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LIFE FOCUS WORKSHOP

On February 4, Les led another Life Focus Workshop with ten of his coaching students here in our own apartment. Twelve hours, two meals, and numerous tea breaks later, these Kenyans from various walks of life left encouraged concerning all they are learning.



COLLABORATION ON *COACHING YOUR APPRENTICE TO GREATNESS!*

We have been working for the last year on creating *Coaching Your Apprentice to Greatness!*, material for Cell Leaders to use in training their Cell Apprentices, employing life-coaching principles. It is always hard to make the time to create new resources in the midst of our normal busy schedules! In February we worked together on final writing, editing, lay-out, and audio input sessions. We are about two days away from completely finishing it! Keep praying for completion, then concerning the printing and distribution.

MODEL CELL AT CHURCH

Most Kenyans think a cell is either a Bible Study or a replica of the Sunday service with someone preaching in a home, while the rest of the members just sit and listen to the lesson. As we are gearing up and casting vision for Destiny Chapel regarding their upcoming Boot Camp, preparing them for cell life, Pastor Mark asked Les to lead a model cell on stage for the congregation to actually "see." A living picture of authentic relationships, life application of the Word, and personal ministry is always powerful!



FIRST MONTHLY COACH CONNECT

With one class of coaching students already graduated and two more cohorts set to graduate in 2011, Les started a new Coach Connect. Coach Connect is a two-hour monthly meeting for grads and Les to sit down, share their progress in starting to coach, ask questions about difficulties they face, encourage one another to keep honing their skills, and for Les to continue to acquaint them with additional coaching resources. You can see that Les, Pastor Barnabas Achoki, Pastor Mark Kiiru, and Faustin Malu are enjoying connecting, as well as feasting on the beverages, fried green beans, and upside down mango cake.

DESTINY CHAPEL STAFF

We continue to work closely with the Destiny Chapel Staff in several capacities. Les has been the Life Coach Trainer for Pastors James Okumo, Joel Chola, and Mark Kiiru. Les is also on the Presbyterian Board. We continue to consult the staff concerning their transition to a cell church and how best to begin that journey. Of course, in the meantime, we are also active members at Destiny. Les also works with Pastor Mark's coaching business, Lifeline Strategies. Our desire is to not only help Destiny, but for Destiny to be a model here in Kenya. Pictured with the guys is also Pauline Chola who leads the Children's Ministry.



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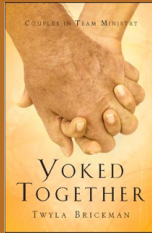
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Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8



Just a reminder that if you have never ordered a copy of Twyla's book, *Yoked Together, Couples in Team Ministry*, it tells a lot about our own marriage and ministry during the last forty years. It also includes questions for couples to discuss together to deepen understanding and unity in their own joint ministry. Purchase the soft cover book through Amazon or Barnes & Noble on the web. Listen to mp3 files of Twyla reading the audio book, available through our web site. Or, order a copy to bless a couple you know!



AFRICAN WEDDING

One of our favorite guys, Kevin Malu, was married on February 5. He is also our former personal assistant's twin brother and one of Les' coach grads. It was a beautiful day for an outdoor wedding and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, along with the other 1,200 guests.



FUN TIMES

We are so blessed to have good friends here in Kenya who are also neighbors, just three floors above us in our apartment complex. Unfortunately, Ronnie & Debbie Matheny are here in Kenya only about half of each year, but they are back now for several months and we are having a wonderful time together. We attended Kevin's wedding together, as well as Destiny's Valentine Banquet. We also share a meal together once a week in each other's home, plus play table games or watch a movie together. They also provide rides for us to church, or to go out to eat, or for shopping. We also went together during February to anoint and pray over a fellow missionary with cancer.



AFRICAN WEAR

My sewing is usually limited to repairing tears and lost buttons, but during our "staycation" back in January I started to sew a new dress made out of some beautiful, colorful African khanga. Since I had not sewn a dress in years, there were many complications, but I finally finished it this month and at least it is wearable. One of Les' coaching students, also a designer, is additionally making me a new African-style dress. I'm sure hers will be a great improvement over my attempt, but, at least in the meantime, I have a new cotton dress to wear to stay cool!



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MARCH

1. Boot Camp begins in March with Destiny Chapel and area pastors.
2. A Cell Group Consultation will be held on March 8 to answer questions and help pastors across Kenya who are attempting to implement home cell groups. Pray for a good attendance and wisdom for us.
3. Les leads a Coach Implementation Workshop here all day (12 hours!) March 18 with his coaching students.
4. We plan to edit and work on a number of projects that have been on hold. Pray we complete all in March!
5. A number of friends from the USA are coming in March for CMM and other ministry in Kenya. PTL!
6. Les is preaching two Sundays in March at Destiny Chapel and leading in an ordination of the pastors.
7. Pray for all of the "normal" coaching, training, and personal ministry we do weekly with leaders in Kenya.
8. Our health, safety, financial provision, wisdom, empowerment, and God to daily use us as He wills!

