



STRONG MAN Bulletin

Important upcoming MMFC dates:

- January 14: Monday Night Challenge
- February 11: Monday Night Challenge
- February 15-17: Phasel weekend in Kansas City, KS
- February 29 - March 2: Advanced Training in Bailey, CO
- March 17: Monday Night Challenge
- March 28-30: Phase 1 weekend in Bailey, CO

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MMFC KENYA TRIP POSTPONED! PLEASE PRAY!

Marked Men For Christ ministry has official postponed their January 2008 mission trip to Kenya, Africa until either the May or October '08 timeframe. The postponement is due to the political unrest which has resulted in rioting and looting and has generated ~600 deaths and has reduced the availability of basic needs (e.g. food, fuel, water, etc.). The MMFC Kenya mission team is working with our Kenya pastors who have advised us to postpone our January mission trip.

CURRENT SITUATION due to the recent January presidential election outcome:

1. The tribal unrest is improving in Kenya, but still not great. Lack of food, gas, cash at the banks, etc. are making things very difficult for the local people.
2. Kisumu orphanage (where we will host MMFC) have been safe and calm because it is in the country. But there is very little food in the area at this time.
3. Things in Kibira slums (Nairobi) have improved. Kibira was probably the worst area for the riots. Pastor Timothy has hundreds of people in the slums coming to him asking for food. He has very little to give out at this time. His recommendation is to not come in January. Pastor Timothy said "please come some time, we have been looking forward to this conference for a long time and we have never experienced anything like this conference you are bringing, please come, but not in January!"
4. Pastor Solomon in Nakuru is safe, but has no food to eat & is unable to get any at this time.
5. Pastor Kefa at Shangilia Orphanage said that things are calm and secure at the orphanage, but very little food to feed the children. (In Kenya, they go to the market every day to buy food for that day, not like here in the US where we go maybe once a week and stock up on food)

By January 17th we will need to make a decision as to when we will be going to Kenya. We would like to do this sooner if at all possible.

RESCHEDULING INCLUDES:

- We need to reschedule our flights with the airlines to be able to reuse our flight tickets – ASAP!
- We need to find a date that works best for a majority of our MMFC Kenya team (knowing that some of us may not be able to go to Kenya now because of the schedule change)
- We need to ask the Lord for wisdom as to when we reschedule (pray)
- We know that these men will need the ministry of MMFC in Kenya more now than we ever. These men will have deeper wounds because of what they have just experienced.
- We will need to find out what dates work for our Kenyan Pastor's and Kenyan Missioners.
- We will need to see if our Nairobi to Kisumu (and vice versa) flights can be rescheduled.

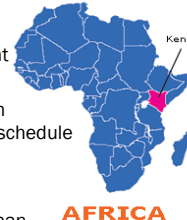
As you can already see, rescheduling is a logistical challenge, so this is why we need you and your prayer supporters to be praying all the more.

OUR MMFC KENYAN BROTHER KENNEDY: As many of you know our brother Kennedy who is living in Tennessee, left for Kenya this past Sunday. He has arrived safely in Nairobi and plans to see his family this week (after being gone for 14-months). We know that he may or may not be able to join us on the rescheduled date. But we believe that by seeing Kennedy go now to Kenya to see his family is a gift.

FINANCIAL REALITIES: Because of rescheduling our trip to Kenya we are facing some serious financial challenges that Jesus knows about and can help us overcome. Below I am listings some of the known and unknown costs.

- Flight change fee by Northwest Airlines: **\$300** per staff man (21)
- Cost difference from our original ticketed price and the difference of the flights for our rescheduled flight: \$90 - \$650. Right now the dates that we have chosen to reschedule would only cost **\$90** extra pp.
- Flights from Nairobi to Kisumu (vice versa). Cost unknown. \$200 if we totally loose our tickets and need to rebook. We might be ok on this.
- Our safari and Masai Mara flights. Cost minimal.

