



STRONG MAN Bulletin



Important upcoming MMFC dates:

- November 21-23: Phase 1 Weekend in Cincinnati, OH
- November 27: Thanksgiving Day (US) - What are YOU thankful for??
- December 5-6: Annual MMFC Leadership Team strategic planning session
- December 13: Colorado & Indiana MMFC Christmas Parties
- January 6-8: "Minister's" Phase 1 "weekend" (Tue-Thur)

MMFC Goes 18,876 Miles Roundtrip!

MMFC Goes Round The World, Building Stronger Men For J.C.!

This is the distance - 18,876 miles - that each of the 20 Americans traveled for the MMFC Phase 1 Weekend #50 in Viahga, Kenya, Africa! After nearly 3 years of planning, including being postponed in January 2008 due to political unrest in Kenya, this was MMFC's first international mission trip - lasting 14 days, encompassing 22 staff men (20 Americans and 2 Kenyans), 45 missionaries from various towns and churches in Kenya - a complete Phase 1 and Phase 2 Intensive experience!! It was LIFE TRANSFORMING - glory to God!!!



Included in this edition of the SMB:

- New Brother testimonies
- Staff testimonies
- MMFC SMB interviews Spice
- Photos
- See the MMFC website for MORE!!



MMFC SMB Interviews Spice About Kenya

MMFC SMB - How did you see God work in your life in Kenya?

Spice - God's love pierced my heart! This piercing was an infusion of the Holy Spirit that enabled me to love as never before. I was able to give love and receive love from others in extraordinary ways. For example:

- 1) To embrace men that were so different than me!
- 2) To break through pre-judgments of others and to simply see God's beauty in the eyes, faces, hands & feet of my African brothers.
- 3) As a wealthy American, I was able to sit, walk, and simply be with some of the poorest men I have ever seen in my life. And what I saw was that on the inside we are the same (no difference). I am equal to my Kenyan brothers, not better. In many ways, they were so much holier than me. I was given the gift of humility from God through His men!

MMFC SMB - How did you see God work in the lives of the Missioners in Kenya?

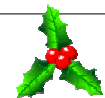
Spice - #1 - Trust! The men trusted me (us) even though I was a stranger... and white!
 #2 - Patience! Incredible patience from Galatians 5:22. When I saw the senior pastor (Patrick) from the local church standing outside his cramped sleeping quarters, I was amazed! Patrick chose to be the last of 45 men to get floor space to sleep! Not once did Patrick complain, ask for anything, or claim his position of seniority, etc! He stood still and waited patiently. Wow! I will never forget this teaching moment! It has changed me as a leader of God's men. Thank you, Jesus, for Pastor Patrick!
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MMFC Christmas Celebrations Abound!



MMFC Christmas Celebration in Denver (see page 3 for other MMFC regions)

When: Saturday December 13th, 6:30-8:30pm
Where: Church of the Risen Christ (3060 S. Monaco Pkwy, 80222)
Who: All Marked Men and Walking Women and your "significant other" (no children please)
What do I bring? This year's event will take on a little different feel from past years - everyone is asked to bring a significant hors d'oeuvre for 20 people to be shared potluck-style. This will not be a sit-down meal. Wine & soda will be provided.
Why: This is our opportunity to come together to celebrate the birth of our Savior, the success of our ministries, enjoy worship music, and hear about the MMFC Kenya mission.
RSVP: Both men & women are asked to RSVP to svp@markedmenforchrist.org by December 3.
Questions? Email Jim Baker (jbaker@mho.com) or Trish Hopkins (trishhopkins@gmail.com).

Kenya New Bro Testimonies!

I received the gift of faith & encouragement and assurance in my Christianity. I will tell... once a man deals with his INSIDE (heart) then his outside lines itself up with the will & plan of the Lord. In short, I will encourage them that our outside frame is determined by our outside flame! - **Henry**



I have been changed to be HOLY MAN! - **Willis**

I am a changed man! I am ready to serve the Lord by co-creating a peaceful world thru love and concerned to the lost as I follow His footsteps. - **Pastor Timothy**

I am a different man now, for I feel all the broken wounds which I came with are healed and I feel the peace of God in me - **Josphat**

I had wounds in my heart, but Jesus has healed me! I have freedom! - **Solomon**



The gift that I received was - love & peace! - **Pastor Patrick**

Thanks for the good job you did in the Marked Men conference - I was really blessed. Not only that but my life has changed! The fear that I had is gone & I feel fresh and new. I'm praying for you - be strong, be strong, strengthen one another! - **Evans**



Greetings in Jesus name! It was nice to have you minister to us. The conference really changed my life! I tell you, I am no longer the same! My wife has seen something different and I thank God! You are a blessing to us here. Blessings! - **Pastor Henry**

