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BATTLE BRIEFING

A MONTHLY LETTER TO OUR PARTNERS

AFTERSHOCKS

In 2012, Bill Seale attended a Noble Warriors Iron Sharpens Iron Conference and left impacted. But it was another attendee who made the biggest impression on him.



Bill listened as the gentleman, Sonny, stood and shared his testimony in one of the sessions. Sonny confessed that he had just been released after spending over half his life in prison. God met him there and called him out of his darkness, and Sonny gave his heart to the Lord.

Sonny's testimony so blessed Bill that he has been sharing it with others since then—he estimates about 50-75 times. What a ripple effect one man's story has had on others he will never meet! Bill also continued to pray for Sonny whenever he thought of him.

In April, Bill was excited to attend The Noble Man Conference again. He was looking forward to attending a mentorship workshop, but something happened on his walk to the room where it was being held. Instead, he turned toward a different workshop he hadn't planned to attend but suddenly felt pulled to. During the workshop, a familiar-looking man sat down directly in front of Bill. Could it be? He tapped the man on the shoulder. **"Are you—Sonny?"**

It was indeed Sonny! Eleven years after sharing his testimony, Sonny was back and has been serving the Lord as a pastor since 2012. The two men connected, and Bill got to share how he was impacted and had shared his story with others – a ripple effect. They exchanged numbers and have been staying in touch, encouraging one another.

We won't fully know the aftershocks Sonny's story has had on others. **Like Bill, how many other men heard his testimony and blessed others by sharing it?**

When we hear conference stories like these, we know we could not have orchestrated them if we wanted to—only God can. **We do the planning and the work, you sow seeds with us through your giving, and God bears the fruit!**

"So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

1 Corinthians 3:7

Pictured: Bill Seale and 2012 Conference.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

JOIN US IN PRAYER

Let's praise God for this story of conference impact!

Thank God for his faithfulness in Sonny's life (and yours)!

Ask God to help us listen and respond to his Spirit as Bill did in this story. The Lord is always working. Live expectantly!

GIVING TIP

Do you have a giving strategy? Are you leaving a legacy of generosity? Check out **Donor Advised Funds** as a way for your funds to grow and increase your giving over time. Learn more with these resources:

The National Christian Foundation www.ncfgiving.com
(biblically-based)

The Richmond Community Foundation www.cfrichmond.org
(community-oriented)

THE NOBLE MAN TAILGATE IN BLACKSBURG



On May 19th, men were ***"Challenged to fight the good fight of faith."***

They responded! ***"Christ will be glorified in my life continually."***



YOUNG FAMILY UPDATE

HANNAH is home from her first year of college! She's looking forward to babysitting and senior caretaking over the summer. She's also jumping into our church's young adult ministry with friends and discipling a few younger girls.

BEN is in South Asia. His trip went smoothly. Along with his hosts and national believers, he's already been able to visit some villages where there has never been a gospel witness. He and **MIKE** were at Ft. Moore (formerly Ft. Benning) for the command ceremony as **TIM** took command of an Experimental Company in the Maneuver Center of Excellence. We hear from **ZACH** less frequently as he's quite busy with his unit in Eastern Europe.

LIAM had his second open-heart surgery on May 19th. Surgery went as planned, but he tested positive for Rhinovirus afterward and had to spend extra days in the ICU. **MIKE, STACY,** and **HANNAH** took **OWEN** home to Columbus while **TIM** and **CAROLINE** remained in Atlanta with Liam.

Only **BEN** and **HANNAH** were home for Mother's Day this year, but they continued the tradition of cooking lunch for Stacy! **MIKE** and **STACY** are launching a summertime marriage mentoring experiment with about 20 couples through their church.



NW TEAM HIGHLIGHT

KARL NOCKENGOST and his wife, Sandy, are celebrating her retirement after 16 years at Thermo-Fisher Scientific as a Technical Support Scientist. They look forward to spending more time with their two daughters, Sarah and Laura, their friends, and volunteering in their church.

