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*Dear Southern Cross colleagues,*

**O**ne of the greatest challenges to contemporary church leaders is how to bridge the gaps that exist between generations. While there have always been 'generation gaps' I believe this phenomenon has accelerated with more technology, communication and affluence in the 21st Century.

Within most congregations, at least five generational groups live side by side.

## Bridging the gaps between the generations

- **The Establishers:**  
*People born before 1946*
- **The Baby Boomers:**  
*People born between 1946 and 1964*
- **Generation X:**  
*People born between 1964 and 1981*
- **Generation Y**  
(also called the Millennials):  
*Born 1982 and 2004*
- **Generation Z:**  
*Those born from 2001 to the present*

The enemy wants to exploit gaps by separating and dividing the generations into opposing camps. He wants us to judge each other and become 'cliquish'; building relationships only with our own generation. People create cliques and factions when they don't understand why not everyone has the same perspective they do.

The Apostle Paul saw this tendency in the Church at Corinth. In a healthy church, no one can say to another part of the Body, "I don't need you." Paul also observed that God has given 'special honour to the parts that lacked it'. But who are the 'parts that lack honour'? I have often thought perhaps they are introverts, quiet achievers or people of low social standing or education.

If we put on a 'generational lens', Paul was referring to the extremes in the generational spectrum; the aged and children. Churches tend to be dominated by people who are in the so-called prime of life. Two groups that are often silenced are the very old and the very young.

Older people often feel they have little to offer, or that their views are irrelevant. Having lived through many social changes, they lack confidence and often are quiet, but NOT ALWAYS! I know some older folk who have strong views and are not afraid to express them! ▷

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God wants us to honour and listen to our elders. They have much to teach us and we are wise to draw out the lessons they have learned for our benefit. Proverbs 16:31 says: *“Grey hair is a crown of splendour; it is attained by a righteous life.”*

Children struggle in a different way. They struggle to be heard and for adults to pay serious attention to their views. Jesus gave special honour to children, as we see in Mark 10:13-15.

Several weeks ago, I was interviewed by some older kids in our Children’s Church on what it’s like being Senior Pastor. I was astounded at their insightful questions! We need to draw our kids out, not shut them up. Paul’s advice is relevant, *“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”* To exasperate is to frustrate.

While the old and young deserve special honour, it is actually how the middle three generations get along that will determine the future of most churches. Let’s take a closer look...

*Baby Boomers (1946–64) were raised by parents who wanted their kids to have things they never had. Consequently, they were often indulged, controlled by parents, and tend to be rather confident in themselves. Boomers need to know, “What does it mean?”*

*Generation X (1964–81) grew up in the shadow of the numerically dominant boomers when society was not as stable. Consequently, Xers often have low trust in authority, are very entrepreneurial, more apathetic and more worried about the individual. They want to fix things in society. They need to know, “Does it work?”*

*Millennials or Gen Y (1982–2004) are the first generation to have computers in the home and classroom, mobile phones, music downloads, instant messaging and a choice of endless cable channels. The ease with which they use technology is the biggest difference between them and other generations.*

According to 60 Minutes, “In Millennials, rules seemed to have replaced rebellion, convention is winning out over individualism and values are more traditional. They prefer meaningful work, were over-protected as children, and yet need a structure of accountability. They are less religious and almost 40 per cent have a tattoo, although almost 70 per cent of those have their tattoos hidden under clothing. Millennials are curious to know, ‘How do we build it?’”

So what is the point? The church is changing rapidly and we must learn to understand each other and cooperate. The church needs to stay flexible and fluid in a way that responds to every generation in three ways:

### **1. Non-negotiable love.**

Love never fails, it never gives up on anyone. Regardless of how different we are or our values, we are

one in Christ. The world will judge our authenticity by the love we have for one another.

### **2. Relationships of openness and honesty.**

We need to quit being silent for fear of offending and speak the truth in love. We should also

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guard our hearts from taking offence when people are honest, and humbly ask ourselves “Is there something I can learn from this comment?”

### **3. Believing the best.**

It is impossible to grow in relationships when living in an atmosphere of disapproval. God is the Lord of history. The church doesn’t exist to meet the needs of any one-generation. It is kept fresh by a constant cycle of members. It’s a river that’s always fresh, always moving, always adapting to changes in its surroundings, and presenting all generations with timeless truth.

### ***Conclusion***

To advance God’s Kingdom externally we must first learn to love internally by bridging gaps between the generations. United we stand, divided we fall.

With love,

**John McElroy**

# SCAC Indonesia

## Positive Kingdom impact in remote refugee community

**W**e recently lived for 15 months among the relocated Lata-Lata people in Kapet Kanaan, North Sulawesi, and we are happy to report that we saw significant impact.

Rightfully, the Lata-Lata have received significant support from the Body of Christ after they fled captivity at the hands of Jihadists in 2001, including the construction of Kapet Kanaan in 2008. However, when we arrived at Kapet Kanaan in February 2015 we knew there was still a lot to do.

