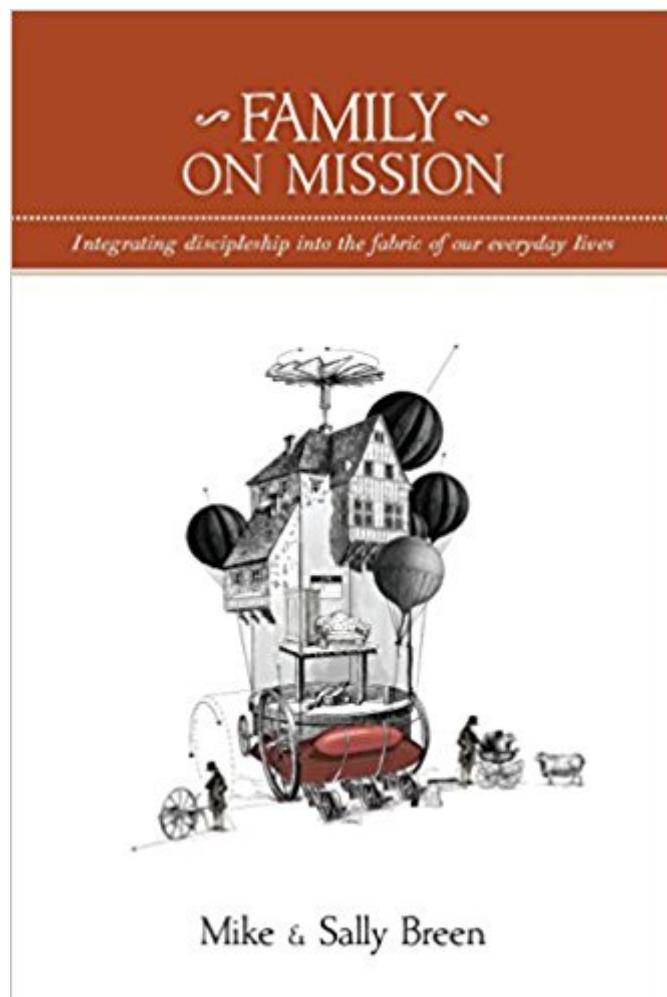


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# Family On Mission



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

The book comes out of the couple's experience of leading churches and watching other pastors try to juggle family life with their ministry and mission. Their conclusion: Family or mission is an impossible choice. Family and mission is unsustainably exhausting. Family ON mission is moving as a pack, inviting people into our lives and living an integrated life. It is made things manageable, fun and fruitful. The book is trying to correct the tendency to put all the "bones" of missionary discipleship in place (missional communities, huddles, etc.) in place without the texture

(skin) of family on mission, because one without the other doesn't work. I agree with this as we often focus on the structure because it seems simpler to figure out, to our loss. The book firstly covers why the idea of "(extended) family on mission" is so important, with the highlight being a fascinating exploration of Jesus' rejection by his own family and his constitution of a new family on mission with the disciples and women followers. The second part of the book provides a framework for understanding how a family on mission can work with spiritual parents, predictable patterns and missional purpose. Each of these three areas are then looked at in

more detail. I enjoyed the book and will return to it. Mike provides structure and clarity of thought, and Sally brings a personal touch and perspective. It does a good job in setting out a theological rationale for functioning as extended families on mission. It also provides some good frameworks to assess where we are in that process. As someone already with the "family on mission" vision, I was slightly disappointed that the book didn't address some of my top questions for actually making it happen. For example, how does "oikos" (family on mission) relate to "missional communities"? How do you move from the latter to the former? And how can we practically form families on mission in different contexts? It seems the Breens figured it out in Sheffield, a large university town, where there are presumably plenty of (hungry!) students willing to attach themselves to the family life (and dinner table!) of a high-profile church leader! If you are missional community leader in a suburban, family context, it all seems a lot harder, because it is seems logically so difficult to get multiple nuclear families to "do life and mission together". Overall, I enjoyed the book and I would recommend it to those who are super-focused on nuclear family to the detriment of ministry and mission, and vice versa. It is also a great reminder for missional community leaders about the "family feel" we would like to create, and to avoid missional communities being a set of events or ministry program. I would love some more of these practical questions to be addressed in a second edition or on the 3DM blog. I've posted a fuller review on my blog, [theuntaming](http://theuntaming.wordpress.com) at [wordpress](http://wordpress.com).

I really enjoyed reading this book. I plan on using some of these ideas within my own family. My only complaint is that the kindle edition had several mistakes. Half a sentence would be missing, only to appear further down the page. But beyond that, I highly recommend it.

Great theological thoughts and reshaping of the way that the call to make disciples and lead a healthy family can go hand-in-hand rather than compete with one another. The book can get wordy towards the end but every chapter had good thoughts and practical steps.

This book describes the lifestyle my Husband and I have felt called to live! We are looking forward to taking the next steps in our journey after God's calling on our lives, and this book provides great insight about how life may function in the context of the lifestyle of family on mission

Pros:- Helpful guide for Christians- Clear and concise- Fun read- Modern and engaging  
Cons:- None

at this timeThis book does a great job in surveying the Christian issue of how we bridge Christian life while living in a secular world. The authors are a man and wife and they are a great team and example of how ministry and life look day to day. They teach us to not view the Christian life as different and separate entities (church, ministry, family, social) but all of these aspects are different facets of the same beautiful diamond. All of these aspects come together and work in complement with one another for a more joyful and fulfilled life in the glory of Christ.What's alarming is that the Christian life is so varied in quality from person to person, church to church, and sad that this even NEEDS to be addressed in today's churches. Far too many people are nominal believers that don't have a real and personal relationship with Jesus Christ, my prayer is that if you're lost about the goal of what your Christian life looks like and should, buy this book and it will help you find some direction and clarity.

Amazing book, amazing story. So many invaluable lessons taught fro, a family who refused to enclose themselves to just blood and branch out as Jesus did...to His oikos.

There's no denying the impact of learning from someone who is doing it themselves. Taking two perspectives, with Mike and Sally both writing, gives an incredible look into the life of a family on mission. Their writing style leaves me wanting to live out family on mission myself. Let's go!

Great guide for getting your family/extended family on the mission of sharing God's story with everyone.

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