

2015 SOUTHERN CROSS LEADERS ADVANCE

The recent Leaders Advance conference held at River of God Church in Nairobi was a great time of worship, fellowship, networking and growth.

We heard from John and Alaine McElroy and David Apelt about various topics, from making disciples of Jesus to the difference between covenant and kingdom.

It was great to welcome 11 new members into Southern Cross and we look forward to partnering with them.

Thank you to all who attended and made this a great event.

We look forward with much anticipation to future Southern Cross events.

WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of the Southern Cross Association of Churches newsletter for the East African region. We will endeavor to release a new newsletter regularly that is filled with stories of what God is doing through our Southern Cross members. We will also include useful information and teaching points that will help to encourage and expand your understanding of the scriptures and help to make disciples of Jesus.

“We want to make disciples of Jesus, not disciples of the church” – Ps John McElroy

We are excited about the future of Southern Cross in East Africa and throughout the southern hemisphere. As part of a large network, you are walking along side hundreds of men and women of God who are seeking the kingdom of God on Earth as it is in heaven.

As the new facilitators of Southern Cross for East Africa, we are keen to walk alongside each of our members and see God’s will for your lives and ministries come to fruition.

Anthony & Fiona Schopf

INTRODUCTION



We are a family of five from Perth, Australia. Our three daughters are named Zoe (8), Pippa (7) and Lucy (2). We have felt a calling to Kenya since before we were married in 2000. After a few short mission trips to Nairobi, Kenya and a 10 week missionary training school in Mozambique with Iris Ministries, we moved here in August 2014.

Our vision for being in Kenya is to be dream builders, to equip, encourage, empower and enable people to be able to follow their dreams utilizing the skills that God has given us.



Praying for the new Southern Cross members.

We feel that Southern Cross is an amazing platform to connect church leaders, business people, missionaries and other people who are seeking God's will. It will be amazing what can be achieved when we walk together in unity

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new members into the Southern Cross family:

