

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **1. MEN’S DEVELOPMENT SERIES - “MIRROR MAN / WINDOW MAN”**

- a. The 3 phases of our MDS include: primary, intermediate and advanced to develop a man’s character so as to empower him to “maximize” his manhood. To encourage a man to “look in the mirror” and to be honest with himself, to acknowledge his “challenges” and how to overcome them.
- b. Once a man can internalize his shortcomings, we then stimulate discussion using a structured curriculum in a classroom atmosphere, using books, workbooks, handouts, videos as well as having professional speakers.
- c. Community involvement. We venture into various neighborhoods to minister to men to raise awareness of what the organization has to offer.
- d. We work with men from various “entry points” to mentor said men and assist them in establishing themselves in the community.

### **2. YOUTH MENTORING SERIES – OUTSIDE THE OUTERBELT (OTO)**

- a. Men of Courage has established a Youth Mentoring Series (YMS) that trains adult men to become mentors to youth (ages 11-18). Outside The Outerbelt offers guidance and support in terms of life choices and the consequences of said choices, and how the choices made by our youth, not only affect them and their families, but also their classmates, the communities in which they reside and society as a whole. The goal of Outside The Outerbelt is to not only assist with guidance, but to also develop the mentees to eventually become mentors and give back to the community.
- b. Mission: To Improve the lives of young men by providing guidance, support and resources that will assist them with the skill of “critical thinking” and becoming healthy, loving adults who thrive in serving their families and communities.
- c. Vision: Provide support to parents, educators and youth advocates while preparing our “Young Men” for manhood, with an emphasis on exposure, connecting and expansion.

### **3. COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERIES – EVANGELIZE, DISCIPLE AND EQUIP**

- a. Men are encouraged to further promote their personal development by participating in community outreach opportunities. Outreach is an activity of providing services to any populations who might not otherwise have access to those services. A key component of outreach is that the group providing it is not stationary, but mobile; in other words they are meeting those in need of outreach services at the locations where those in need are located. In addition to delivering services, outreach has an educational role, raising the awareness of existing services.