The meeting you organized for us was wonderful! It wasn't an ordinary meeting, but one of a kind. I was motivated and my vision to serve God was shaped and I feel that I am living right. May the good God bless you as the vision bearer of MMFC and assist & enlarge your territories. Thank you! - **Pastor Eliasaro**

I am a different man by knowing that Christ took all of my wounds! I am not supposed to suffer any more but to trust in HIM and reduce myself and let HIM increase me! So I will tell others how I was accepted by the MMFC brothers. How the love was expressed via brotherhood and how I have come to realize that my Jesus was also wounded. - **Emmanuel**



I rediscover myself. I realized that I was not what I thought I was because of the mask on my face. Now the Lord has unmasked me and revealed the wounds I had inside me. I am now healed and refreshed. I surrender all and am now healed and free! - **John**



I received the gift of spiritual nourishment and inner healing. My burdens that blocked my joy have been rolled away by Christ thru the power of the Holy Spirit. - **Pastor Leonard**

I have received healing! I'm transformed because I now have courage to speak before a crowd which I couldn't do before. I have received Jesus into my heart and I feel blessed! - **Alexander**

I am a different man! I have gone deep thru the 5 wounds of the Cross and by the power of God dealt with them, replacing them with the gifts. I am a new & changed man!! - **Pastor Evans**



I now understand my role as a man who shall be standing on God's planet to perform & fulfill God's will for my life! I will share my personal experience of the healing and the power of Christ, which has indeed healed my wounds! - **Richard**

SPICE KENYA INTERVIEW (CONT'D)...

MMFC SMB - How has this trip impacted or changed your life?

Spice - My FAITH has grown so much! Wow! I leave Kenya with an enlarged faith in Him! God's faith deposit in me has tripled, quadrupled, 10x & more!

I feel God's powerful love in my heart overflowing!

My AWE of God has increased 10,000 fold! God's omnipresence is real!

God is the same. Even though the color of their skin is so different than mine, God's presence is so powerful in their hearts! These men are God's

holy men. I am in AWE of God! For me to

know the will of God in my life is all I need

as His ambassador, as His minister to His

men. (Luke 18:27 - "What is impossible for

men (Spice!) is possible with God!") I have

seen it with my own eyes!



MMFC SMB - What will be different for you when you get back to the USA?

Spice - I will have/do have more faith in Jesus Christ - I will put it into action!

I will "stand still" more, like Pastor Patrick! I will seek, know, and do the will

of God in my life with more zeal and faith! Amen!

MMFC SMB - What have you learned about leading 19 men half way around the world to serve in a 3rd world country?

Spice - These are holy men and my #1 job is to take care of His men as God

has entrusted them into my care for this time. To treat them with great love

& respect, to invest in their welfare, to keep them safe by planning (thinking

through) in advance the various logistical scenarios that the team will be

faced with. To pray continuously for God's wisdom... and to wash their feet!

A Few Kenya Staffer Testimonies!

I was taken by the gracious manner in which we were received by the men of Kenya at Shangalia. People who exist on so little poured their hearts out to help us feel welcome. - **Jim B.**

My experience was unique. For the first time in my life I saw Kenyans keeping time and the meeting started on time. Another thing was how Kenyan new brothers were opening up. What I took away from the meeting was the special love from the staff and new brothers. The gift I received was the healing ministry for wounded men in Kenya. I believe it is going to spread like fire.

Last Sunday we had P3 at Eldoret this is what came out: Deeper love for God. Deeper love for the family. Pray for us. - **Francis**



I have taken nearly 100 overseas mission trips over my lifetime and seen thousands of people come to Christ, yet this MMFC trip to Kenya ranks very near the top! Besides the great reward of seeing godly men, even many pastors, from another culture receive tremendous healing of their wounds, God confirmed in my life the gifts of compassion, mercy, teaching, relating to other cultures, & best of all the most intense desire I have ever had for purity & for passion to mentor Christian men. It was a heavenly deluge! - **Art**

It was awesome to see again how God is the Answer for the wounds of men regardless of their background, surroundings, or culture. And to see the ministers ministered to as well as the missionaries. Our Lord is a Great God! **Jerry C.**

It was a privilege to be part of program that could possible bring amazing change to the Kenyan culture. We provided forty-five men with tools that we know work in bringing men to better know the love of Christ and to realize personal dignity in a way they have never experienced before. It was apparent upon our departure that these men were eager to share their new gifts with others. - **Greg D.**

"MINISTER'S" PHASE 1 - JAN 2009

The 2nd Phase 1 weekend dedicated to pastors, clergy, and ministers is now scheduled for January 6-8, 2009 at the St. Malo retreat center near Estes Park, CO.

