



M:MM merges with The Navigators

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On Saturday, September 30, the Mission: Moving Mountains (M:MM) Board of Directors voted unanimously to merge with The Navigators. This decision was made after more than a year of strategic, prayerful discussions about the two organizations coming together legally. The Navigator Board of Directors also voted unanimously to merge on August 18, 2006. This is an historic time in both ministries as they together dream of what God will do through their combined efforts. "This is the most exciting opportunity I have seen in my 24 years with M:MM," said Gary Hipp, CEO.

The core focus of The Navigators is to advance the Gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of laborers living and discipling among the lost. The vision of M:MM is to help poor and unreached communities become all that God intends for them to be in all areas of life.

Since its inception 27 years ago, M:MM has had a fruitful relationship with The Navigators. "In the early days of our ministry we learned a lot about discipleship from The Navigators," said Dr. Richard Patterson, Founder of M:MM. Bruce Van Wyk, The U.S Navigators Director of Affairs for Africa, has been on the M:MM Board of Directors for eight years, bringing a flavor of The Navigators' ministry to M:MM.

A mutual desire to expand the Kingdom of God fuels this merger. M:MM has a keen awareness of how whole-life transformation works in some of the poorest places in Africa. However, being a relatively small organization, its capacity to reach Africa is limited. "This merger will allow both organizations to have a greater impact on God's kingdom much faster than we could ever do independently," said Bob Brydges, Chairman of the M:MM Board of Directors. Dr. Jerry White, Chairman of The Navigators Board of Directors said, "I am very pleased with the amalgamation of our two ministries into one. Together we are believing the Lord to further His Kingdom through this bold initiative."

The Navigators has more than 200 African staff working in 23 countries in Africa. This staff has realized that many people in Africa are beyond their sphere of influence, primarily because The Navigators has limited experience ministering to the poor.

"We desperately need to learn how to minister among oral societies which make up about 80 percent of Africa—the impoverished and the pre-literate—if we expect to have any hope of impacting them with the gospel," said Rod Beidler, Director of the US International Ministries Group and Vice President of International Affairs. "It would take us 25 years to learn to do what M:MM already knows how to do. If we can blend M:MM's competence with our capacity, together we can advance the gospel much more quickly throughout Africa than either of us could ever hope to do alone."

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