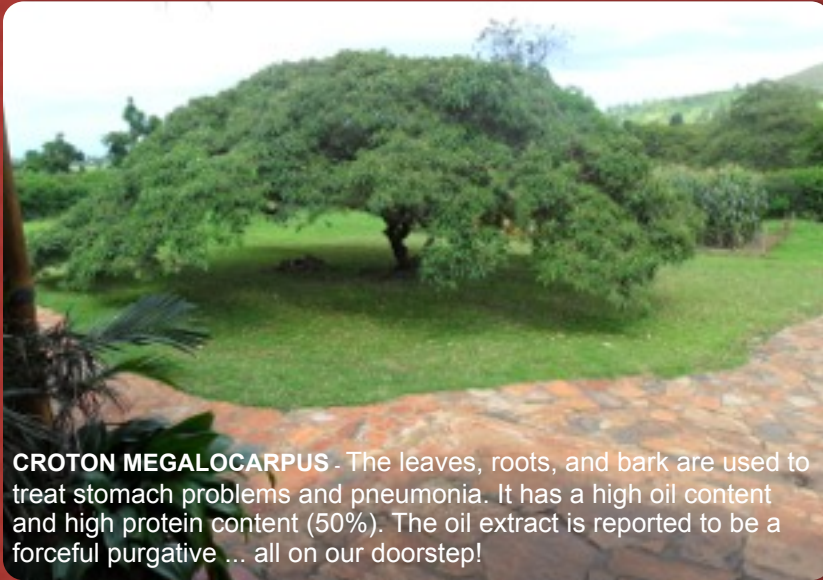




# THE OWENS'



**CROTON MEGALOCARPUS** - The leaves, roots, and bark are used to treat stomach problems and pneumonia. It has a high oil content and high protein content (50%). The oil extract is reported to be a forceful purgative ... all on our doorstep!



## Greetings from Arusha! *It's been an incredibly busy but fulfilling few weeks.*

*Thanks for your prayers and support. Please enjoy our update! Read & get a glimpse of life here, lately.*

### Vision Conference:

The Vision Conference we have hosted twice in the last six months is the "flagship" seminar of the Disciple Nations Alliance. It is designed to help launch a process of church-based transformation in the community and nation. It is a five-day learning event designed for pastors and Christian leaders with four main objectives:

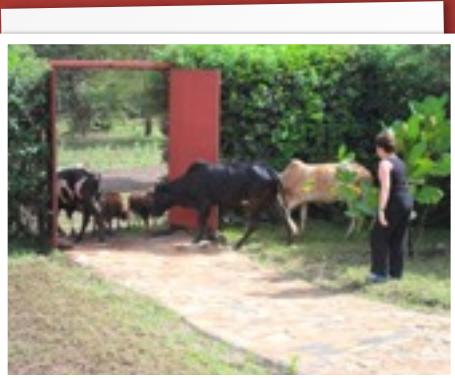
To help participants rediscover God's vision for the nations—a vision of comprehensive transformation

described by Jesus as the Kingdom of God.

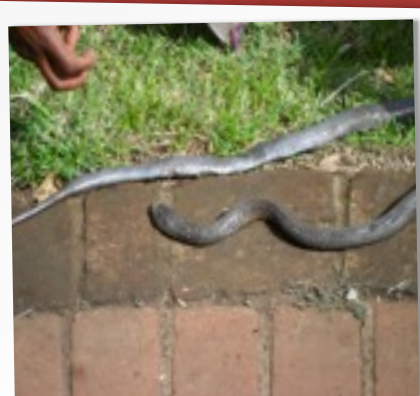
- To help Christians understand God's intentions for local churches—to be embassies of God's Kingdom in their communities and nations, serving as powerful agents of spiritual, physical, and social transformation.
- To help Christians identify false beliefs that Satan uses to enslave and impoverish

communities and nations, and adopt a biblical worldview. (Exploring the negative effects on aid and development that come as a result of neglecting the above, is one of the most fascinating aspects of this conference.) Lastly to...

