

Merry Christmas and the Lord's blessings to you and your families at this wonderful Christmas time of the year!

As the heavenly Angels shared with the Shepherds:  
*Luke 2:11 "Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord"*

Overview Building Brothers:  
 2013 was a blessed and exciting year for Building Brothers! God continues to lead us to "hungry" men and churches as we help serve Him and churches in building men into Spiritual Fathers.



The **Virginia Conference of United Methodist Church** recently started the year long Four Phase Training Process... with a 4<sup>th</sup> Generation of men! Several UM Churches in the **Wichita** area have also completed training 4<sup>th</sup> Generations and these men from **Virginia** and **Wichita** are growing Spiritual Fathers, serving and impacting their local churches and communities.

The "**East Coast Leadership Group**" has men of influence from West Virginia, Virginia, and Pennsylvania through the 4 Phase Training. 2 Four Phase Processes have been started by the men involved with more to come. Many churches have been impacted and men are living as generous life givers, Spiritual Fathers.

God has really "opened up" **Germany** to Building Brothers as Rainer Osterloh and 12 of his leaders visited the US this past May. They were hosted by the Schaffer's in Elizabeth, CO and also the Preuss's at Saddleback Ranch in Loveland, CO. These dedicated German men are in passionate pursuit of God and are serving Him as Spiritual Fathers... impacting churches throughout Germany!

There are now 3 local German "**Certified Phase Trainers**" active in Germany. The fruits of this work are real and God is impacting Churches throughout the Region... as 2 new churches in **Hungary** recently launched the Four Phase Training! Dan continues to visit Germany each Fall. He spoke and trained at 15 churches and 3 large men's gatherings this year.

This past year, Building Brothers, through the efforts of Charles Ansah in Denver, has begun to serve leadership groups/churches in **Ghana West Africa**. Men from **Belgium** are also beginning to explore the Building Brothers Four Phase Process and it initially appears these churches and men are hungry and seeking to become active Spiritual Fathers.

Building Brothers continues to successfully train the BB Four Phase Process via the use of **Skype**. Dan generally has 2-3 Skype training sessions or mentoring connections each week. Dan has also successfully implemented our "Trainer Certification Program" in the USA and Germany using Skype. We will shortly have **12 Certified trainers** with 9 in the US and 3 in Germany!



*“On a snowy day in 2011, I, and three men from Grace-Hartwood UMC travelled to the Virginia United Methodist Center in Glen Allen for the **Pastor's Overview of Wesleyan Building Brothers (WBB).**” (WBB uses Building Brothers Process & materials)*

*“We were impressed with the scope that WBB offered, specifically for men who are spiritually hungry and plan to reproduce healthy DNA to future generations of WBB.*

*As small group development was part of the ministry transition at Grace, I found WBB to be a valuable framework for **men to covenant with other men in a confidential setting.** As a female pastor, I welcomed and encouraged our men to accept the challenge. While I respect and have witnessed the fruit of having a men's only group, **I am part of WBB**, and regularly have conversation with their leader. The men know that, as their pastor I love and support them; I know what's going on in their groups so they can come to me as pastor at any moment.*

**Real Men are ...**

*Real men really love Jesus. Real men are authentic in their struggles and in their passion and commitment to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Real men are leaders in their homes, community and church.*

*Grace's first generation of Wesleyan Building Brothers consists of eight men who have grown spiritually and continue to bear witness to both men and women, boys and girls of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ as they prepare to 'birth' a second generation.”*

**Reverend Brenda Pusso, Pastor**

**Grace-Hartwood UMC**

**Spotsylvania,VA (Fredericksburg District)**

As mentioned, God is connecting Building Brothers with “hungry” men and churches! We help and serve Churches where men are desirous to Know and Serve HIM as reproductive Spiritual Fathers. As 1 John 2:12-14 directs us, we are to have our salvation worked out (Child of God); grow in knowledge of His Word (Young Man) and seek to know and serve God and become reproductive (Spiritual Fathers).

If you would like to give a “gift” to Building Brothers to support Dan; to cover travel costs (not covered by billable field training); help with insurance costs or help fund our “Operating & Communication” costs, please use the enclosed envelope for your **year-end gift**. We at Building Brothers are very grateful for your **gifts and prayers!!**

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year to give thanks and enjoy the Peace and Blessings of the Lord. It is a time to joyfully celebrate the greatest gift to mankind... our Lord Jesus.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement as Building Brothers enters our 12<sup>th</sup> year of serving God... building Spiritual Fathers!

*Luke 2:11 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests”*

May God richly bless you!

Sincerely,  
Dan Schaffer  
& Building Brothers BOD