We know that it will cost us \$390 minimum to rebook and reschedule our trip. We also know that God is calling MMFC ministry to go to Kenya and **HE WILL PROVIDE ALL OF OUR NEEDS. More faith, more trust!!** We are grateful to all of our ministry donors and pray partners. Let us all continue to trust in the Lord and lean on His direction and guidance.



AFRICA

MMFC Advanced Training (Feb 29 - March 2: Bailey, CO)

This MMFC Advanced Training is available to any man who has gone the initial MMFC Phase1 Weekend.

This is a weekend opportunity to learn more about yourself, and to help your brothers become stronger men for Jesus Christ!

This Training will cover 5 topics:

1. **Personality Profile (your "dot" color)**
2. **Mission Statement**
3. **Learn how to drum & worship God**
4. **Prayer - taking another step**
5. **Facilitation Skills**

Have you ever wanted to better understand the Red, Green and Blue "DOTS" ... now is the time to dive deeper in this tool or personality profile assessment. What about your MISSION Statement - when was the last time you sharpened yours? What about drumming and worshipping GOD at the same time, wouldn't it be great to do both well? Prayer, it is so important to us. Come and learn and practice prayer and facilitation skills 101 and 102. It's time to get sharper. Bring your iron and sharpen it on this Advanced Training.

When: Friday February 29 - Sunday March 2, 2008

Times: Starts Friday @ 5:30pm with check-in and dinner at 6:30pm. Runs thru Sunday at 11am.

Attendance: Any brother that has completed an MMFC Phase 1 weekend. His Jerusalem cross will be his sign!

Meals: MMFC will prepare 5 meals - 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch

Cost: \$50 (less than ever before!!)

Go to the Applications page (on the Hot Menu) on the MMFC website to register online (3rd bullet under 2008).

KANSAS CITY PHASE 1 - FEB 15

There is still room for missionaries at the upcoming Phase1 weekend in Kansas City (Feb 15-17). We'd like to challenge each Marked Man in the KS, MO, OK, IA area to pray for & invite 5 men to this weekend!

Also, we can still use more STAFF men from this area as well! (We do have enough CO staff men for this weekend already.)

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: Jan 14, Feb 11, etc (2nd Monday only for these 2 months!)
(7pm - every 3rd Monday of the month)

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

NOTE: For January & February the MNC will be on the 2nd Monday (instead of 3rd) due to holidays.

MMFC LEADERSHIP STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING - SUMMARY

The MMFC Leadership Team (Board, EMTs, Directors & Managers) met together in December 2007 for a strategic planning session in preparation for 2008. Here are some of the results of that meeting:

- Established Rob Berg as the Colorado Phase 2 Soul Group Manager.
- Established the need for a VP of Technology (searching for volunteers within MMFC).
- Decided not to have a World Conference in 2008.
- Established an Elder Board consisting of 3-5 MMFC elders that will support the MMFC Board of Directors.
- Announced the 3rd Co-Leader In Training (CIT) class (starting 4/08): Don Sheffield, Brian Schroth, Ray Verschuyl, and Steve Coe.
- Welcomed/oriented 2 new Board members: Dean Dyk & Randy Stensgard.



Upcoming Phase 1 Weekends & More

- **Feb 15-17 - Phase1 (Kansas City, KS)**
- **Feb 29 - March 2 - Adv Training (Bailey, CO)**
- **March 28-30 - Phase1 (Bailey, CO)**
- **April 25-27 - Phase1 (Milford, IN)**
- **May 16-18 - Phase1 (Bailey, CO)**
- **June 6-8 - Phase1 (Seattle, WA)**
- **August 22-24 - Phase1 (Bailey, CO)**
- **August 22-24 - Phase1 (Westcliffe, CO)**
- **Sept 5-7 - Phase1 (Anchorage, Alaska)**
- **Oct 3-5 - Phase1 (Bailey, CO)**
- **Oct 10-12 - Phase1 (Big Bear, CA)**
- **Nov 14-16 - Phase1 (Kansas City, KS)**
- **Nov 21-23 - Phase1 (Bailey, CO)**



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