

Fighting the Good Fight for the Hearts of Men

Welcome to The Barn!

#### **PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL**





### Who We Are

We are a faith based, authentic Band of Brothers that have been meeting on Tuesday nights on a regular basis since 2005. We share our lives and journeys in God's larger mission to reach and restore the hearts of men. Too many men walk alone and the impact has had a devastating effect on our marriages, families, communities, churches and nation. The Barn provides a safe place for men to bring honesty in their personal story as well as a place to unload their "junk", be heard, understood, loved and unjudged. We are in a battle for the hearts of men and our core belief is that every man has a battle to fight and that no man should fight alone.



#### **Our History**

In 2005, a handful of men who understood the danger of being "lone rangers" gathered in a loft of a barn just south of Charlotte, North Carolina for friendship and fellowship with God and each other. That small group has evolved into a community of men from 20+ churches that has met at The Barn EVERY Tuesday night for the past nearly 15 years. What started out years ago as a small gathering of hungry men has impacted thousands of men. Our strategic programming consists of weekly gatherings, regional outreach, prison ministry and European missions.

The Barn officially became Barn International Ministries (BIM), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization to further our ministry efforts.

"Sometimes what "we think we need or want" is just enough to start us on a great journey. While the original hopes and aspirations we were initially looking for in those "needs and wants" are not *the* answers, they do start us on an adventuresome "journey of the heart." It may come out of our own desperation to find the life that God has for us, or it may be a directive from God...most likely a combination of both. Whichever the case may be, God has many ways to reveal His Son Jesus to us as we take this journey with others."

"During a men's event held in Buena Vista, CO in May of 2004, I witnessed and experienced true friendships, authenticity, and transparency that I'd never experienced in any church I'd ever attended, nor any other of my "Christian experiences". I knew a bit about religion and performance-based Christianity but had missed the boat when it came to having a relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. What I experienced in 2004 was something that I was compelled to share with others. In May of 2005 I invited a few men to take a journey with me at my brother-in-law's barn. Then...I was looking for real friendships, now, through others, I realize that I always had the best friend I could ever have the whole time in Jesus."

"This continues to be revealed to me through the men at The Barn. So many lives have touched mine over the last 15 years there. While friendships this side of eternity may come and go (I've learned to be ok with that), the friendship of Jesus is constant. Amid my own mistakes (sin, shame, rebellion) as well as the restoration, forgiveness and victories, the friendships at The Barn have led me to walk with God and not try to do it alone. I can honestly say that some of the most fulfilling chapters of my life have occurred through the weekly gatherings at The Barn."

"Relationships are important, are not made, they are discovered on life's journey with others."

- Kevin Casner, The Barn Founder

### **Our Mission**

We are called to minister to the hearts of men by helping create redemptive communities of intimate and authentic friendships, both locally and internationally, which encourage men to embrace their true identity as God's sons and to walk together with other men as allies to become stronger husbands, fathers and friends. We invite men on a journey toward the reorientation of their good heart, by creating a safe environment for that to be accomplished. Our intent is to foster an environment of intentionality, where a man can hear the call of Jesus to come up and out of his past wounds and hurts and into a healed and whole place, where he can in turn offer healing to others. It is our deep desire that all men, regardless of race, nationality, or religious background, experience the freedom and abundant life available to them through living a life in Christ Jesus and by the leading and direction of the Holy Spirit. We believe this message can and is changing the world.



# The Work of The Ministry

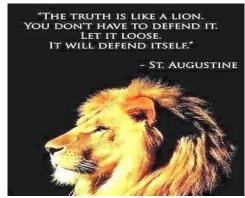
Your Father in heaven is not willing that any one of these little ones should Be lost. - Matthew 18:14

200+ men each month participate in current weekly Barn gatherings Tuesdays and Saturdays

440+ men impacted through the South Carolina SPICE prison program at **Kershaw Correctional Institution** 

500+ men attending Barn Brothers conferences in Slovakia and Czech Republic over past six years

2000+ men and their families impacted over the 15 years of The Barn



"For about ten years now, Mr. Jahn has been a staple in helping the men here understand their place in the world as intended by God. We Thank The Barn for their support and assistance with helping us produce men determined to be better. It is a pleasure being able to serve with you all!"

-Mrs. Jo Ann S Cook. S.P.I.C.E. Coordinator -**Kershaw Correctional Inst.** 

"What happened several months ago in Slovakia is changing our country, men are now meeting regularly all across our country in cafés, restaurants and wherever they can, living life together" -Leader in Slovakia

Weekly at The Barn - Tuesday nights and Saturdays. Two of our area's fastest growing local congregations have begun building their men's ministries with guidance from the Barn brothers and use of The Barn on weekends.