Please INVITE your pastors and ministers to sign up! This is a special Phase 1 "weekend" as it held on a Tuesday - Thursday! Perfect for these men!

Who: all men in a pastoral, clergy, or ministry role - this could include missionaries, youth ministers, worship ministers, etc.

What: Pastor's/Clergy/Minister's Phase 1 weekend

Where: St. Malo retreat center just south of Estes Park, Colorado

When: Tuesday January 6 (5pm) thru Thursday January 8 (3pm)

Why: Becoming stronger men (& ministers) for Jesus Christ - thru healing, restoration, awareness, safety, love, gifts, and growth!



MMFC Regional Updates

Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, etc ("Middle Earth")

Upcoming Events in this region:

- Nov 21-23 - Cincinnati, OH Phase 1
- Nov 30 (Sun) 6pm - 10-week Phase 2 starts - at CVMC in Middlebury, IN. Burt Matteson @ 574-825-2181
- Dec 2 (Tue) 7pm - 10-week Phase 2 starts - at Vineyard. Steve Vandervort @ 574-250-6510
- Jan 9-10 (Fri/Sat) - Phase 2 Intensive - Lynn Vining @ 574-529-1623.
- Ongoing Phase 3 groups - there are currently 5 P3 groups meeting Sun (Middlebury), Mon (Goshen), Tues (Warsaw), Wed (Carmel), and Sat (Mason, OH). Get connected & continue to do more soul work!!

MMFC Family Christmas Party!

This year the main entrée will be provided and we ask that each family bring a dish (A-L side dish; M-Z dessert). We will be having a couple of teenagers to watch the younger children during a portion of the program and Santa Claus will be making a visit.

- **Who:** All MMFC men & their families
- **When:** Friday December 13 at 6pm
- **Where:** Crystal Valley Missionary Church in Middlebury, IN
- **Contact:** Greg Firsdon for more info @ 513-675-7748

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Kansas, Missouri, etc ("The Heartland")

Upcoming Events in this region:

- Christmas party planned for December 13 or 14. More info to come.
- Phase 2 Intensive planned for January 2009 - more info to come.
- Next area Phase 1 - March 20-22, 2009 in Kansas City area.

MMFC REGIONAL DIRECTOR: Ray Reuter (ray@unfetteredpotential.com)

Southern California Area

Current Events in this region:

- Oct 2008 Big Bear Phase 1 - 16 New Brothers. We are seeing more momentum building after this Phase1 & praying that God would lift the covering of fear over the L.A. churches, and that men would come to Phase 1.
- Phase 3 meets every Wed from 6-8AM @ El Segundo Foursquare Church

MMFC Regional Contact: Wes Harding (wes@esfoursquare.net)

MONDAY NIGHT CHALLENGE

You are invited to join us and being a friend with you! MNC is open to non-MMFC brothers. Please join us every 3rd Monday at 7pm for a time of fellowship, worship, and spiritual growth (via the Holy Spirit)! MMFC ministries challenges YOU to spend a couple of hours with your brothers and continue your strengthening as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

When: Dec 15, Jan 19, Feb 16, etc.
(7pm - every 3rd Monday of the month)

Where: Church of the Risen Christ
3060 S. Monaco, Denver 80222 (303-758-8826) www.risenchristchurch.org



Upcoming Phase 1 Weekends & More

- **Nov 21-23 - Phase1 (Cincinnati, OH)**
- **Dec 5-6 - MMFC Mgt Team Annual Meeting**
- **Dec 13 - CO & IN MMFC Christmas parties**

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- **Jan 6-8 - "Minister's" Phase 1 (Estes Park, CO) - (Tuesday - Thursday "weekend")**
- **Feb 20-22 - Phase 1 (Bailey, CO)**
- **Mar 20-22 - Phase 1 (Tall Oaks Camp, KS)**
- **March 27-29 - Phase 1 (Bailey, CO)**
- **March 27-29 - Phase 1 (Sandy Hook, MS)**
- **April 24-26 - Phase 1 (Camp Mack, IN)**
- **May 15-17 - Phase 1 (Bailey, CO)**
- **July 31-Aug 3 - Phase 1 (Bailey, CO)**
- **Oct 23-25 - Phase 1 (Bailey, CO)**
- **Nov 13-15 - Phase 1 (Tall Oaks Camp, KS)**

MMFC Website Construction

Please bear with us as the MMFC Technology group works on the MMFC website after a recent hack. We recognize that some of the "regular" features of the site are not currently available and we are working on it. We want to be sure that we are doing all we can to provide a full-featured and fully secure site for our MMFC community to use, as well as a professional & easy to use site for those visiting us for the first time. Thanks for your patience!



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