*With limited support, as self-funded missionaries, we have had many wins, including:*

- Electricity – after hearing me preach at a mega-church in Manado early last year the head of PLN (electricity corporation) set up a project to bring electricity to Kapet Kanaan and the project was completed in 10 months!
- Scholarships – along with teaching English to the 60 children at the Kapet Kanaan primary school, Jan organised full scholarship for three of the smartest students to study at an elite school in Manado.



*Phil and Jan at entrance to Kapet Kanaan with founder, Dr Jeff Hammond*



*Newly paved village road*



*Small business selling LPG gas*



*Jan teaching English to village children*

- Roads paved – with the support of a donator from Bali and a government official from Java we concreted two of the gullied roads in the village
- Micro-business – we provided start-up funds for a young couple who sell LPG gas, phone and electricity credit to villagers
- Daily vitamin program - with the

support of a Jakarta donator we daily gave each child a spoonful of multivitamin syrup (our aim was to get more vegetables and meat into their diets)

- Fish farm – with the financial help of two ministers in Perth we built a fish farm that currently has 500 catfish in – and is operated by an industrious... ▷



Fish pond with catfish



Vegetable harvest from organic gardens



Seedlings in shadehouse

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... villager who sells them to the villagers at a discounted price.

• Organic gardens – we developed 20 small gardens watered from the fish farm, and on previously unused land we had a harvest of butternut pumpkins and kangkung.

• Shade house – we built a shade house for seed growing and hydroponics that is now functioning.

Another exciting development was to support counselling pro-

vided by two experienced American trauma counsellors for those still suffering trauma from their forced conversion to Islam in February 2000. There are also a number of projects in the works, including a moveable chicken cart for organic chickens, setting up a goat herd, and the development of several small Moringa, ‘miracle tree’, plantations.

All these projects are in line with Paul’s challenge in Galatians: ‘everyone shall bear his own burden’ (6.5). We have been committed to helping the people of Kapet

Kanaan develop holistically so they can function effectively in a fast-changing world.

As we look back over the last 15 months we stand in amazement at what the Lord has done. It was not easy without electricity in the guesthouse where we lived, the oppressive heat and humidity, the frenzy of bugs at night and the isolation; but we, like the disciples who saw the Lord multiply ‘five loaves and two fish’ to feed the ‘five thousand’ (Luke 9:13-17), were amazed at God’s provision.

*Philip East*

### Further information about SCAC Indonesia >

Philip & Jan East are Churchlands Christian Fellowship and Southern Cross members who have served in the remote village of Kapet Kanaan in North Sulawesi, Indonesia. To find out more, visit [www.philipeast.com](http://www.philipeast.com) or email [philipweast@gmail.com](mailto:philipweast@gmail.com)

## SCAC Queensland

**O**n Saturday 21 May a contingent of SCAC members from southeast QLD and the Tweed (NSW) met together for a day of sharing and prayer at Rangeville Community Church in Toowoomba.

Highlights of the day included a special time of worship led by Evan Shelton and the opportunity to hear more of the vision of Power Ministries initiated by Kerry Brownsey (Freedom Ministries) with the support of James

& Kerrie Lyon (Passion Ministries) and Ps Stephen & Peta Hills from Highway of Hope Christian Church in Melton, Victoria. We welcomed Ps Stephen & Peta Hills as honorary Queenslanders for the day.

It was special to have our Director, Dr John McElroy, with us to open up the topic of Five Fold Ministry and to lead us through a survey identifying which of the Five Fold were our strongest. A fruitful round table discussion followed.

Of particular value was the oppor-

tunity to strengthen relationships and support one another in small groups through prayer and prophetic ministry.

Our thanks go to Ps Andrew Hoey and the Rangeville team for their hospitality in hosting the day.

The proposed date for our next meeting is Friday 4 November, 10.00am–3.00pm at City Link Resource Centre, 148 Eastlake St, Carrara.

God bless,

*Len Rossow*

# SCAC East Africa

## 2016 Leaders Advance

**O**n 21 and 22 April we held our annual Southern Cross Leaders Advance. We had approximately 40 Southern Cross delegates in attendance over the two days. As well as Kenya we had members from Uganda and Burundi with us. Pastor John and Alaine McElroy along with David Apelt journeyed to Kenya to encourage us at the conference. All who attended were greatly encouraged by the time of teaching and impartation. It was also a great time of fellowship for all those present. All who attended have continued to build relationships with other Southern Cross members. This is really exciting because it one of the core values



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of Southern Cross, to connect and encourage each other. We are excited that Southern Cross is continuing to grow in East Africa.

Blessings,

*Anthony & Fiona Schöpf*



# SCAC New South Wales



*Pictured: Robert Bailey, Natanael Costea, Doug Cheah, David Apelt, Kerry Brownsey, Len Rossow & John McElroy.*

**O**ur Regional Leaders gathered together at the Qantas Meeting Rooms in Sydney on Tuesday 7 June. We revisited the SCAC vision and strategy and are prayerfully planning for new developments in the coming year. We are working towards strengthening our regional groups in each state and making our Leadership Advances/events dynamic and encouraging for all members. Please continue to pray for us for wisdom, knowledge, understanding and guidance as we seek to serve you in this capacity.