While we have periodic special events - Man Food and Movie Night, Father/Child Gatherings, Date Night at The Barn our typical weekly format is to show a 15-20 minute video with a Christ-centered message and then break into small groups for 45-60 minutes allowing men to share their hearts, their hurts, their stories, their discoveries. We fire up the grill an hour before our 7 pm meeting time and the meeting-before-and-after-the-meeting are often as impactful as "the" meeting! As iron sharpens iron.....

Regional Outreach - In the past two years we have partnered with men in South Carolina (Rock Hill, Spartanburg, Greenville, Columbia) and North Carolina (Huntersville, Cornelius, Greensboro) helping them launch men's fellowships in their hometowns.

**Prison Ministry** - Hundreds of incarcerated men have been impacted by the series we offer as part of the South Carolina Department of Correction SPICE program which provides meaningful educational opportunities (vocational training, life skill training, spiritual awareness and career readiness training). We have facilitated a spiritual component of this 18 week program over 20 times. . Since its inception, 90%+ of men going through the SPICE program HAVE NOT RETURNED to prison.

European Invasion - In October 2019, we are sending our sixth team to minister to a growing group of men in Slovakia and the Czech Republic...Catholics, Protestants, Gypsies, Protestant pastors and Catholic priests. Months after our first mission there, two young men from Slovakia came to the states so they could stand in front of a group of men in a barn and say, "What happened several months ago in Slovakia with the Barn brothers is changing our country."

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20

"Men are encouraged to have the "courage" to take off their masks and risk being seen-not with eyes of judgement based on their circumstances and/or historic records-but who Jesus declares them as beloved sons! Then cheered on to walk in the TRUTH of who HE paid for them to be. The Barn has kept the major thing the major thing and sent imposter "religion" packing! I look forward to hosting HIS presence in a similar way...so that men have A PLACE to unpack burdens that were never meant to be carried and to spur one another on and turn sparks into FIRE!" -Barn Brother & New Group **Planter** 



### **The Opportunity**

We are seeking to sustain and purchase a property for expansion of the ministry. Going from renters to owners would allow us more flexibility and avenues to expand the ministry. Over the years, The Barn has sponsored and continues to be part of many local and regional discipleship programs and initiatives. Our hope is that we can continue to provide a safe, caring environment where men can imitate the pattern of disciple-making that was modeled by Jesus. We accomplish this in a 3-part process.

- 1. The disciple-making process with any man, whether he is a new believer or has walked with Jesus for decades.
- 2. Building authentic relationships focused on love and the spiritual disciplines, helping to cultivate and develop a relationship with Jesus as he continues in the process of spiritual growth and maturity.
- 3. The final part of the process is to help men find and fulfill the purpose that God has prepared for him as a disciple-maker in the home, the church, their community and the world.

We realize that God will never do for us what He and do with us! That is why we are inviting you to join us in our mission to fight for the hearts of men while greatly expanding His kingdom. Your partnership is vital to our ministry and will secure our future for years to come.

#### **Financial Goals**

Our main goal is to accomplish our expansion without incurring continued debt. For we believe "the borrower is slave to the lender - Proverbs 22:7 and "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law" – Romans 13:8

Our use of these funds is laid out below, 100% of donations will go towards the ministry

Acquisition of a facility for continued ministry – our goal and desire is to purchase the property we currently occupy as renters know as The Barn. If we are unable to do so, our contingency plan is to find another property suitable to sustain and grow the ministry.

Funds for current/future upgrades to facility and grounds

Funds for continued ministry initiatives – planting groups, mission trips, prison ministry

Scholarship funds for men to attend national/international events

# **Conclusion**

We are called, not to just visualize and talk about discipleship, but to do it. Discipleship is a lifestyle of personal dedication by our obedience; and as a result, we see people being taught and equipped to live for Christ physically, mentally, socially, and emotionally, as well as spiritually.

At Barn International Ministries, we take Scripture and the call of our Lord seriously causing us to have reached thousands of men, their families, churches, and communities over the years. It is our prayer that you will help us continue our efforts in providing sound discipleship programs and life changing events to help men develop in their spiritual maturity and personal growth that will spill over as greater service and glory to our Lord and be a force for the Kingdom.

