

Exploring New Frontiers of the Spirit

As many of you would know, for the past several months I have been captivated by the fact that we as sons and daughters of Christ have the ability to change spiritual atmospheres around us. The implications of this truth are awesome if you really think about it! Imagine... part of the inheritance of every Christian is having the capability of changing the world around them.

For many years, we have each known people, who when they walk into the room, something changes. It's difficult to quantify or explain, but their very presence changes the atmosphere.

My lament is that far too few of the sons and daughters of God, Christians just like us, know and walk in the fullness of our identity and authority in Christ. My dream is that Southern Cross will become a vehicle by which God lifts us to a higher walk with Him.

This is why we need to explore such topics as: understanding our true identity and authority in Christ, the meaning of the apostolic, the function of New Testament prophecy, how to move in the supernatural power of

God, and how the five-fold ministry of Ephesians 4 actually functions. There are many other topics on my horizon as well, but this is sufficient for now.

I want Southern Cross to be more than an organisation and meetings. Let's dare to dream big. We have the freedom to explore new horizons of the Spirit. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Let's use our liberty to pursue God and encourage one another to discover the fullness of Christ in our everyday lives.

Speaking of new frontiers, I'd like to leave you with a challenge as you enter the New Year of 2013. Most of us have received prophetic words at some point in our lives. Try going back over those prophetic words and picking out the significant words or promises that God has given you. Ask God to highlight the points that really resonate with you and make a list of them.

As you look at your list, consider that this is how God actually sees your future. It's probably much bigger and more exciting than you can imagine. I challenge you to believe that this is actually how God sees you, from His

perspective, and it's where He wants you to end up.

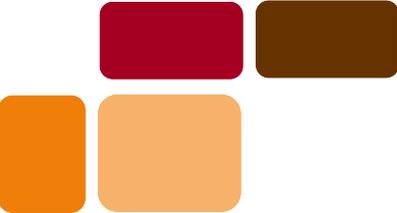
Now consider the challenges you're going through at present or have faced in the past year. Perhaps some of what you've faced has been quite devastating or depressing. Ask God to reveal how your difficulties have actually been His way of strengthening and moving you toward realising His future for you.

In other words, what we face in the present needs to be understood in terms of what God says about our future. If we fail to see what God has in store for our future, we will inevitably misinterpret the present.

Alaine and I want to wish all of you, our Southern Cross family and friends, an amazing and joy-filled Christmas and a New Year filled with hope that the best is yet to come.

With Much Love,

John McElroy
Director of SCAC



Southern Cross Victoria

Divine Synergies

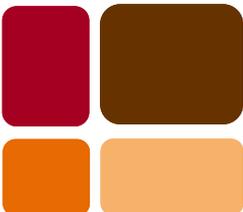
2012 has been a wonderful year of Divine Synergies!

As mentioned in an earlier article called "Kingdom Mosaic", it is obvious that God our Heavenly Father is at work in a myriad of ways to bring together the big picture events which He has been working on since the dawn of time... and... He has ordained that we, all of us, have a key role to play. He trusts us to deliver on and be faithful to our calling in Him.

I'm sure you've noticed how there seems to be a divine thread of purpose woven through the events of our lives and the world around us, and how the promised blessing of Romans 8:28 always seems to come to pass.



This year I have seen a school rise up out of the bare ground of suburban Nairobi, in memory of my beloved wife June, to serve the needy children of Kenya. The ground floor is now fully operational and the children move in today. Hundreds of people all over the world worked together in unity to see this amazing miracle come to fruition. The generosity and hard work of visionaries' prayers donors, designers engineers and volunteers, in



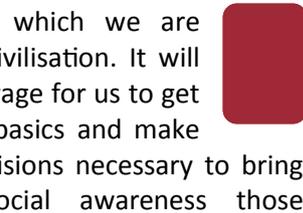
obedience to the call of God, have made this first level possible. The impossible

became possible!! We now have two more floors to finish and are seeking God for another miracle of provision creativity and ingenuity.

Many projects, visions and dreams such as this, which have been in the hearts of men and women for many years have started to come to fruition during this year. Also people who have been estranged from each other for ages are being restored. Friends who have lost contact, often for more than 40 years, have rediscovered each other and are joyfully renewing acquaintances and catching up on life stories. New generations are growing up and realising that the values and traditions of their parents and grandparents are still critically important to society and choosing to take hold of them again, albeit often in different and creative ways. I have seen a project rise up in an Australian city which now engages over 100 volunteers and sources, creates and prepares 500+ Christmas Hampers along with toys for families experiencing difficulty; a new charity established with teams of volunteers to provide community meals for those in need; programs set up for unemployed and troubled youth and so on.

