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Fathers Form Club No One Wants to Join

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They're members of an exclusive club no one wants to belong to. All have lost a son or a daughter to murder, to accidents or to sudden unexpected death.

These fathers have found more help from each other than a doctor or counselor can provide. Two mornings a week, once on the north side and once on the south side a group of dads gets together to talk about a worse day than most of us will ever have: the day their children died.

"As these guys know, my daughter died on my birthday. The next morning was mother's day," explained Adolph Hanson.

"[It] happened on April 26, 2003, on the eastside of Indianapolis at Washington Street and Mitthoeffer. She was fatally stabbed to death. She was stabbed 27 times," said Dave Cook.

After finding typical counseling wasn't cutting it these dads -- for the price of a cup of coffee -- found each other and learned to talk and listen and laugh.

"And one time my wife said well I'd like to go and I said well I've brought it up and I'd be happy for you to go but all the other men said no," said Hanson.

Chuck Findley lost two sons -- Jake and Travis -- to a truck train crash the night before the Colts won the Super Bowl. Tony Dungy heard about it and he talked to the Findley boys' classmates and wrote the forward to the book the dads wrote.

"He's been there," said Findley. "He knows what we're going thru so it was a perfect match for this part of the book."

Kurt Kriese was the new dad at the table. His son Noah disappeared in a Swiss waterfall in May.

"Until you've been there, it's very difficult to understand what the person is going thru," he said.

These dads have been there and they get it.

Tuesday Mornings with the Dads is the name of the book. It's on sale in local bookstores or online.

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