

the OWENS family

GRAD; PRAYER BREAKFAST; YOUTH LEADERS



Zac's Graduation

"Hey mum and dad, don't feel bad that you didn't get other grads gifts, its really obvious you guys are foreigners. As soon as you walk on campus you both walk around with a befuddled expression on your faces." Thus ends 6 years of trying to navigate a system of education that is fantastic but confusing..... Zac successfully completed his final year at RVA and we still don't know the order of Sophomore, Junior, Senior or Freshman.... OR what year they represent. Thankfully, Zac is here to translate, patiently & repeatedly.

* Leaders In the Making *

Ex-Colobus nightclub, **check**; Security guards, **check**; Vision, **check**; proposal and brochure, **check**. Venue, **check**; Board and Youth Team, **check**; Website, **pending**; Brochure, **check**; Proposal, **check**; Logo, **check**; Window in time/culture, **check**; God's heart for the youth of Arusha, **priceless**. We already have some leaders in the making..... just need money to renovate the property and sports park technicians/ engineers to donate their expertise.

What are we referring to? The NGO we just started with a vision to see a coffee shop, non-alcoholic music venue, l'Abri style think tank etc. See below the artistic design and logo from the team.



Croissants and Chai:

The Kenyan Prayer Breakfast hosted an impressive array of international leaders (note red carpet for the President next

page). God is working in the highest levels of government. David's work with African Enterprise has him involved with plans to work towards similar events here in Arusha, in

partnership with the 2015 AE leadership initiative.





What's with all the acronyms: CLA; VSM and Dar Vineyard Family?



CLA: Cornerstone Leadership Academy

Also at the Prayer Breakfast (and most recently in Arusha), David had the pleasure of meeting up with Tim Kreutter, (see far left) ex RVA (Zac's school) and founder of Cornerstone 'A' level schools - four amazing ventures that have been quietly growing over 25 years, producing CEO's, politicians, educators, doctors etc..

With a remarkably similar heart and vision to Leaders in the Making (LIM), we find ourselves benefitting greatly from their experience and warm encouragement.

www.cornerstoneschoolsafrica.org

VSM - Vineyard School of Ministry (in partnership with Daystar University, Nairobi)

As far as we are aware, this is a unique approach to theological training, drawing as much as possible from the 2000+ years of Christian presence in Africa. Content, terminology and teaching model are intentionally indigenous in nature, without neglecting the essential contributions from elsewhere. David is on the board and assisting in the area of assessing impact.

Justine's students:

Arusha Vineyard Church had a visit from Justine's Yr 2 class from Braeburn School. For those who don't know, Braeburn is an international school and Justine's class has children from Sikh, Muslim, Christian, Hindu and secular families. The class visited Arusha Vineyard Church as part of their series of field trips to different places of worship.

They were greeted with juice and mandazis (African doughnuts) and then participated in some kids' worship. David opened in prayer. They had a tour of the facility and got to hear about the bread and juice on the communion table and why we take that - also got to see the baptismal font and explained why we do that. They got to hear how God loved us all so much that he made a plan to bring us back to himself and clean us up. All in all the kids loved it. Many of them were jumping up and down asking to sing the worship songs again.



Dar es Salaam trip

DAR trip: meeting the family... from US. David recently met with pastors who'd come from the US Vineyard to minister in Africa. Maybe when they left their native land and their churches prayed for them, they dreamed of encouraging masai warriors and African tribesmen.... instead, God used them to listen, restore, give space to a tired Canadian/Australian pastor who lives in a nice house in Arusha.... Just as big a win in God's economy....

Art Auction:

A team of talented artists displayed their pieces in a silent auction as part of Arusha Vineyard's plan to raise funds for our land. Children and adults alike produced amazing works of art in their support of the church. From quilts to pottery to collages photos and paintings the range of art was stunning. The evening included a meal and entertainment. The team raised 3.5 million shillings in just one night.



Justice & Mercy: Judi & David.

Last month on Sunday, a young man came to church to hustle, lie and generally try and steal what he could. He ended up with our projector and laptop. Two weeks later, Judi saw Michael... the young robber, standing on the side of the road with other street boys addicts. After confronting him to no avail, she decided to call our security company. To her delight, they enlisted her help in the successful sting operation!

Judi felt strongly that this boy needed a roadblock on his journey to Hell, keenly aware that if this continued, with all of his drug use and violence, he would soon be dead. Sadly after capture, Michael continued to lie, the goods were not recovered and he spent some time in jail. Meanwhile, David ready for the moment of repentance and waiting for Michael's acknowledgement of need, organized a rehab program and sent food and clothing to the young man in jail. Good cop/ Bad cop? Justice/Mercy? We have yet to see this positively resolved. Please pray.

Prayer Points and Thanksgiving!

- **Zac arrives at The Kings College, New York on August 23rd. PRAISE**

Zachary's first day at colleges/university is Saturday. His address: Herald Towers, 50 W 34th St, Apt 4A4, New York, NY 10001. A big step for a boy from Kenya whose Sunday morning traffic was goats and sheep. Pray for parents who will be "empty nesters" and financially committed!

- **Justine has just completed a 2 week worship school in Bethel Church, Redding.**

After an amazing 2 week school of worship, Justine is on a road trip with her boyfriend seeing all her childhood haunts.

- **PRAISE for upcoming travel!** Aug 21st we leave with Zac - David takes him all the way to NYC, then on to visit family (some for the first time), his old "boss/mentor" in Phoenix then 4 days in Vancouver. Judi stops off in London to be with Celeste to celebrate her 30th birthday.

- **Pray for our Swahili church plant!**

Felix Ringo is the pastor/carpenter/tradesman/missionary who we're working with to start a Kiswahili home group with the purpose of it becoming a church plant.

What does Arusha Vineyard look like in a Swahili context? This is a journey of discovery for ourselves and the 6 other Vineyards here in Tz. What kind of 'accent' does grace, compassion, tenderness and organic leadership have in Tanzania?

Update on Ringo. His first flight ever was last week to attend the African Vineyard Leaders network. "My tummy is jumping a little bit"... was his description before he boarded. All he could say after he landed was "Wow, I am resting now!!" We think he was impressed with flying. :D

- **Elections 2015 - Tanzania. PRAY!** There is a growing sense of trepidation and need for God's intervention as we face the potential violence of next year's elections. More than ever, we need the kind of initiative that "Leaders in the Making" (LIM) represents, where emerging youth, incumbent and existing leadership, honestly and creatively engage with issues of poverty and corruption. This will not occur without serious prayer.