



# THE OWENS'



Preparing to run and play in games for the afternoon..... led by Pied piper



WAITING FOR THE TYRE SWING

## Watoto Party - Children's community party

### Time to bless our community:

A 'Seed Project' is a one-off event aimed at blessing those outside of the church community with no strings attached. The idea is to demonstrate God's love for the community at large in a wholistic way. We've been asking ourselves the question, "If we ceased to exist

tomorrow, how would we be missed by those in our immediate vicinity?"

While kids get lots of attention from the West, by-and-large they get very little attention and care here. What better way to start than put on something for them?

We came up with a simple idea to put on a kids' party of games and tasty snacks. It was so much fun! However, we could never have

guessed the kind of backlash we'd get.

A young 'prophet' who's just moved into town and starting his own church, went on radio naming some local churches as being "Freemasons". We were one.

So when the kids went home after the party with their faces painted, the parents thought it was some kind of Freemason rite and freaked out!



FACE PAINTING



PLAYGYM FOR CLIMBING



WATCHING & WAITING

# Ministry Trips in East Africa, Kenyan Vineyard "Release", Local pastors support and unity group!

## Further Training in Farming Techniques:

We are about to hold our third 'Farming God's Way' (FGW) seminar, followed by 'Farmer Field School' training for government workers in the rural areas, where the latter meet with and coach farmers through an entire season.

The enormous increase in yield of this approach has now drawn accusations of witchcraft in some areas, resulting in some reverting to old ways. Hence the value of using the name "Farming GOD's Way" with trained local pastors and government agriculturalists to hit it from both angles.

## Local pastors' fellowship:

We were excited to host the first local pastors' prayer day, right on the heels of the kids' party. In light of the rumours about us, we were surprised at the big turn up and the strong support we received from them all.

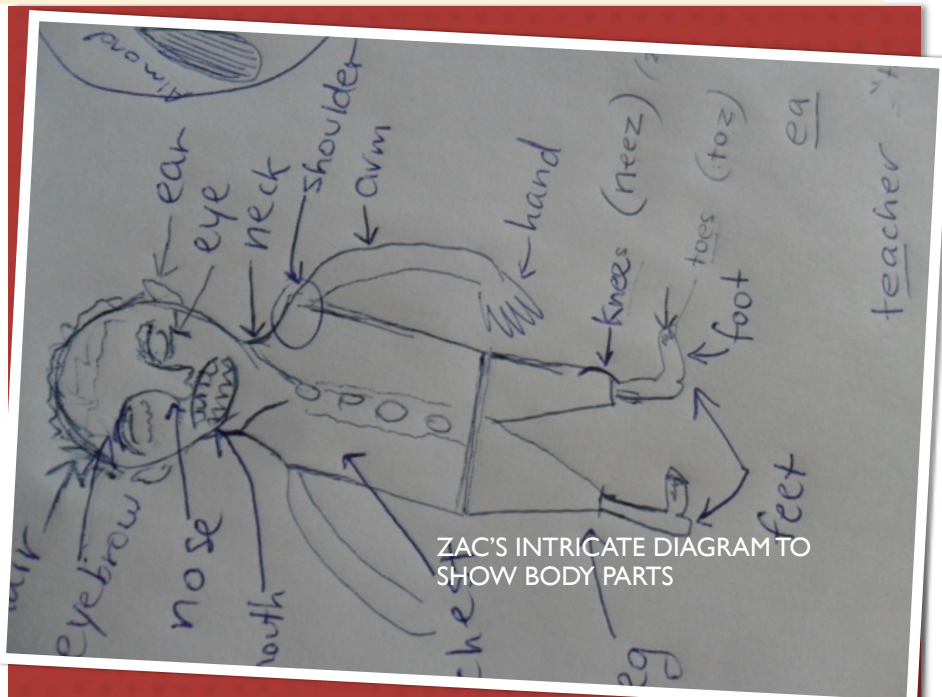
We were amazed at the openness between these leaders, given that there is typically little or no fellowship between groups.

