

# Sam & Melody Harrell

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**Melody** was born in Jinja, Uganda to missionary parents. She was educated at Rift Valley Academy (high school) and Samford University (BA, elementary education). She has taught middle school in both the USA and Kenya. Melody is appointed field personnel of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and serves as secretary of the board of directors, Africa Exchange. She leads a spiritual formation group of women in Nairobi and volunteers in various ministry capacities related to work with orphans and vulnerable children. Mel enjoys painting, photography and other artistic endeavors. She is a consummate host and is mother to three boys - Corwin, Christopher and Carter.

**Sam** was born in Nairobi, Kenya to missionary parents; educated at Rift Valley Academy (high school), North Carolina State University (BA, industrial arts education), and Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (MDiv). He has taught African studies and industrial arts in several settings, worked as furniture industry consultant in Nairobi, coordinated cross-cultural field programs in Kenya for various north american schools, universities and post graduate institutions and organizations, is the founder and managing director of Africa Exchange and is regional coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in Eastern Africa. Sam's primary work is in community development and appropriate technology with marginalized urban and rural communities throughout Kenya. Sam is also qualified to conduct workshops/retreats using the Enneagram methodology of personality and spirituality. He is awed and energized by nature and African wildlife and wishes he had more time to engage his woodworking passion.

**Sam & Melody** are passionate about Africa, their home, and are always eager to share their love for the continent and their great respect for its people who have formed and shaped them.

