

MINISTRY TO MEN

Connecting Men in Ministry

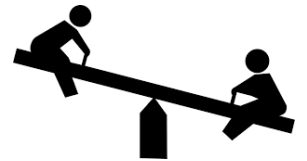


M2M Quarterly Newsletter: Summer 2016

A Word from Derrill

Happy Summer! You are reading a historical document: The first edition of a quarterly newsletter of Ministry to Men St. Charles County. The purpose of this newsletter is to better communicate with men who have been touched by this ministry and/or want to get more involved.

Both traditional forms and new breakthrough opportunities form the balance of a healthy ministry. Think of a seesaw. On one end you have long-term, time-tested ministries that have proven effective. For example, the upcoming 22nd Annual Businessmen's Prayer Breakfast of St. Charles County has been a well-attended annual event that has reached thousands of men (and women) in our community. Bible Discussion Groups are another time-tested traditional means of connecting men in ministry. Some of our BDG have been meeting for thirty years or more. M2M Bible Discussion Groups empower men to know and grow in their faith in Jesus Christ.



On the other end of the seesaw are new "breakthrough" ministry opportunities. Any healthy ministry that desires to join God in what He is doing, must have their eyes open to new possibilities. "Training for Trainers" (T4T) is a good example of a breakthrough ministry. T4T is a disciple making Bible Discussion Group process, giving men an opportunity to grow spiritually through study and obedience to the word of God in an environment of love, acceptance and accountability with other men. In the last six months, numerous T4T Bible studies have been sown because these discipleship groups are sending men out to start their own T4T studies. It is spiritual growth by multiplication!

T4T has both historical and cross-cultural relevance because it is Christ-centered and Bible-based. T4T is one means of how the Holy Spirit is creating discipleship making movements around the world. I recently visited frontline missionaries in Southeast Asia. Many of these missionaries are using T4T as a Biblically-based model of making disciples in their people groups. Historically, the methodology of T4T is at least 2000 years old. The book of Acts is a testimony of what a discipleship making movement looks like. Acts chapter 2 tells of the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the disciples as they met house to house reading and obeying the apostles teaching. The Lord added to their numbers daily those who were being saved. This is T4T in a nutshell, and it is happening in men's groups right here in St. Charles County. We are experiencing a men's discipleship movement! Praise God.

Thanks for your time this time 'til next time. If you would like to know more about Ministry to Men and our Bible Discussion Groups, please contact Ken or me!

In Him,

Derrill Martin, *Executive Director*

Ministry to Men St. Charles County

A History of Ministry to Men



Submitted By Ken Chrismer –

Longtime Board Member, Bible Discussion Group Leader, and Loving Advocate of Ministry to Men.

Ministry to Men's goal is "connecting men in ministry". Founded by Charlie Williams, along with Ben Blanton and Ron Hollis (local businessmen), Ministry to Men (M2M) got its official start in 2001. Charlie had retired from Christian Businessmen's Committee (CBMC), a ministry with headquarters in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Charlie felt the urging of the Holy Spirit to continue to work with men, only in the more local area of St. Charles County, Missouri. A couple of Bible Discussion Groups, (BDG), had already been established but the founders knew that their mission was to be a "men's ministry that would actually minister to men".

Today, Ministry to Men exists to empower men to know and grow in Jesus Christ. As an arm of the local church, we help fulfill the Great Commission by going into our community and making disciples. Ministry to Men connects men with other men to equip them to lead in their homes, workplace and community.

Ministry to Men's thrust is to assist and prepare men in presenting Christ, bringing men together through area wide events and connect men with other men through Bible Discussion Groups, discipleship, mentoring and other empowering men's ministries.

OUR MISSION

To help men grow in their understanding and application of the role God has called them to as spiritual leaders in their homes, their churches, their neighborhoods, their jobs.

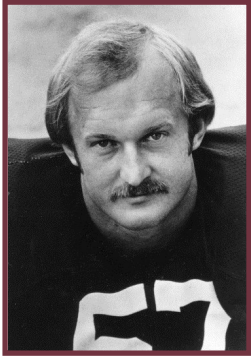
OUR PURPOSE

And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ and for this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power which mightily works within me. *Colossians 1: 28, 29*

OUR STRATEGY

1. To work with men in the community; to help them see themselves as ambassadors in an ever-growing mission field – wherever God has them. To care, encourage, train and learn sharing Christ through relationships and to fulfill the Great Commission. (Matt. 28: 19-20)
2. To work with local churches to strengthen, encourage and equip their men to be the leaders God has called them to be in their homes, their church, their community and their workplace.

Tender Warriors Luncheon



Tender Warriors Luncheon

Featuring Mark Arneson

When: Thursday, July 14, 2016

Time: Doors Open at 11:30. Program begins at Noon

Where: Family Vision Library
2020 Parkway Drive
St. Peters, MO 63376

Cost: \$10 per person (including “brown bag” lunch)

RSVP: office@ministrytomen.net

Mark Arneson, a former St. Louis Football Cardinals Linebacker, will be sharing his heart for “Tender Warriors” in the world.

We look forward to seeing YOU there!

Ministry to Men 2016 Highlights

The Good Friday Retreat was attended by 175 men sharing in worship and glorify God through an area wide inter-denominational fellowship of men, remembering and celebrating the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ! The service included prayer, testimonies and messages from local ministers and Zip Rzeppa. Shoes, Coats & Jackets were collected for local and worldwide ministries.

The Kiwanis Club of West St. Charles County Prayer Breakfast in Association with Ministry to Men was held on Tuesday May 10th in Wentzville, featuring Ben Blanton.

T4T (Training for Trainers) Bible Discussion Groups are growing and growing and growing. So far twelve new BDGs have formed; nine of them have formed from one single group.

Calendar

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Program begins at Noon

Tender Warriors Luncheon with Mark Arneson

Family Vision Library in St. Peters

Saturday, June 18, 2016

Twigs Pack A Sack, 5th Annual Bikers for Backpacks

Swallers Grill, Overland, Missouri.

Twigs Free Summer Lunch Program for children. Provides food for children who are at risk of having nothing to eat over the weekend.

You can help by donating non-perishable food items (please see the website for a list of food items). www.twigsforkids.com

Saturday, July 23, 2016

10 am - 7 pm

MisFits for Jesus FaithFest 2016, www.misfitsforjesus.com

Diekroeger Park, Wright City, Missouri

Speakers, Live Music, Fellowship, Food, Fun and Free.

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Program begins at 7:30 am

22nd Annual Businessmen's Prayer Breakfast of St. Charles County

St. Charles Convention Center

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