

## Mike Potter

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Mike Potter grew up in Adelaide, Australia, but in 1977, when he was 16, his family moved to South Africa and then Malawi to work as missionaries. It was here that Mike started his love affair with the African continent.

He returned home to complete a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Education at the University of Adelaide and began his teaching career in 1983. In 1987 he and his wife, Dani, moved to Nairobi Kenya to take up teaching positions at a British Preparatory School, and where they lived for over twelve years.

In 2000, the Potter family returned home to Australia when Mike was appointed Principal of Tyndale Christian School, located in the northern suburbs of Adelaide, South Australia. In 2015, Tyndale acquired two regional schools in South Australia and Mike was appointed to the new position of Head of Schools. The three schools currently have a combined cohort of just over 2,000 students.

While in Kenya, Mike and Dani began a long term association with Testimony Faith Homes, an orphanage that cares for hundreds of destitute and abandoned children, and New Life Homes, a rescue centre for HIV+ and abandoned babies. Since returning to Australia, Mike and Dani have developed a “missions/community service” programme that now encompasses a number of countries, regional destinations and local charity organisations.

Mike has been a regular keynote speaker on mission, poverty, social justice and dealing with grief and loss at conferences throughout Australia. He is passionate about God, young people, the growth of Christian Schooling and issues of social justice – especially the articulation of a credible and comprehensive advocacy of a Biblical/Christian worldview in the wider community.

In 2013, Mike authored his first book, “We Have a Voice” – a call to Christians to re-discover the “compelling story” that they have and then share it with the world in a way that will “draw men to the light”.

His quieter passions include bird-watching and photography. Mike and Dani have five children – Leah (married to Danny), Ben (married to Jessica), Haylee, Daniel and James, and one grandson – Patrick Jake.