

# OWEN'S NEWS

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## Pastor Ringo Expressions:

Recently on the Iringa trip Ringo was asked how he'd slept while he was both guarding the vehicle and resting. *"I sleep like a fish, resting but always aware if someone is going to come and eat me.. one eye open!"* Apparently, fish never completely stop being aware of potential predators even in their sleep!!! ?

## Hot Chicken Breakfast

*"The reason you eat a hot chicken breakfast," we were told, "is so that when the cold wind hits your body, it will fall to the ground."* Ringo

## Alpha Course follow on...

We recently completed an [Alpha course](#) which included 2 Sikh girls, three colleagues from work (Judi's); one a Muslim. Two of them gave their lives to Jesus. The group of 35 asked for a follow up home group asked for before we had a chance to offer it. It is delightfully unreligious. "Excuse me but we don't know how to pray. We've never prayed out loud."



## Youth Ablaze Conference

**Trip to Iringa:** Four of us took the 900km long and picturesque trip to southern Tz, to join the Vineyard youth and minister at their conference in Iringa. The five day trip was full of fun, inspiration and great people. It featured excellent musicians, inspiring teaching and vibrant youth. The 'fun' included 7 tyre changes and replacing 2 rims. That sounds like irresponsible driving in anyone's book, but truth is the road was good, the three drivers were real careful types... oh the 'joys' of spiritual warfare!

5 Days; 7 punctures; 4 men; 900 Kms; numerous angels; 1 conference!

**Swahili English:** However, sometimes there are some comical situations when we try to pronounce another language but we can't hear the extra phonics within the language. Judi once spent a whole 5 minutes trying to perfect the pronunciation of "cow" in swahili only to be told "N'gombe not Ngombe" REALLY?

In Iringa, for the first ten minutes we thought the conference was called "**Yuice Abraze**". It wasn't until we saw it written that we deduced the true name of the conference. :D





### Kachumbari Salad

A wonderfully fresh Swahili salad made with tomatoes, cucumber, red onions, carrots sprinkled with lemon juice, garlic and salt.



### Zanzibar Fish

An aromatic fish dish that packs a punch. The fish is smeared with a chilli, garlic and ginger paste, bbq'd then gently sautéed in a tamarind, curry coconut cream. Delicious! serve with Kachumbari

### Guinea Fowl news

Not to be eaten or put in a recipe....

Judi's guinea fowl laid 16 eggs. Although these were supposed to hatch in 28 days, it is now 40+ days that she has been sitting on these eggs. After inspection at night with a flashlight we pushed away the faulty eggs only to find the next morning that she had gathered them all up again and was sitting on them. We've replaced them with quail eggs hoping to give her something to love

### Happily Ever After....

Justine got to marry her sweet heart, Skyler Russell. He is a great young man. They celebrated with a special 'send-off' celebration; a Maasai wedding out in Maasailand on the Kenyan border then the main event in Moshi (a town called Moshi at the foot of Kilimanjaro about 80kms from Arusha).

The whole family got to be together (Zac, Celeste, Justine as well as Aunty Kris and cousin Joel) It was a truly special time.

Sometimes you worry, as a missionary in Africa that you are going to disadvantage your kids by removing them from the Western world and possibly the chance to ever re-enter. However, after pulling off a destination wedding with God's help we realise that the magic of Africa doesn't impede a child's life but enriches it. All three of our kids are happily living back in the West. All of them still love Africa and want to return some day, if only, to visit.

### Colobus club update.....

Leaders in the Making (Colobus update) - we have shifted gear with our youth centre initiative. The mission is to help foster leadership integrity across all sectors of Tz society. The nightclub property that we have been working in, provided a lot of excitement and tangible vision but the owners did not want to sell and the 10-15 year lease didn't eventuate. It seems



**Colobus cont'd:** that the chapter on this venue has changed dramatically, and God has catapulted us onto a whole new trajectory. We have realised that it's the Vineyard property that God's using to bring about the vision, impacting our local and regional communities in bringing Kingdom to Youth. What is thrilling is the prospect of having an attractive youth venue for recreation and mentoring, being used to that end 7 days a week by 2 NGO's (Jobortunity/LIM) with a shared, focused vision for youth.

### *NGO: Jobortunity...*

New partners - an NGO, Jobortunity asked to join us, them carrying the role of education/attitude/skills, us carrying the role of leadership development and creative expression. They have moved to the Vineyard property and continue their training programs with a desire to eventually set up a youth recreation and training centre. <http://jobortunity.org/www/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fy2vp4aRsvw>. See above for the context.

### *Other news and prayer points.....*

Here are some prayer needs we are currently facing:

- Roof replacement for the church before the rains come to "catch" the water run-off \$1,000
- Sponsors for pastors to attend the upcoming [African Theology course](#) (\$75 pp x 20 pastors x 2 weeks)
- A Communications Intern to come for 3-6 months to assist the church
- A Construction expert to come for 3 to 6 months to assist the church with its building projects. Retirees welcome. Experience with roofing, electricity and plumbing a plus.

### *Praise and Thanksgiving.....*

- Thanks for a fun and simple wedding that show cased Justine and Skyler's love for each other and the goodness of God and for time spent with family and friends
- Thanks for the new life and sense of love and unity in the Church
- Thanks for the new partnership with Jobortunity.
- Thanks for the African Theological course starting in September. <http://vsmafrica.org/home>

