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The 10 men who initially committed to making this work are fathers with their grown sons, coaches, and others seeking to provide young boys the positive influence and time they so desperately crave and need. Many of these children cannot participate in organized sports due to their economic situation.

HOPE *worldwide* will support them with resources and additional volunteers as needed. The Jacksonville church was very excited at the announcement and responded with a very emotional standing ovation for the leadership of Pui-Sing Tang, Nate Nelson, Earl Maiten and others. The Kids Quest Sunday coordinators also helped to coordinate and support the need for this type of effort. We are all so excited about the possibilities and the opportunity to impact these young boys and their families through Boyz to MEN!

Register for Fall Singles Corps

Written by HOPE worldwide

Registration is now open for two exciting HOPE *worldwide* Singles Corps sites. Register now, sites will fill up quickly!

- ***Johannesburg, South Africa: October 31-November 9 ($1,390 plus flights)***

Led by Dr. Mark Ottenweller and his wife Lin, this is a leadership training program for singles. The participants will serve for a week in HOPE *worldwide's* Johannesburg programs, and will then attend a singles conference along with singles from across South Africa. *Note: Open to all singles, especially those who can lead and/or teach at the South African Singles Retreat.*

- ***Kathmandu, Nepal: November 8-21 ($1,020 plus flights)***

This program will start with a three day trek in the Himalayas, followed by a week of service helping with HOPE *worldwide's* ongoing disaster response efforts, as well as serving at the Kathmandu HOPE *worldwide* school and vocational training center. The program will end with a singles conference with the singles of the Nepal churches. *Note: Please select "Kathmandu, Nepal (Singles Corps only)" from the drop down selection on the application.*

Registration opens May 1, 2015. Go to: hopeww.org to apply. Questions? Contact Emily Shapiro at emily.shapiro@hopeww.org or 484-586-3611.

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Festival de las Americas 2015
Los Angeles, CA, USA
May 22-24, 2015

SURGE Euro Singles Mission Trip
Prague, Zurich, Munich
June 27 - July 7, 2015

2015 Southeast Conference
Greenville, South Carolina, USA
September 4-6, 2015

ICOC Delegates Meeting
Montego Bay, Jamaica
October 13-16, 2015

Steps of Jesus & the Apostles
Israel, Greece, Turkey, Italy
October 17-31, 2015

North American Discipleship Summit
St. Louis, Missouri, USA
July 7-10, 2016

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Boyz to Men: Inspiring and Impacting One Young Man At a Time

Written by Jim Mackie, Jacksonville, FL



"God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform," begins an old favorite spiritual song. It's truly evident in the Jacksonville Church of Christ.

An idea began with a group of men inspired by the faith of a mom in their growth group. She raises two young foster children as well as her own three, and her husband is deployed in the Navy. This seed planted a desire to meet the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of young boys, especially young fatherless boys in the Jacksonville church and community through an afterschool and mentoring program.

Unknown to them at the time, were the prayers of HOPE *worldwide* Chapter Directors Jim & Debbie Mackie who were seeking ways to serve single mothers with young children, as they themselves are parents of a young single mom with four children. In February, the Mackies hosted a lunch for single moms with an opportunity for them to share their desires for support and direction in a number of areas. As a result, future single mom programs were considered.

Meanwhile, in March, that group of men shared their ideas with Jim and a great partnership was created with the Jacksonville Church of Christ and HOPE *worldwide*—thus, Boyz to MEN was launched and prayers were answered all around.

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