

# MINISTRY TO MEN

## Connecting Men in Ministry



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#### *A Word from the Executive Director*

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Romans 15:13*

Every follower of Jesus can rejoice and live in peace because he is a son of the God of hope!

"... **the God of hope.**" What a phrase!

We carry with us a hope which is the assurance that every promise God makes has been or is going to be fulfilled. "*Jesus Saves*" is not just a bumper sticker or cardboard sign at a public sporting event. Jesus saves men from sin and eternal death. Jesus is the reason we have hope because He died and was raised again on the third day. His death and resurrection are confirmation and our affirmation that we are children of God and no longer under the penalty of death. That hope brings *all joy and peace in believing*. Why do so many (and I am guilty) turn to the temporal things of this world to try to find *all joy and peace*? Joy and peace are a fruit of believing in Jesus alone for salvation. Victory and forgiveness are ours! May the Holy Spirit's power allow us to abound in hope and to share that hope with men in a hopeless world!

Ministry to Men is a faith-based ministry that simply connects men in ministry. We are an interdenominational group of men in the St. Charles County area and beyond who come together to share our faith in Jesus Christ with one another. M2M sponsors several community events, including the annual Businessmen's Prayer Breakfast of St. Charles County, an annual New Year's Eve Breakfast and an annual Good Friday Retreat. We also sponsor lunches and special events that present Christ in a nonthreatening setting. More than forty Men's Bible Discussion Groups meet six days a week (*Monday through Saturday*) to encourage men to walk with the Lord and learn more of what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Our contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

Thank for your time this time, until next time!

In Him,

Derrill Martin  
*Executive Director*  
*Ministry to Men St. Charles County*

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### **Testimony of Impact** **Bill Green**

*Ministry to Men (M2M) continues to grow with more than 40 Bible Discussion Groups (BDG) meeting weekly or bi-monthly in St. Charles County and beyond.*

*Bill and his wife Belinda have been married for 38 years and have two children, Stephanie and Matthew. Bill facilitates a Wednesday morning Bible Discussion Group at 7:00 AM at St. Joseph Hospital in St. Charles.*

I had the great fortune to have been invited by Rudy Beck to Ben Blanton's Bible Study in the summer of 1984, 32 years ago. That invitation from Rudy came as a simple suggestion after a round of golf. I wonder what my life would have been like if that invitation hadn't happened. For that matter, what if Ben had been too busy with his new company to break away from his office at 7 AM every Wednesday? What if Charlie Williams (former Executive Director of M2M) hadn't left a leadership role and great paying job in private industry to accept a full-time opportunity working for God's kingdom? Maybe the Holy Spirit would have chosen another path to reach businessmen in St. Charles County. All I do know is that I was hooked the first week I showed up. We met in a dark room in the old Lindenwood Cafeteria. That first morning, four (or was it five) of us sat in a booth from 7 to 8 AM and studied God's Word. I have confessed many times that this has been, and will continue to be, the single most important hour in my week. Through my involvement over these past 32 years, I have matured enough in my faith to recognize two very important realities:

- 1) The importance of God's Word. It is pure joy to be in God's Word and His Word reinforces my faith. Each Wednesday I receive some "nugget of knowledge" to grow my faith and apply in my contacts with people.
- 2) The Holy Spirit continues to give me numerous opportunities to share the message of Salvation indirectly through my daily walk and directly through my oral witness. It may sound like I know what I'm doing. Well, I'm still low on that learning and action curve, but I'm growing.

If you are in a Bible Discussion Group, why not two BDGs?

Or, even better, why not start your own BDG? The M2M staff or board would be happy to assist and pray with you.

My final challenge/question: What are your priorities??

In Him,  
Bill Green

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### Training for Trainers (T4T)

*Update from  
Chuck Williams and Mark Levesque*

Last November, two men began meeting at the Denny's restaurant in Lake St. Louis. They began a Bible Discussion Group called Training for Trainers or (T4T). From that group, there has been a multiplication of additional T4T groups. More than twenty men have come through the Lake St. Louis T4T study and many of these men are now leading their own T4T studies, and this is not just confined to the St. Charles - St. Louis region!

The influence of this group is spreading across the world!

Here is a letter from one man named Martin who attended the Lake St. Louis T4T and is working in Cameroon, Africa. He tasted T4T in Lake St. Louis, Missouri and has now introduced T4T concept to five of his leaders and that has now grown to more than 200 trained leaders for T4T. The rest is still history in the making!!



*My dear friends,*

*This first week has been busy and good. We arrived in the city of Yaounde and drove safely to the city of Bamenda where we have our head office and tuition-free, work-study School of Christian Humanitarian Entrepreneurship. I have been leading the Mentors and Mentees in daily prayer, Bible studies and leader development sessions.*

*We have already adapted T4T small group meeting format for use in our "Torches". "Torches" are small groups formed to solve a specific problem in the community. The solutions to these problems consist in part in generating businesses and humanitarian projects that are funded by those businesses. The adaptation consisted mainly of extending the scope of application of the current material to concrete business and humanitarian projects in which the "Torches" are involved.*

*We like this T4T material and we have barely touched the surface. Thank you, T4T.*

*Please continue to pray for us as two more members of our American volunteer team join us later this week. Praise God that we are all healthy and doing well. Americans love African food and African food obviously loves Americans. This is obvious in the healthy appetites accompanied by good health for all Americans here.*

*Thank you for praying for Africa!*

*In Christ, in His service, and in prayer for you,  
Martin M. Niboh, Ph.D. (Nuclear Physics)  
Humanitarian & Former Professor of Physics and Mathematics*

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### **Wentzville Outreach with Randy Mayfield** *Submitted by Ken Volz*

When: Tuesday November 1, 2016

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Where: CenturyLink Campus, 1151 CenturyLink Drive, Building A  
Wentzville, MO 63385

Cost: \$10 per person *(includes pizza and beverage)*

RSVP: [office@ministrytomen.net](mailto:office@ministrytomen.net)

**You will be refreshed by the testimony and inspirational songs performed by Randy Mayfield!**

Randy Mayfield is an accomplished singer & songwriter who has traveled extensively to more than 85 countries. He has performed live at diverse venues -- the Fox Theater, Powell Concert Hall, The Sheldon Theater, The Grand Old Opry, the Blue Bird Cafe in Nashville, Long Beach Arena, in concert halls all over Great Britain, Europe and the former Soviet Union, at national conventions and at prisons and jails throughout the USA. Randy has sung the National Anthem for numerous professional ball clubs including the St. Louis Cardinals and the former St. Louis Rams. Randy has produced a number of CDs, has been nominated for four regional Emmy awards, has received numerous national music awards for his singing and songwriting, including the Billboard Songwriting Award and the Christian Artists "Song of the Year".

Randy is the pastor of Missions & Outreach at the Central Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Missouri where he has served for more than 36 years. He lives in Ballwin, Missouri with his wife Sharon. Randy and Sharon have two grown children and a precious granddaughter.

***We look forward to seeing YOU there!***

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