



BATTLE BRIEFING

A MONTHLY LETTER TO OUR PARTNERS



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

THE PROGRESSIVE LENS OF MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

The Noble Warriors board recently met to pray, discuss objectives, and look forward to future plans. Like the progressive lens in our glasses, we've got **close-up, intermediate, and distance vision — and it's exciting!**

Close-Up:

Planning is in the works for the **2024 conference season!**

Mike had **two meetings with pastors** in July specifically focused on growing their men's ministry reach.

Locally, Parkway Baptist is launching a **BetterMan** group. Their Studentz ministry has facilitated "Biscuits and Bros" (It seems like there's a theme with guys and biscuits!) at Chick-fil-A for the summer, where young guys who are grads of the ministry can help disciple younger students. **It's crazy cool to see these young men stepping up to lead and grow in this area!**

Cool Spring Baptist, our host for the Noble Warriors Men's Conference this past March, has leaders and guys **seeking ways to be more involved in ministry to men.**

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JOIN US IN PRAYER

Pray as we secure three host churches for the 2024 conference season.

Pray for connections at new student orientation at SEBTS on Aug. 14-15.

Pray as we recruit volunteers across the state to be Centurions and connect with local churches.

GIVING TIP

Check out these books on teaching biblical money management!

Trusted: Preparing Your Kids for a Lifetime of God Honoring Money Management - A book geared toward teaching kids about generosity, budgeting, and borrowing, published by Focus on the Family.



Resolve: A Personal Financial Planning Book for Twentysomethings by Will Ertel - A guide for young adults with 5 components of financial planning and goal setting.



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Intermediate:

We are improving several **Noble Warriors online courses** geared toward small groups and mentoring.

We'll have a presence at the **Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary new student orientation** and a plan in place to build connections with the guys who desire to foster biblical manhood as they prepare for ministry.

Mike will meet with seminary students on campus and start another round of small group discipleship gatherings using **BetterMan** or **33 Series curriculum**. He will continue to work with leadership as they educate future leaders with men in mind.

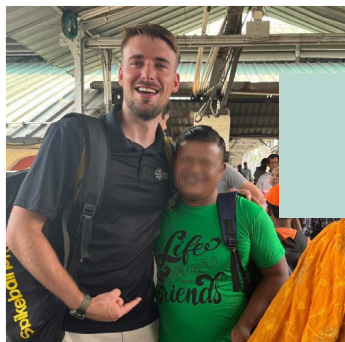
Distance:

In August, we begin a phase of more intense work on **long-term plans for connecting and specific training in churches across Virginia**. Only God knows the result of these efforts, but we press on to pursue the work God has placed in front of us today.

“But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:13-14

Each vision becomes clear because you share in the work with us. We appreciate and advocate for great resources, but nothing replaces men gathering together in discipleship. Connecting guys is the key, and facilitating and training takes time and money.

We thank God for your faithful partnership!



YOUNG FAMILY UPDATE

It has been a blessing in July to catch our breath from the pace of the last 6 months! **MIKE AND STACY** have enjoyed some margin to gather with friends and family at a Richmond Squirrels baseball game and fireworks the week of July 4th, playing “grandparents” for a young family at church so the parents could celebrate their anniversary, enjoying a birthday dinner and morning kayaking at Pocahontas, as well as visiting parents.

MIKE dealt with a scratched cornea and experienced how our creator God made our eyes to heal quickly and regenerate! Not an adventure worth repeating, though – and he is now diligent in wearing eye protection while working under vehicles!

While Mike is involved in our church's BetterMan summer group, **HANNAH** is mentoring 2 young ladies using a Bible study on Leah and Rachel, dealing with the battle of comparison.

ZACH and **BEN** continue serving overseas and have had some amazing experiences. We're excited to get **BEN** home in August! **TIM AND CAROLINE** can finally be home and experience “normal” routines with **LIAM'S** encouraging medical report and **OWEN** being a fun-loving and energetic big brother!

