

BOSTON

DISCOVERY LAB!

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THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PAVING THE WAY FOR A NEW CHURCH, CALLING MISSIONARIES FROM AFRICA TO LEAD THE WAY, AND HONORING A TRAGIC DEATH.

Antony Njoroge is an architect of global church planting. Antony's brother, a successful radiologist and the spiritual leader of his family, won the visa lottery and made the exciting move from Kenya to Boston. But the reality of life in America was not like the dream. Within a few short years, cut off from his family of faith, he lost his faith, his home, his practice, his marriage, and all hope. He died a homeless man on the streets of Boston.

In June 2019, Bruce Bates (now the Kairos director) met Antony when he came to collect his brother's remains. The two church planters formed a bond as God led them to four distinct divine appointments that day. They prayed for each other, for the many who asked for prayers of consolation in a city of chaos, and for the lost and confused. The day ended with Antony asking Bruce if Kairos could help him plant a church, as Antony knew there were others lost like his brother. After Covid, the dream grew to include missionaries coming from Africa to America to plant new churches and to infuse Boston with forgotten hope.

On his return to Kenya, Antony introduced Kairos to five African ministry couples. We spent more than a year getting to know them and trying to arrange a Discovery Lab, an assessment of readiness for church planting, in Boston. But that door stayed closed. We regrouped and headed to Kenya with a team of assessors for our first international lab. Our team of 7 Americans brought unique talents in church planting, mission work in Africa, and vision casting. The candidates came from Kenya, Uganda, and Zambia. We thank God for the ways they opened their lives and hearts to us as they led us in worship, gave us their testimonies, and allowed us to question them pointedly about all aspects of their lives.

We left Africa with deep admiration and appreciation for our new friends and gospel partners. Praise God, the Holy Spirit revealed that 2 of the couples could be lead church planters in Boston. We don't know what the Lord will do, but we are thankful that he continues to lead this process. Also, we look forward to ongoing relationships with the other couples as they continue in their fruitful ministries in Africa.

As we pray for God's guidance, will you pray and partner with us over these next steps?

- Raising the remaining cost of the Kenya Discovery Lab, about \$9000.
- Securing funding and church partners for Aaron & Mona Mwesigwa and Isaac & Sombo Chitibwi
- Working with an immigration attorney to secure visas
- Establishing a church planter residency where the planters can acculturate to life in America before launching a new church

We invite you to join us in prayer and financial partnership as these faith-filled, God-centered, courageous leaders follow God's call to start new churches in Boston.

To give, scan the QR code or go to kairoschurchplanting.org/give. Please leave a comment letting us know your donation is for the African Discovery Lab. Thank you for your partnership and prayers. And thank God for opening doors and inviting us to go through them!

