

The Port of Hope

- Preparing God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Ephesians 4:12

Helping to Build Spiritual Movements Everywhere so Everyone Knows Someone who Truly Follows Jesus Christ

"Everything Rises and Falls on Leadership"

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Tim 2:2

What would the church in the U.S. look like if we had more Christ-centered people willing to take on leadership roles? How about our schools, our businesses, our families or our military?

The above quote (normally attributed to John Maxwell) is indisputable. When you look in the Old Testament, you often times see that the people of Israel fall away from God because the leaders didn't "stay the course" that God prescribes. How true this is today? Look at the state of our nation, our families, our schools and so many other aspects of society.

This was something that God has impressed on us over this summer as we traveled for ministry and vacation. We also recognized that there's been a leadership void in what we've been doing as well.

For more than 4 years we've seen many military families come and go. We've seen many people accept Christ and others who've grown extensively in their faith. It's always been our intention to help these people assume a leadership role as they move, but quite frankly most haven't.

After much prayer here's

what we concluded: Good intentions don't produce results. Just because we want something to happen doesn't bring it about. We're reminded of James' account of faith without works. This past few months we've been challenged by God to do something about this.

Our primary response has been to prayerfully seek military families who desire to be equipped to do just this. To grow their understanding of God with an intention of leading their families, the military community around them.

As a result we've had eight people come forward and indicate their desire to grow their leadership capability. We've begun a one year process where we'll work as a team to develop each person's ability to lead others from a Christ-centered perspective.

Looking at the book of Acts we see the growth of the early church. It's clear that the message of Christ went from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth by way of individual leaders. When we study the growth of Christianity in closed nations like China it's imperative that leaders take the initiative in spite of the challenges they face.

Are we saying that reaching military men and women looks the same? We don't know, but we're trusting God and obeying His command.



One of the ways that we'll be involved in leadership development this coming year is by assisting Valor. The purpose for Valor is to launch campus movements in ROTC units where the gospel captures hearts, transforms lives, and launches military men and women into a lifelong adventure with Christ.

We'll be working with students and active duty staff members (military professors) throughout the NW region. Although the staff are a strong component, it's all about finding Christ-centered cadets and midshipmen who want to reach their fellow students with the life-changing message of Jesus.

As our mission states, we're about building spiritual movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus. This new adventure opens the doors for us to reach future leaders of our military and subsequently our nation. As of this day we have strong contacts at many universities (please see prayer list to the right) and are encouraged by the work God is doing.

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Prayer Requests

- Valor movements on the following campuses:

U of Washington

Washington State

Cent. Washington

Oregon State

University of Idaho

Seattle University

Montana State

Univ. of Montana

- Pray that we balance our priorities and the resources we have
- Pray for leaders who are currently involved in the new training
- Continue to pray for the USS Ford and families. The ship returns in Oct.
- Ft. Lewis has many units deployed. Pray for those who don't have a relationship with Christ that they'll come to know Him