**ANTHONY WACHIRA &
RISPER OTIENO**

Redeemed Gospel Church

**JIM KAMAU KIMOTHO &
BEATRICE NJERI KAMAU**

Full Gospel Churches of Kenya

**DAVID KISOSI & MARY
NANGILA WASIKE**

Grace Revival Church

JOAN WAFULA

Orphaid Community Center

ENOS & CATHERINE RADENY

Christ Compassion Ministry

**STEPHEN MUSUNGU
OGENGA & PETRONILA
OKOTH**

Bible Faith Covenant Ministries

FRANCIS & MELLISA MUSEBE

Grace Revival Church

JAMES & LEONIDA TEMBULA

Light of Hope Global Ministries

JANE WAMBUI KANALI

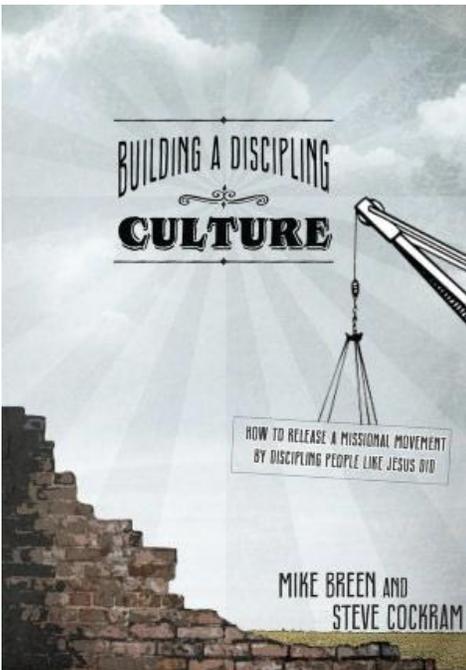
Joywell House of Dominion Church

VITALIS & MARYGORET OUMA

Grace Revival Church

JEREMIAH & IRENE AKHONYA

Revival Community Worship
Church

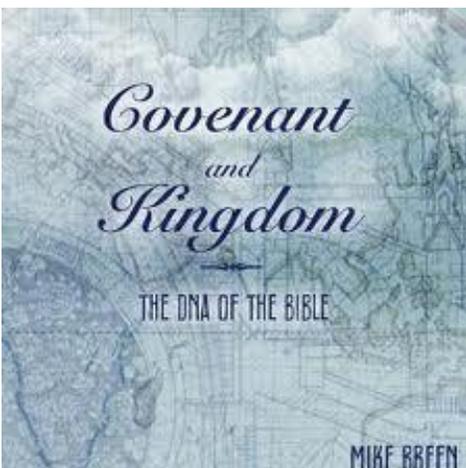


CONFERENCE TOPIC REFRESHER

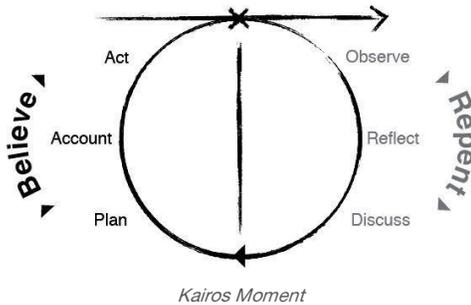
Throughout the conference, John McElroy discussed topics from a couple of books. The title of the first book is "Building A Discipling Culture" by Mike Breen. The second book is titled "Covenant and Kingdom – The DNA of the Bible", also by Mike Breen. These books are available on your smart phone or tablet through the Google Play Store or the Apple iBook Store for a reasonable price. We are also investigating a way to make hard copies available in the near future.

Ps John McElroy spent time talking about making disciples of Jesus and not of the church and also about raising up disciples who make disciples of others.

One of the areas he discussed was in relation to kairos moments (*see diagram on next page*). The circle helps us to see times when God is



The books that Ps John McElroy discussed during the Leaders Advance.



speaking to us through a specific moment. We all make mistakes and we can either learn from them, or ignore them and watch them happen repeatedly. Using the circle, we move from observation to action, completing what we call a 'kairos moment'. Next time you have a kairos moment, why not share it with somebody you trust. Ask them, "Can you help me take this around the circle?" To help you remember, we have outlined each step below:

Observe: To change our lives, we need to observe where we are. This means taking note of our reactions, emotions and thoughts.

Reflect: This means asking ourselves why we reacted or felt the way we did. If a real change is to take place, we must be honest with our answers.

Discuss: Discussing these thoughts with a group of trusted friends is important. It can be hard to share your thoughts and struggles with someone else but it will help you grow and change the way God desires.

Plan: This step always involves considering the Kingdom of God first. Pray, discuss, and consider the best course of action to glorify God.

Account: If your plan is going to succeed, there needs to be at least one person holding you accountable. Ask someone to pray with you and keep them up to date with how you're going.

Act: Naturally the next step to take is to act. Real faith always surfaces as action. Thoughts and intentions that remain within the mind and are not acted upon, however fruitful, is not faith.

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

Southern Cross is a relational network and that wouldn't work without 2-way communication. If you have any comments, suggestions, want to connect or have a brief testimony you would like to share in the next Southern Cross newsletter, please email us at:

scac.eastafrica@gmail.com

We also encourage you to connect with other Southern Cross members. As the Southern Cross Facilitators and the parents of 3 young girls we won't always have time to address everyone's needs to the extent that they might desire, so we encourage you to get to know the other members and share experiences and walk along side one another.

The Members Directory is regularly updated and is available for download via the "Resources" page on our website:

southerncrossnetwork.org.au

*It is **password protected**, so please email us if you would like access.*

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

The 2015/2016 membership fees are due before the end of June 2015. If you have not paid already, you will need to **MPESA 1000/=** to:

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Please do this in order to keep your memberships active.

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