"Being at The Barn has helped me grow closer to Christ. Understanding that I am a beloved son and walk in my true identity. Helped me realize that being a Christian is more than Sunday morning but rather a journey and a lifestyle." -Barn Brother

"The Barn has helped me to understand God's role as Father in my life and my role as a beloved son. It has provided a place of redemptive brotherhood and a Band of Brothers who do not judge me!" -Barn Brother

"The Barn has allowed me to let my guard down and be vulnerable. I can be emotionally naked and honest. Its not your typical "accountability group". The Barn has greatly benefitted my relationship with The Father, even brought us closer together. Its made my walk with Jesus more genuine and Jesus is more relatable. It has also strengthened my marriage." -Barn Brother

"My husband was angry and involved with many things he shouldn't have been. I am so thankful that he is connected to this group of real men. Thru their friendship, example and grace of God, he is a new man. Our marriage and family restored!"
-Wife of Barn Brother

"I have been involved with all types of ministry over the past 35 years and I have never seen fruit like I experience at The Barn" -50 year old husband and father of two sons



# **Giving**

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

- 1 Chronicles 29:14

Your donation to Barn International Ministries will assist us in purchasing a facility for ongoing men's ministry designed to rescue and restore the hearts of men, as well as our ongoing programs designed to enhance The Kingdom. 100% of every dollar will be used to support our mission. Giving in any amount is welcomed and appreciated.

Your partnership is vital in helping men find and maintain authentic brotherhood and life in Jesus Christ!



Give, and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. - Luke 6:38

"The main reason and purpose is to get my heart and spirit man alive and inline with the Word of God. Learning to love the creator and the love he has for us. When that happens in a man, it flows down to the wife and family."

-Barn Brother

"The Barn has awoken the manly virtues in me. Much of my life has been spent being a "nice guy", YUCK! God wants so much more & wants to do so much more. To help me BE so much more! The Barn – with the material we cover & the fellowship we have is a huge part of that in my life."

-Barn Brother

"The feeling of honesty, trust and shared love with the The Barn Brothers"

- Barn Brother

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### **Ministry Partner Testimonials**

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship and by Him we cray, Abba, Father. The spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. - Romans 8-15-16

"Men today need a safe place to get real with themselves and with other men. The Barn [is] a rare and much needed outpost on the frontiers of healing and growth for men today. What they offer is rightly beginning to expand and I heartily recommend it as an opportunity for others to partner with them by your support.

- Gordon Dalbey, Author of Healing The Masculine Soul, Fight Like A Man, Sons of the Father

"The Barn has a long history of drawing men in and guiding them out to freedom in Christ."

- Gary Barkalow, Founder of The Noble Heart & Author of Its Your Call

"The Barn is a beautiful tapestry of friendships, adventures, battles, missions, laughter, tears and unbridled joys. The Barn are men who live out their lives together – pray, play, explore, study, worship, eat, share and journey together. Because of their love and encouragement I am a better man – because of who God designed these men to be – so will you!

-Greg Sailors, Director of Allies Zoweh Ministries

"In Charlotte, NC, The Barn is an unusual, visionary, biblically-based gathering of men. A place where men can share their hearts in transparency. As I have travelled throughout our nation, this is the only ministry of its type that I have seen east of the Mississippi. How grateful I am to hear that it is expanding to other cities in the Carolinas."

- Tom Phillips, VP Billy Graham Evangelical Association

"Having partnered with The Barn and the brotherhood of men that beckon its walls for the past decade, I can truly say without reservation, there is not a more impactful ongoing event for the hearts of men in this country than Tuesday nights at The Barn. God plus The Barn has changed countless mens lives, marriages and families. Michael Thompson

- Author of Heart of a Warrior

"I want to say thank you on behalf of any daughter or son who hasn't lost their father because of the ministry of The Barn. I want to say thank you for "fighting the good fight" so that other girls don't have to question whether or not they have one Christian man in their lives. I lost the man who was supposed to safeguard my heart and protect me until I decided to give it to my future husband. We lost the fight for the heart of my dad.

Losing the battle for the heart of a man leads to dangerous scarring on him, and his family, which will influence generations. I want to encourage you because I know that The Barn has, is and will, change the lives of more than just the men who attend."

- email from a college freshman whose father never made it to The Barn

"The Barn has provided for me a safe place where I can be me and listen to a true message long enough for my heart to understand. The Barn has helped me understand the battle we are all in and if you think you are not in a battle then you better wake up!"
-Barn Brother

"Having a weekly fellowship with a Band of Brothers, in addition to church attendance, helps keep me encouraged as I go through the rest of the week, knowing that I have a group of MEN that I can call on as prayer warriors during trials and that will celebrate in victories."

-Barn Brother

"The biggest impact to my growth with Christ is the small groups and how intimate they get talking about our walk with the Father. Also my prayer life has exponentially grown because of what I have learned from all of the other brothers at The Barn."

-Barn Brother

