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ECCIENTIAN MEN 2021-22 A Year in Review

Dear Friends of ECMEN,

It's hard to believe the ministry is starting into its second year already. It has been a challenging, busy, stressful and unexpected year, but the blessings far outweigh any difficulties. When I started, I was thinking God was calling me to help men in our area who were struggling, but God had other plans. We had some local churches reach out requesting for help with their men's ministry and also new opportunities to expand to Pittsburgh, and even a church in Oklahoma. I quickly realized this was bigger than what I had planned. God has a way of doing that! As you can see by some of the highlights in this letter, that God has been on the move through ECMEN in the past year. I enjoyed reflecting on God's goodness as I was writing down all that He has done through ECMEN. A few highlights for me I wanted to share are the following.

- The men's retreat, I loved spending the weekend with a group of guys looking to grow in their faith and seeking to be the men God called them to be. I'm looking forward to our next retreat in February 2023. You can find more details on the website.
- In January we will start to train leaders from 3 different churches to do men's ministry.
- Traveling to the Holy Land this past October to learn how to lead another trip there in the future. We have a trip planned for October 2023.
- Traveling to Oklahoma to facilitate the ECMen Forged Men's Retreat and speak at the First Baptist Church service. While we were there, we had the blessing to witness a man accept Christ as his Lord and Savior. This man was following god's (idols) that he carried around in his pocket. After he accepted Christ, he threw them into the fire. I could immediately see the change in his appearance after he accepted Christ as his LORD and Savior. You could see the joy in his expression.

There is so much more that I could talk about but I intended to keep this letter short. If you would like to hear more, I would love to meet with you. I would like to thank all those who have supported the ministry, none of this happens without you. I also would like to ask you to prayerfully consider supporting ECMEN financially if you are not already. One time gifts are welcome, but a monthly pledge will allow us to plan ahead in the coming year.

Thank you for your consideration. Looking forward to what God has planned in the year ahead!

WHY MEN'S MINISTRY?

THE EFFECT OF A MAN WITHIN THE FAMILY

- 3.5% Chance a family will become saved when a child is the 1st to become a Christian.
- 17% Chance when the Mother is the 1st to become a Christian
- 93% CHANCE WHEN THE FATHER IS THE 1ST TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN.

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

- Board Established with Regular Meetings
- Mission Statement and ECMen Standards Created

Events Committee Established

- Non-Profit Organization Confirmation 501c3
- Website Established and Maintained
- Online options for Donations/Payments for Events
- Daily email Devotional
- Prayer Challenge

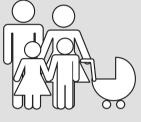


MONTHLY MEN'S LUNCHEON

BIBLE STUDIES

DAILY DEVOTIONAL EMAIL

SERVICE PROJECTS



ECMEN AFFILIATIONS

GIBSONIA, PA CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

MEN'S RETREA

PROJECTS SUMMARY

SERVICE

30

MEN

5 NEW ECMEN AFFILIATIONS IN-PROGRESS

Potential

Impact

500

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ECMEN FORGED MEN'S RETREAT

FEB '22 ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE

50MANFORD, OK - OCT '22MENFIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

- LOADING OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHIPMENT- 5,000 BOXES
- HELPED UNLOAD/LOAD MOVING TRUCKS
- SERVED BREAKFAST FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT
- SERVED WITH A.B.L.E. MINISTRY
- ASSISTED LOCAL CHURCHES

A Father's Impact on Family

ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR FATHERING, CHILDREN WITHOUT A STRONG FATHER FIGURE IN THEIR LIVES "ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE POOR, BECOME INVOLVED IN DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE, DROP OUT OF SCHOOL, AND SUFFER FROM HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS.

A good father does things for his daughter that no mother is equipped to do. In the first place, he provides her with a positive male role model. In this way, he shows her what her future husband should look like. This is perhaps the most crucial gift he can give his little girl. He doesn't do this by focusing his attention upon her. Instead, it happens as he devotes himself to her mother. A husband is called to love his wife selflessly, just as Christ loves the church (Ephesians 5:25-29). When he does this, he says in effect, "This is how a man treats a woman." In so doing, whether he realizes it or not, he affirms his daughter's femininity. He bolsters her selfesteem and self-confidence. He gives her a solid foundation for life-long self-respect.

https://www.focusonthefamily.com/family-qa/dads-and-the-influence-they-have-on-their-daughters/

"IF WE ESTABLISH A FATHER-CHILD RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, THEN HE CAN HAVE THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON OUR LIVES. IN FACT, A HUMAN FATHER'S GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY IS TO POINT HIS CHILDREN TO THEIR GREATER FATHER-GOD."

https://lifehopeandtruth.com/relationships/blog/a-fathersinfluence/