I am seeing members of Southern Cross in Victoria, Australia and all over the world discover each other and other Christians in communities around them... and when each begins to hear the life stories and share together, of their visions, heart aches, joys, hopes and dreams... before you know it we have begun to interact, encourage and affirm each other... and many even go on to do amazing projects together. We gather, we share, we listen to the Lord, learn things, become encouraged, enthused and energised... then we go out and do mighty deeds in the wonderful name of Jesus and under His guidance and wisdom.

People all over are beginning to experience revelation and writing books and blogs which bring wisdom and enlightenment to many of the challenges, confusions and



uncertainties which we are facing as a civilisation. It will just take courage for us to get back to the basics and make the hard decisions necessary to bring again to social awareness those ancient Judeo Christian values, principles and patterns which undergird all of creation and have stood the test of time. e.g. A book which I personally have had in my heart and been writing now for over 7 years, was finally published in August this year. This has served to establish my confidence and sense of calling and relevance as an author and ignited a passion within me to continue to write. So often I seem to meet just the right person at the right time who knows or has access to just the information or resources which I need to do something I have in my heart to do, or conversely I can help them with something they are doing.

Finally I believe that as a bereaved husband of four years now, I am beginning to plumb the depths of the enormity of who and what I have lost; and while continuing to rejoice and celebrate the beauty and wonder of those delightful years we spent together; I can still see destiny in this remaining chapter of life and remain steadfastly focused on that which the Lord is clearly asking me to do. A key part of this role I know is to be a small catalyst, enabler and beneficiary of all the profoundly exciting synergies that God is bringing together in my life and the lives of others.

May God bless you and bring to your attention the divine synergies going on around you and in particular, the ones in which He wants you to engage and journey along with others.

David Apelt



**Some words from
Pastor John Odaka
in Nairobi....**

We are fine, doing well. The Lord has kept us. I just do not want to speak empty words you can see for yourself. Children could not hide their joy after they occupied the new building, this is how it looked like on Sunday. People danced. You could think they are entering the Promised Land.



We have actually not completed, we are still working on it hoping by next week what we are doing will be done.

**Southern Cross
Queensland**

Andrew Hoey is currently on leave but sends his blessings & greetings to you all for a wonderful Christmas season.

**Southern Cross
New South Wales**

Apostolic Review Day

Saturday 10 November saw nearly 30 members of our network come together for a powerful day's input from Pastors John and Alaine.



SCAC Advance in Sydney



Pastors David and Narelle Albury (above & right) from Gilgandra and Pastors David and Kim Crisp (above & left) from Ulludulla were ordained and warmly welcomed into "the family"!

Ministry Profile

Pastors Alan and Wilma Thomson from Key of David Ministries in Sydney are much valued members of our Network. Recently Alan took part in



an outreach to Central Australia, ministering at the New Life Church in Alice Springs and also travelling beyond Ayers Rock to minister to the isolated Finke community in Pitjantjara country. There have been many reports of miracles taking place both while he was there and after he returned to Sydney. Alan and Wilma are doing a great job for the Lord with their sons Daniel and Nathan in their area of Toongabbie in Western Sydney and have a great hunger to see Australia come to know Jesus.

Christmas Blessings

As we approach Christmas we would like to wish one and all a wonderful Christmas season as we celebrate the Saviour's birth. May you be encouraged and blessed this Christmas and have a safe and restful holiday period with your family and friends. We pray all the very best to you for 2013 – another wonderful year in store for us all!



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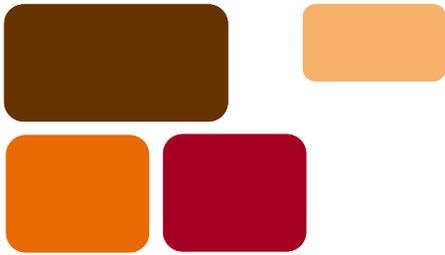
Ray & Anne Baker

Southern Cross

T-shirts

We have some men's black polo T-shirts with the Southern Cross Logo on them. If you would like one, please send an email to Corinne James with your size and money...cost is \$40 each. Thank you





**Southern Cross -
Soweto Trip**



John & Alaine at Busisiwe's Apostolic Leadership School, taken with her and a young man named David Fenwick.



John & Alaine with the children at Busisiwe's church.

Mauritius Trip



John & Alaine with Dev & Brenda Balloo in Mauritius



John & Alaine with Richard & Violaine Bright in Mauritius



This photo is taken at Dev and Brenda Balloo's church: the inaugural service of their church as the new name; Churchlands! This is Dev, Brenda and the worship team.