## Dad and son ministry trips:

Zac's Summer holidays (winter here) started with a week in Mombasa with us, courtesy of a kind colleague with a time-share. We then spent ten days in Arusha before heading off together for meetings in **Mbarara** southern Uganda, where we met up with a team from Anaheim Vineyard. Zac ended up helping me teach a session, which was very well received.

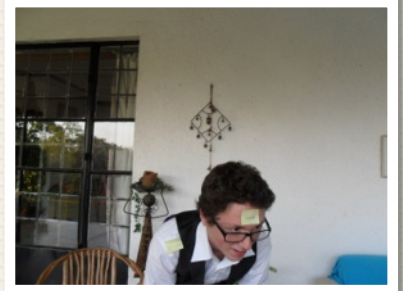
Two weeks later, Zac joined Dad again for an amazing week celebrating the **release of the Kenyan Association of Churches** held in Nairobi. In the midst of it all, Mum got in some quality time too, in spite of having to stay home for the Uganda trip due to her work at Caucus for Children's Rights, where she jokes about being paid to 'kick butt' (unofficially of course!)

Meanwhile, Zac spent some of his home-time catching up on rest and eating lots of mum's cooking. He also got to preach on his last Sunday.



ZAC'S INTRICATE DIAGRAM TO SHOW BODY PARTS

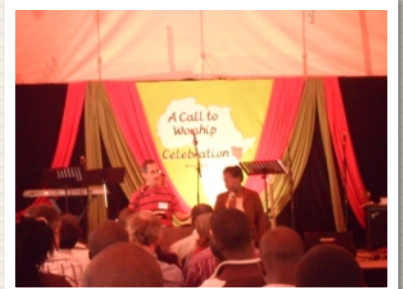
## OUR NEWS



ZAC TEACHES ENGLISH



TANZANIAN TEAM IN KENYA!



WORSHIP at KENYA 'RELEASE'



STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS

# Local unrest; a pastoral visit from our church in Vancouver; Help with worship & sound;

## Local deaths:

We had at least six violent deaths in our area in the last two weeks of August. All appear targeted and non-political. We are blessed with an excellent security company that went overboard to keep us informed and safe.

We are praying expectantly for God's manifest peace in the area, as pastors and leaders take the first step by joining together in growing unity and care for each other.

## Judi's job:

Judi's job at Caucus for Children's Rights continues to be challenging and impacting. She just got news that the agent she uses to obtain work permits for her staff, has taken off with the money... There will be a police investigation, but life in a poor country = corruption. Money and accountability are major issues in Africa!!

**TIME WITH FOR BREAKFAST  
ON THE PORCH WITH ZAC...  
PANCAKES AND COFFEE.....**

## 'Head & Shoulders, Knees & Toes':

Zac took time some afternoons of his school holidays to teach our workers English. "Body parts" was one of the lessons... (see picture)

## Mike and Sue:

We were recently blessed by a Canadian couple who revamped our church sound. Mike who is an experienced sound engineer, trained our nationals as well as coached our worship team. Before heading home, he produced an English/Swahili sound manual with pictures for set-ups and trouble-shooting. Amazing!

## Visit by Gary Roosma:

David drove to Nairobi recently to pick up Gary Roosma who is teaching pastor at ECC, (Emmanuel Christian Community) our supporting church in Vancouver. They visited our Masai village and got to preach in our church. He came bearing gifts: Maple Syrup and Miso Soup!!

*Many Thanks dear friends and family for your kindness, support and prayers! We value your friendship.  
Love David & Judi.*



## OUR NEWS



**"HEAD & SHOULDERS, KNEES & TOES" ENGLISH WITH A TWIST**



**VIEW FROM HOTEL  
BEDROOM IN KAMPALA**



**MBARARA MEETINGS (UGANDA)**



**GARY ROOSMA, PASTOR  
FROM VANCOUVER VISITS.**