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# the OWENS family

RABIES; SAFARI WEDDING; YOUTH EMPOWERMENT



## Safari Wedding

Some days I get to do some really cool things here in Africa. e.g. marry a couple on the banks of Lake Manyara with Wilderbeest galloping back and forth behind us, figuring out their dominance issues. Impala grazing quietly to the side, warthogs grunting their approval and a couple of million flamingos colouring the horizon. It was as if God and all of his creation were applauding this union. Congratulations to Angela & Yago!

## ✧ Youth Workshop ✧

Meet Violet, a young Tanzanian woman who is tiny and shy but has a big vision to see Tanzanian Youth empowered to take control of their future. This week Violet led a seminar in our youth club for 160 people teaching them how to write a CV and cover letter. She is one of the young leaders catching the "Leaders in the Making" vision to see the next generation empowered. Our new venture to create a venue for leadership development is now fully-fledged on paper (an official NGO).

Two new joined the Tanzanian who used to the 'old days' followers of have fundraising, anointing in seek to put vision (skate non-alcoholic style 'think-



members have team, both young business women frequent the club in and are now keen Jesus. They both experience in so do pray for that area as we wheels on the park, coffee shop, music venue, l'Abri tank etc).

The church (Arusha Vineyard) is fully supportive but not able to be directly involved financially. Please pray for:

- favour in fundraising
- grace and favour with other ministries/businesses with whom we are seeking to partner
- strong role-models for youth
- planting of a vibrant youth congregation

## Milk & Sugar minus Chai:

Sadly our small dog Chai had to be put down recently after she exhibited rabies symptoms and bit David on the hand while trying to get her into the car to

take her to the vet. He had a nasty wound through to the bone so the vet not only put the dog down but also gave David his first of four rabies shots. Rabies is common in the large population of wild dogs.





## *Baking Bread; Arusha prayer breakfasts; Zac goes to NYC*



### **Disciple Nations' Alliance training...**

Meet Mathias. Mathias bakes bread every day that is the size of a half loaf (6 inches) He sells them for 190 shillings (approx. 11 cents). He gets up early every morning and mixes the dough, kneads it and puts it into the small tins pictured here. He is proud of his business that sells approx 1,000 loaves a day. He was one of the attendees at the DNA training in Dar that David attended recently. Coinciding beautifully with my return from SA on the 10th, (11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March) was a Training of Trainers (TOT) in DAR, which I was involved with. This course and material is the best I've come across in the area of biblical worldview.

### **African Enterprise**

First, we hosted four AE leaders at the end of February, who came to Arusha on an exploratory trip, meeting with leaders from the various sectors of society, proposing a Leaders' Initiative and Outreach for 2015. The timing for this is quite strategic given that elections are due in October of next year and things are already heating up significantly.

The time went extremely well, with pastors', business, educators and political leaders meeting over a very full three days.

The immediate effect was the forming of a prayer breakfast initiative that will complement and lead up to 2015 event.

### **South Africa trip**

On Tuesday (4<sup>th</sup> March) I flew to South Africa for 5 days, on a "Business as Mission" trip. It was an exciting time, but quite different to what I expected. I was billeted by a couple who ended up being Heather and Laurie Woolcott, people who had been in leadership of our Vancouver church and had left not long before we arrived in 2001.



It has the potential to help majorly toward Zac's imminent college costs, which, with one scholarship offer of 50% tuition, is slowly becoming more of a possibility. See more below re: Zac's college in New York City.

Please keep this in prayer for favour as I explore new business opportunities.

This is truly "Business as Mission" with divine appointments at almost every turn on the few trips that I've already done.



## *Kris, Jude's sister visits.*

### **Kris, Judi's sister**

**came to visit:** for 5 weeks Judi's sister spent time with us seeing our life and exploring Arusha

and northern Tanzania. The time was spent laughing, catching up and bracing as we hurtled over the terrible

roads here showing Kristine Hamilton our beloved Africa. She enjoyed a visit to the Masai, the coast and in

and around Arusha. What a delight for the whole family to catch up with Aunty Kris.

## *Prayer Points and Thanksgiving!*

### • Zac has been accepted at The Kings College, New York. PRAISE

Zachary's first choice for colleges/university that offered a drama/media major was The Kings College. He is overjoyed that he was accepted. Their vision: The King's College seeks to transform society by preparing students for careers in which they help to shape and eventually to lead strategic public and private institutions, and by supporting faculty members as they directly engage culture through writing and speaking publicly on critical issues. See <https://www.tkc.edu> for more information.

### • Pray for Zac's tuition

Acceptance is the first step, then application process for permits to study (issues re proof of ability to pay) etc. Pray for grace and provision.

### • PRAISE for David's recovery from the bite from our rabid dog!

Initially David reacted to the vaccine with headaches and fevers, however he has since recovered and is continuing on his course of injections. His wound is healed and he is feeling great. The prayer support from around the world was incredible - THANK YOU!

### • Pray for our road to be paved!

Although the money has been allocated 4 years ago, there is no sign of our road being paved anytime soon. Apparently there is a dispute between the ministry of roads and the farmers round about about how much land the government can take for the new road. In the meantime, the potholes and rutted roads take their toll on our backs and cars. Pray for a resolution between the parties and for any corruption to be exposed and the project completed... PRAY!