SCAC Advance in Mauritius



SCAC Advance in Mauritius

Melbourne Trip



SCAC Advance in Melbourne

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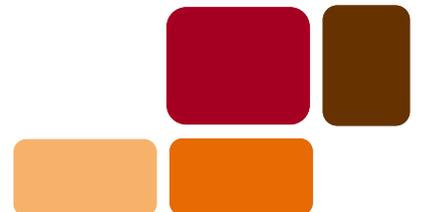
Ron & Karen Armstrong
Liberty's Gate Community Church
Barrugup, WA

David & Kim Crisp
One Heart Community Church
Ulladulla, NSW

David & Narelle Albury
Wellspring Christian Fellowship
Gilgandra, NSW



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COMING EVENTS for 2013



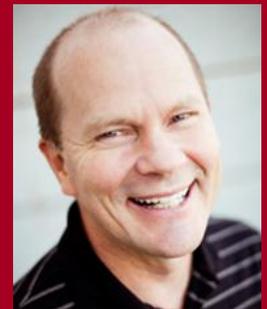
Feb 21-23 Create Supernaturally with

Theresa Dedmon – Creative Arts, Bethel Church, Redding, California (TBC)

Theresa has been in pastoral ministry for over 20 years with her husband, Kevin. She leads in the creative arts and works to see the arts released in the Church and the world. She holds a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Biblical Studies from Vanguard University

23 - 25 May Steve Backlund, Global Legacy / BSSM Leadership Deployment, Bethel Church, Redding California

The Backlunds were senior pastors for seventeen years before joining the Bethel Church (Redding, California) team in 2008. Ten of those years were spent on the backside of the desert in Central Nevada where they led their church into renewal, significant numerical growth and positively affecting their area. In 2001 Bill Johnson and Kris Vallotton called them to be senior leaders at Mountain Chapel in Weaverville, California (the church that Bill led for seventeen years) to continue leading the outpouring there. As a result of these experiences, Steve and Wendy have a special heart for senior leaders of rural and smaller churches. They believe strong local churches are the key to sustaining and increasing the manifestation of this current spiritual awakening.



5 - 7 September : International Southern Cross Conference with

Paul Manwaring, Global Legacy Director, Bethel Church, Redding California

Paul Manwaring is a pastor and a member of the Senior Management Team at Bethel Church. His primary responsibilities are to oversee Global Legacy, an apostolic relational network of revival leaders, and to equip and deploy revivalists through his oversight of the Third Year program in Bethel's School of Supernatural Ministry. Paul truly carries the gift of administration/government and releases that power and wisdom through his Supernatural Strategic Planning Workshops, his itinerant ministry, and his teaching at BSSM. His passion is to see the Bride prepared, glorious sons and daughters revealed, cancer destroyed, and cities transformed as the government of Heaven is established on earth. After a career in senior prison management in England, Paul came to Bethel in 2001. He holds a master's degree in Management from Cambridge University and is a Registered General and Psychiatric Nurse.



& Greg Burson,

Greg Burson is a leading prophetic voice in New Zealand and around the world. He is passionate about equipping people to hear from God and demonstrate an authentic expression of the prophetic. His insight, humour, and practical style will encourage you in your journey of faith. Along with his wife Linda, they currently lead Edge Kingsland, a church in Auckland, New Zealand.

Please check our websites for more information and updates of coming conferences

www.churchlands.org.au

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or make sure you are on our conference emailing list.

Merry Christmas
and a Happy New
Year



JOHN McELROY'S ITINERARY 2013

February

21-23 Create Supernaturally: Seminar with Theresa Dedmon, Perth

March

1-4 SCAC Advance Victor Harbor SA

17-25 Canberra (Australian Coalition of Apostles & Prophets)

April

2-18 SCAC Meetings in Capetown, Nairobi, Mauritius

May

21-27 Steve Backlund, Perth

June/July

9 June —13 July SCAC Meetings in Norway, UK, USA

July

26-28 Justine Simms, Perth

August

9-26 SCAC Meetings in QLD, NSW

September

2-9 SCAC International Conference with Paul Manwaring, Perth

Sept/Oct

29 Sept-19 Soweto, Mauritius, Namibia & South America

November

4-11 SCAC meetings in VIC, TAS, SA

SOUTHERN CROSS ADVANCE 2013

Victor Harbour, South
Australia

1—4 March 2013

Register online at

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All payments must be
finalised by 31 January 2013

NEW MEMBERS

Al Gentleman

Save The Source,
Padbury, WA

Victor Hugo

International Centre of Hope
Reynosa Tam, MEXICO

Russell Guy

Aileron Community
Alice Springs, NT

Rodrigo Guerra

Santiago, CHILE

Peter & Rachel Morris

Churchlands, WA

Pedro Montalvan

Church On Wheels Jesus of Divine
Mercy
Coopers Plains, QLD