

SOUTHERN CROSS

ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES

2015 AUSTRALIAN EAGLES TEAM VISIT TO KENYA & UGANDA

For the month of August we were blessed by the Australian Eagles Team who were visiting Kenya and Uganda.

They spent their time visiting numerous churches and projects throughout Kenya and Uganda.

It was a time of great blessing for everyone involved. There were many instances where spiritual strongholds and chains were broken throughout the land and many captives were being set free.

It is an exciting time for East Africa as God is definitely doing a new thing in the land.

WELCOME

Welcome to the second edition of the Southern Cross Association of Churches newsletter for the East African region.

In this edition we will take a look at the recent trip by the Australian Eagle team throughout Kenya and Uganda. We visited many of our Southern Cross partners and were able to bless and be blessed by everyone we met.

“God is highlighting Isaiah 60 & 61 as key verses for the church in East Africa” – Ps David Apelt

A recurring theme across many of our encounters was that God is highlighting Isaiah 60 and 61 as key scriptures for the church in East Africa in these times. Kenya is positioned as a leader for the whole of Africa and is becoming a lighthouse to the nations. Please take the time to read and declare these scriptures in your bibles.

AUSTRALIAN EAGLE TEAM

The Australian Eagle Team travelled from Melbourne and Brisbane in Australia.



Australian Eagles Team members - Lyndon Armstrong, Linda Rayner, Pat Whiffin, Dan Munene, Deborah Stevenson, David Apelt, Kathy Armstrong, Jim Holden, Heather Krone and Anthony Schopf with Pastor Lillian Illunga from Amazing Grace Worship Center in Jinja, Uganda.

We are so grateful and would like to thank everyone who assisted in every church and locality we visited that made the mission such a success. Following is a timeline of the mission:

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.

Isaiah 61:1

Nairobi, Kenya

The team started their journey in Nairobi at First Joy Academy, a school founded and run by Pastor John Odaka. We also visited Hope House Baby Home and the Kibera Power Women's Group. The team enjoyed a visit to the David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage and to the Nairobi Giraffe Center.

Kisii, Kenya

We then travelled to Kisii to the Highway of Hope Church in Nyabisia. Pastor Peavon Angwenyi hosted us and we ran a 2 day conference. We also visited Highway Preparatory School. The team planted a church at the Sameta Lodge, the hotel we stayed at, which was an amazing experience. We held the very first worship service and commissioned the staff as the pastor and elders of the church.



The first ever worship service at Sameta Lodge Church

Kaimosi, Kenya

The team spent time with Pastor Douglas Jiveti at Christ Aroma Ministries to visit their orphanage. We were also able to help with a jiggers clinic that was organized by Pastor Jeremiah and Irene Akhonya.



The team on the boat ride to the source of the Nile River

Jinja, Uganda

The team then travelled to Amazing Grace Worship Centre to run a conference with Pastor Richard Wachira and Pastor Lillian Illunga. We also enjoyed a boat tour on Lake Victoria and to the source of the Nile River.

Busia, Kenya

After Uganda, we returned to Kenya to run a conference in Tesso Land, Busia. We were hosted by Pastor Thadeus Obara at the Miracle Center. It was an amazing time of fellowship. Chains were broken over the land and captives were set free.

Nakuru, Kenya

Whilst in Nakuru, the team went for safari through the Lake Nakuru National Park where we experienced God's amazing creation.

The team also helped with a medical clinic at Galilee Lighthouse Church run by Bishop Wilfred Khamala. We had the privilege of helping a mother whose baby girl had meningitis. She was able to be admitted to a private hospital and the baby received life-saving treatment.

For Sunday morning worship, we split into three teams. David Apelt spoke at House of Power Church (Bishop Joseph Madadi), Linda Rayner spoke at House of Power - Jasho (Pastor Francis Wandera) while Deborah Stevenson gave the sermon at Galilee Lighthouse Church (Bishop Wilfred Khamala). It was an amazing time where God spoke deeply into people's hearts.

We also visited the Rescue Life Africa Children's Mission children's home run by Pastor Enos Khamala and all were very touched by the amazing job the team is doing there with the children.

Nairobi, Kenya

Finally the team returned to Nairobi for a much deserved rest before running a medical clinic at First Joy Academy (Pastor John Odaka) for the local community. One Muslim man received healing during the clinic and the following day gave his life to Jesus. Hallelujah!

The team ministered at Grace Revival Church – Mlolongo (Pastor John Odaka) on the Sunday morning and then returned safely to Australia. A successful mission completed!

RELATIONSHIPS

During the mission, I spent almost 3 weeks away from my wife, Fiona, and 3 daughters. While it is always difficult when we are separated from our families, the time apart was made more difficult due to Fiona's best friend in Australia passing away a few days into the trip after her long battle with cancer.

I was very blessed that technology allowed me to speak with Fiona to comfort her while I was on mission, but as amazing as technology like Skype is, it can never truly replace face to face communication.

For me I am reminded about the importance of having the right priorities in our lives. Our very first priority must be our own personal relationship with God. Our second priority should be to our spouse. Thirdly our priority must be to our children. Our final priority should be to our ministry.

1. Our relationship with God
2. Our relationship with our spouse
3. Our relationship with our children
4. Our commitment to ministry

A RELATIONSHIP
WITH **GOD**
IS THE MOST
IMPORTANT
RELATIONSHIP
YOU CAN HAVE!

If the most important relationships in our lives are broken and not working well then we cannot expect our ministry to work properly either. It is often easy to confuse our ministry with our personal relationship with God. These are two very different areas of our life and often if we dive so deep into ministry it can be to the detriment of our own relationship with God and our family.

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” – Joshua 24:15. This is written in the plural, we cannot expect to effectively serve the Lord separated from our families.

URGENT

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

The 2015/2016 membership fees were 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.

RESOURCES

To find copies of past Southern Cross newsletters, go to:

www.scaceastafrica.weebly.com

In time we will also try to provide resources that may be of assistance to our members.

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LOVING OUR KIDS ON PURPOSE

Our relationship with our children is one of the most important jobs we will have throughout our lives. God blesses us with children and we are entrusted with their care. We only have a relatively short period of time to influence them before they get married, move away and start families of their own.

It saddens me when parents do not have FANTASTIC relationships with their children. The devil wants to destroy the relationships within our families but God's perfect plan is for our families to work amazingly well and be in good relationship with one another.

1 John 4:18 says that "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love."

Love without action is dead, we need to love our children both in words and in action. We need to tell our children that we love them but we also need to show them in practical ways. Every night, I tell my three girls "I love you" and I give them a big hug. We have a responsibility to be the hands and feet of God to our children and demonstrate His love to them.

Ask yourself, what is the main purpose and drive of your parenting? "Do I want children who are obedient?" or "Do I want to have a fantastic relationship with them?" Ultimately, when we have an amazing relationship with our children, we will naturally develop a heart to heart connection with them and obedience will flow as a result of this connection. Heidi Baker (a missionary in Mozambique) says that "out of intimacy flows fruitfulness", and this is true for both our relationship with God and our relationship with our children.

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:

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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.*