Blessings,

*Dougie Cheah*

For more info, follow the link to the SCAC East Africa Newsletter, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition:

[scaeastfrica.weebly.com](http://scaeastfrica.weebly.com)

# SCAC Victoria

## Signs of the Times

**T**hese are momentous times, full of challenge and opportunity, risk and potential. The Southern Cross team in Victoria continues to seek the Lord personally and corporately regarding where we need to focus our energy and priorities in these challenging days.

Many of us are engaged in the political realm praying and being active in community, seeking to ensure that we get as many as possible godly leaders governing our country, and hopefully a godly government as well. By the time this report is published the election of a decade will have been decided, and I pray the Lord has had mercy on us as a nation.

The Southern Cross Advance on the Gold Coast along with our fellow organisation Australian Coalition of Apostolic Leaders (ACAL), were both important strategic milestones in positioning us this year for the challenging times ahead. Increased focus, clarity, passion, resolve, determination, unity and a fresh anointing, impartation and visitation of God, is becoming apparent across the nation and around the world. It's as if the Lord is calling us up afresh for active duty in the battle of the kingdom of God and arming us with all the spiritual weapons and resources that we will need to wage and win the campaign.

There is a new spiritual hunger in our communities. People are looking for hope, answers, meaning and purpose. The Lord is loosening controls that false

gods and demons have had on people. This is giving individuals, families and communities the opportunity to be set free, to have encounters with Jesus and to come into relationship with Him.

A strategic gathering of key national and international network leaders was also convened recently in Sydney and is demonstrating that a new consensus of passionate Judeo-Christian thinking and action is emerging.

While the future remains uncertain and unclear, the Lord Jesus

Christ whom we serve, is called the rock, the word and the way, for good reason. He knows the plan, He sees the outcome and He also has a strategy for the journey. Let's continue to stay in tune with His heart, walk with Him daily, listen to His advice and instruction and walk out daily the victorious battle of the kingdom of God, the great harvest and the preparation of the bride for the coming marriage supper of the lamb.

Kindest regards and God's very best blessings,

*David Apelt*



**Our next National SCAC Leaders Advance will be held  
4-5 March 2017, at the Country Club, Launceston, TAS.**

We encourage you to come over the whole weekend  
from Friday 3 March to Monday 6 March.

*Register at [southerncrossnetwork.org.au](http://southerncrossnetwork.org.au)*

## *Other Events*

### **WA Leaders' Advance**

Saturday 22 October, 9.00am-3.00pm at John & Arlene's Caine's Home, Helena Valley

### **Jeff Hammond (Indonesia) Leaders' Seminar**

Friday (night) 25 - Saturday 26 November at Churchlands, Perth WA

# SCAC South Australia

*“Look what the Lord has done”  
in Victor Harbor*



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ome of us are familiar with a song called ‘Look What the Lord has Done,’ (Words and Music by

Valerie McClure, 1991). It’s a great reminder to acknowledge and share all that God has done, with thanksgiving and praise.

Encounter Christian Fellowship (ECF) at Victor Harbor, South Australia, would like to take this opportunity to share what the Lord has done in our fellowship:

**Look what the Lord has done;** and be excited with us.

**Look what the Lord has done;** and give Him all the glory.

**He healed my body;** God is interested in providing for our physical wellbeing, as individuals and as churches. He has given His church in Victor Harbor a new home. After 15 years of hiring halls, God has blessed us with a building of our own. On 17 May, Ps John McElroy officiated at the opening of Encounter Hall. The occasion was also attended by the mayor, ECF founders Rev. Brian and Joanne Chalmers,



and Rev. John and Val Blacker of Australia Renewal Ministries. A faithful team of workers had made some big changes in the building in preparation, and, as you can imagine, there is much more left to do.

**He touched my mind;** God is interested in growing our wisdom and understanding. ECF has many groups encouraging such growth, whether formally (mid-week Bible study, and re:claim, a young people’s group) or informally (Men’s Coffee group, Women’s Connect group). We also have some great teaching at our Saturday night services, including a recent focus on spiritual gifts by myself and guest speakers from within the church, as well as outside.

**He saved me just in time;** Hav-

ing a new building has brought along new people, and a salvation among the new faces has encouraged us all, and given us a hunger for out-reach.

**I’m gonna praise His name;** We have anointed times of worship here in Victor Harbor, led by the Encounter Worship Team.

**Each day is just the same;** full of the challenges of owning and renovating a building, the joys of seeing people grow, and the love of our great God, who remains steadfast every day.

**Come on and praise Him;** rejoice with us, for all God is doing in and through us here in Victor Harbor, and all that He is doing in and through you.

**Look what the Lord has done;** and is doing, and will continue to do as we acknowledge His hand in our lives, our churches, and our communities.

**Robert Bailey**

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