



Men's ministries focus on mentorship, empowerment, support, and service

BOL's Men-2-Life Ministries is on a mission to mentor, empower, support and serve. We interviewed the three leaders of this vital ministry to better understand that mission and to gain insights into their agenda to enable men of all ages to respond effectively to the divine call to godliness, accountability and responsibility. The ministry leaders—Greg Cham (pronounced: KAM), Benjamin Brown, and Adrian Marsh—responded in writing collectively.

BOL: How would you define your mission?

Leaders: We believe that our mission is to provide spiritual and practical support to the men of Breath of Life as we support the overall mission of the church. This mission is achieved by planning events that specifically address the needs and issues of men in general, encouraging men to participate in the corporate church experience on all levels, and creating a network of fellowship, where men can be encouraged, healed, and prepared for effective ministry.

BOL: What are your ministry goals?

Leaders: We would like to see our ministry grow exponentially as a support system for men of all ages, within and outside of BOL. We want to increase church membership and attendance by providing services and ministries that resonate with the surrounding community. And we want to create an environment of fellowship, love, accountability, and responsibility among men that will foster spiritual development and leadership.

BOL: What are some of the activities and strategies you are planning to attain your goals?

Leaders: We're planning two programs as part of our *Mentoring Initiative*. One is the "Men's Mentoring Program," which will target youth and other interested BOL members who are contemplating or actively seeking employment opportunities, or are currently between professions. The program will provide an overview into a variety of professions, educational requirements, and—ideally—leads to internships. By doing this, we effectively form "professional support fraternities" within the diverse groups of professionals at BOL.


The other program is a "Finance for Not-So-Dummies" seminar, designed to teach our youth and young adults about fiscal responsibility. We'll focus on the "why," "when" and "how" to generate credit, how to balance a checking account, when to save and when to pay debt, and also address the financial struggles of those approaching adulthood. We'll ask BOL men to share their personal finance "war stories" and lessons learned along their journey to fiscal redemption.

In addition to the Mentoring Initiative, we are planning inreach activities to empower the men both spiritually and practically; encouraging men to support the core ministries of the church and their activities; and we are planning round table discussions on issues that are uniquely relevant to men.

BOL: What unique challenge do you see for men in these current times?

Leaders: One unique challenge—particularly for the younger generation—is maintaining healthy relationships that support our personal, spiritual and professional development. The men of BOL have a special mission, and it's very easy to become distracted or step off of the path.

BOL: What advice do you have for the men to respond to the call to godliness?

Leaders: In addition to making the Lord sovereign in our lives and putting Him first in all things, we just need to show up, and God will do the rest! We know that sounds like a cliché, but too many of us are feeling defeated and inadequate to accept this call before we even give our God a chance. We know from experience, just show up! 

BOL men-2-life ministries @ a glance

leadership



greg cham



ben brown



adrian marsh

men in action . . .

