and I thank God for reserving my life up to this time so that I could participate to the MOV Conference. I say thank you."*

Antony Yohane wrote, *"God has said to me that I should not be silent to my church and my home as I am a man of valor."*

Grey Julius stated, *"I have been encouraged that I am a man of valor, I should not despise myself or look down to my stature. I should be a man without fear."*

One pastor who attended had come to Dedza for other business but heard that

National Pastor Leads MOV Conferences in Malawi

Bishop Charles Mwase of Christian Ministries International, who did an

there was a men's conference and joined in. Now he has requested an MOV conference in Nathenje, Malawi.

The eight men from Mozambique also want a conference in their nation. One of them testified, *"God has spoken many things to me on this conference. For example I could not love much my wife, I could not take good care for her, but now I will change. I will apologize to her."*

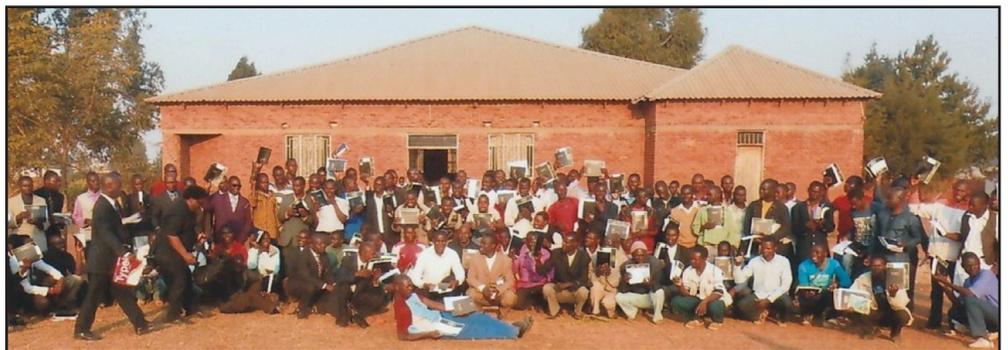
Charles reports that the men who attended were challenged to encourage men to come to church and disciple them. He asked Pastor Samson Veston of Abundant Life Church to select ten men from the different churches to be leaders of men's groups, and the men have been identified and begun weekly meetings.



Small Group Discussions at MOV Dedza

We are very encouraged by this, since one of our strategic goals is to have local church leaders take our training to more churches and men in their countries and regions of influence. You can see that Bishop Charles has done a remarkable job. A special thanks to you for being part of this tremendous impact through your prayer and financial giving!

We will have a report on his next conference in Salima in our next newsletter.



The Men of Valor in Dedza, Malawi

MEN OF VALOR

MISSION: *To be a catalyst for men's discipleship. MOV equips church leaders around the world to reach and engage men to live out their biblical position, priorities, and practices as men of valor.*

VISION: *To see flourishing families, thriving churches, and revived communities through God's men of valor.*

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A Note From Brad

Dear Friends,

In most places of the world, the spiritual health of men is poor. We know that from the impact their barren hearts have on their marriages, families, churches, and communities. Related to that, in most places,

there is a dearth of godly men in the church – the only place where they can learn to be men of God, leading as He desires in their homes, churches, and communities. Few churches know what to do and even why it is so vitally important to reach the men who are the key to bringing revival and change in homes, churches, and communities. Men are often the source of society's problems...but that also makes them the key to the solution, and churches need to make it a priority to reach them! That is the vision of MOV.

Plans for 2017-2018

On top of the requests for five more conferences in Malawi led by Pastor Charles and his team, we are currently talking with interested church leaders in over a dozen other countries. These opportunities are in varying stages of planning, and we appreciate your prayers to discern God's timing, His leading for the right men to go, and the funds to support the trips.



Pastor Mwashalinda

I am excited to announce that we will be traveling to Mbeya, Tanzania, on May 25-27, 2017, to speak to church leaders and churched and unchurched men. Pastor Stephen Mwashalinda has formed a planning and prayer team of 45 pastors and elders to host an anticipated 260 men.

Thanks from a Grateful Heart

MOV started just over 10 years ago. Since then, we have led conferences in 18 countries, reaching 1000 churches and about 2000 church leaders, as well as churched and unchurched men. Our team of volunteers continues to expand in support of this message to answer the need we became aware of in India in 2004. Your faithful prayer and financial support has helped this ministry get to where it is today. For that, we say a grateful thank you.

We desperately need your prayers and support as we look to respond to the requests God has laid in front of us. It is clear that God wants us to help more men to understand who they are in Christ, to be aware of their priorities, and then to live it out in their practices. And where we do that—where we succeed in being the catalyst or change agent He has called us to be—marriages, families, churches, and communities revive and thrive.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Brad
Executive Director

MOV Russia Trip Postponed

In July, President Putin approved a package of anti-terrorism laws that usher in tighter restrictions on missionary activity and evangelism. The law prohibits sharing faith in homes, on-line, or anywhere but recognized church buildings.

Though MOV would be working with church leaders and not evangelizing in the streets or "recruiting" directly, certainly our intent is to get more men into the church. Local leaders in Ufa postponed MOV's Russia trip until further notice. Our contacts in Russia are working with lawyers to determine the possible wide-sweeping ramifications to the law, and until they understand how it will be enforced, our conferences are on hold. Please pray for Russian Christians.



Men of Valor Can Help Your Church Reach and Disciple Men Around the World

Men of Valor acts as a catalyst for change by teaching and encouraging international missionaries and church leaders to go after the men. To that end, we are asking churches in the U.S. to partner with MOV to "own" communities in countries where they are already invested. Churches do this by sponsoring and participating in MOV events in these countries and by following up with their international church leaders or missionaries' efforts to establish ongoing men's discipleship. If your church or any churches you know would be interested, please tell them about MOV and our proven, implementation-ready "kit" of messages, materials, and training to launch ministries to and through men.

Contact us at info@movinternational.org for more information.

“God said to me that I should be courageous and I am a man of valor. I should walk in the Spirit so that I can fulfill my calling. He said to me that I should fear not or be anxious on my work because He is with me. My life has changed. I was a coward and I was fond of backsliding, but now God has raised me up because of MOV Conference and through His Servants. ”

— Chimutu Steven Haswe

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