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Things are getting exciting around here...

...the call to **Step Up to Courageous Manhood** has gone out and men all around the world are responding! From Budapest, Hungary to Quitman, Arkansas and cities in between; you can find men **Stepping Up** in churches, homes, half-way houses, homeless shelters, restaurants, prisons, military bases, city jails, and on college campuses; men of all ages and walks of life are Stepping Up! If there was ever a time when men needed vision for what it means to be a man, this is it. And **Stepping Up™** can help them make it happen.

So can you.

On the Saturday before the Super Bowl®, we have more than 1,000 churches across America hosting a **Stepping Up Super Saturday**: one life-changing day that



could turn the tide for men across America.

Imagine if we could call every man to become courageous leaders in their



own lives, marriages, churches, and communities.

Stepping Up Super Saturday utilizes the Stepping Up Video Event, a DVD-based kit designed for an all day

event. High quality DVDs deliver dramatic stories, humorous vignettes, man-on-the-street interviews, and expert teaching from ministry leaders

There are already 1150 One Day Event Kits along with over 1600 10 Week Series Kits that have been distributed around the world! Won't you consider joining the tide and hosting a **Stepping Up** event at your church? Won't you make an eternal difference in the lives of the men you know? Find out more at <http://mensteppingup.com/super-saturday-february-2-2013/>.

We are already hearing stories of the amazing ways God is using **Stepping Up** to change the lives of men...

I got a call from my son yesterday needing two more Stepping Up workbooks. He read the book while he was at basic training over a year ago. He wanted to lead the DVD study for the other marines in his unit when it came out, so I sent him the DVD's with four workbooks to get started. He said they did their first session the other day and the guys were blown away! After they did the first session two other guys

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Continue to pray for the Content Team as we edit and evaluate materials like Stepping Up. Pray for God to mold and shape our team to be what He wants
- Pray for the staff members who are working on the Stepping Up Super Saturday Event. Pray that men's lives will be changed.
- Pray for the Weekend to Remember conferences that are occurring each weekend this spring. Pray that lives will be touched and marriages saved.
- Pray for our family. We desire to serve the Lord with all our hearts. Pray He will guide us as we minister in His name.
- Pray for our daughter, Katie, who is back at college and seeking God's direction for her life.
- Pray for our daughter, Emily, who feels the call of God on her life for missions and is preparing to serve in the Dominican Republic during her spring break.
- Pray for Nick and his interactions with his siblings.

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Family News

We are very blessed to share with you that due to the overwhelming generosity of our partners and the manifest goodness of our God we were able to meet our end of the year financial match. After much research we were able to choose a new-to-me vehicle. We are driving to Cincinnati this weekend to pick up a 2008 Honda Odyssey van from MATS. This organization arranges purchase of vehicles for full time Christian workers at thousands of dollars off the retail price. We are so excited that they were able to find just the car we needed at a price that was within our budget



and thousands of dollars below what we could find on the market in our area. God is good and provides so abundantly for our needs. Our hearts are full of gratitude to you who so generously and sacrificially gave so that our need could be met.

We would appreciate your prayers for Nick as he interacts with his family in more depth than has been possible in years. Since Nick's mom died, the siblings are working together to settle her house and possessions. Nick grew up in a family where he was not close to his siblings. He has three older brothers and a sister and a younger brother. He is fifth and is seven years distant from his nearest brothers. So his siblings are more like uncles and aunts than siblings. None of their interaction is troublesome but since none of Nick's siblings are believers and they do not understand his calling, we are praying that through this time, the relationships may be reestablished and the Light and Love of Christ might shine in the lives of his family.



Family Praise Update

- ♥ We praise God that through the generosity of our partners we met our financial match to purchase a more reliable vehicle!
- ♥ After being ill with mono and multiple cases of strep throat Katie was well enough to return to Liberty University this month to complete her sophomore year.
- ♥ The homeschool speech and debate team that Lisa coaches is growing and learning. The tournament they hosted in Little Rock this month was a tremendous success.
- ♥ Emily is recovering from the double ear infection through the grace of God and her strong immune system!
- ♥ Nick's opportunity to interact more with his siblings.



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