- Provide practical tools for immediate application to help Churches begin to practice a transformational ministry in their own community with their own resources.



COWS LEAVING CHURCH..



BLACK SNAKE VISITS THE HENS



CHAMELEON ON OUR PORCH

# Maize & beans, UK Team arrives, first payment on the land... worship team growth

*Our sample comparison plots continue to be a shining example to the community:*

Conservation agriculture is one of the greatest blessings to the nation. The rains have been good this year, but too often not the case, meaning wholesale crop-loss if the right methods are not learnt. Maybe not the prettiest or most common of church landscaping, but a tangible and practical declaration of the Gospel as 'good news to the poor'.

*Uk Missions Team arrive to bless us:*

A team of interns from Celeste's church in London, came out for a very full 8 days. We were so blessed by their generosity, eagerness and hearts after God. Much work, fun and serious watching of Chelsea (David's team) winning the European Cup. 20 Chelsea flags (courtesy team-

**OUR COMPARISON PLOT  
MAKES FOR INTERESTING  
LANDSCAPING IN FRONT OF  
OUR CHURCH.....**

member Andy), added to the delight to David and many keen local Blues fans.

*First Repayment on the land:* first repayment on our interest-free loan for our church land was made last week. \$20,000 was raised... only \$230,000 to go. Great start!!!

*Worship team grows:* Thanks to the UK Team our sound system has been updated. Not only does our worship sound better but our worship team has been growing in numbers, skill and love for the Lord. Praise God!

*Strategy Team visit Loiborsoit to brainstorm about shifting worldview*

David brought a team to Loiborsoit village - two of our staff members and two mission colleagues, between them representing conservation agriculture, mental health issues and church unity. We met with village elders and pastors to plan a way forward with the goal of community transformation.



## OUR NEWS



UK TEAM ARRIVES



UK TEAM IN MASAILAND



EARLY DAYS OF COMPARISON CROPS



Welcome to Arusha Vineyard showing God's natural and spiritual resources.....

# Zac's 16th birthday, Snakes, Cows in church, Eating Goat...

## *Zac's 16th birthday*

On June 3rd, Zachary turned 16 years old. We drove up to Nairobi to spend time with Zachary. He had 4 days off school and invited 3 friends to spend time together with us celebrating. We ate his favourite meal of Korean Beef, Twice Baked Potatoes and mixed vegetables (mum's addition) all cooked in the flat rented in Nairobi.

## *Black Snakes pay us a visit:*

CertainOne Sunday after church there was a bit of a cuffuffle in the hen house... apparently a black snake decided to pay the hens and eggs a visit. Thankfully the workers managed to track and kill it. We were a bit afraid for a while when we heard that they travel in pairs. We never did meet the husband.

## *Upcoming travel:*

Kenya and Uganda are two destinations for David (& Zac) over the next few weeks. The Kenyan Vineyard will be released as its own

## STRATEGY FORUM IN LOIBORSOIT..... SHIFTING WORLDVIEW TOGETHER...

assoc. of churches in August while Uganda is keen to learn more.

*Eating Goat & Loving it:* Not often you get the opportunity to meet your dinner before you eat ... the team got to 'greet and eat' in Loiborsoit, watched carefully by James and Emma.

## *Business as Mission:*

**In April we had our first BaM seminar with Dennis Tongoi:** Business has the potential to bring God's blessings to people and give them the opportunity to rise out of spiritual, social and physical poverty. As we focus in on the particular strategy of business as mission, let us first understand and embrace the fullness of God's design for business.

*"In our society we become what we celebrate. In order to release business people to get engaged, we need to celebrate their role in the Kingdom of God. We need to stop celebrating one call, one role over another call or role. Business is a high calling, we need to celebrate it so that our children and their children know that if they are called to business then that's what they should be doing to God's glory"*  
Steve Saint.

## OUR NEWS



JAMES & GOAT BEFORE EATING!



Mr. Goat feeling rather put out not being able to enjoy his own dinner....



SIGNING OUR 1ST PAYMENT ON OUR LAND



ZAC TURNS 16