



The last three months have seen us pack in a lot of things in what feels like a short amount of time! Our very first Ishara (the Swahili word for 'sign') Ministry Training School was held in mid-July with a 13 strong team from Auckland, New Zealand coming to spend 10 days with us here at our Base in Arusha. The team ranged in age from 15 to 50ish and what an amazing time we all had!

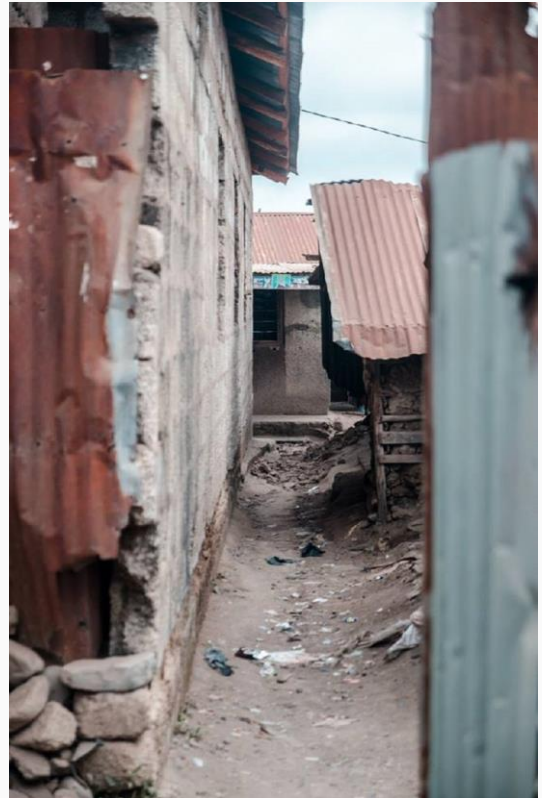




Our students were housed in the newly finished Ishara tents, complete with their own bathrooms, hot and cold running water and flush toilets - luxury! But the real reason they were here was to learn, first-hand, how to show the love of Jesus to the people right here. We began with some class time, including teaching on how to hear God speak to us; how to get words of knowledge (our 'clues') from God about who He wanted us to pray for; and how to pray for people and see them healed. Then we got out of the classroom and into the villages and slum, including an overnight stay in the village of Magugu.

Photo credits to Josh Grimsey from the NZ team - thanks Josh!





We were so encouraged by this first Ishara School. One of the comments we heard went something like this - *"we never thought we'd be able to actually see things like this happening - to pray for someone and see them healed, God working through us"*. And they saw so many amazing miracles - a woman's leg lengthened in front of their eyes; pain that had been present for years in legs, backs and arms gone completely; people that were 'clues' were found, prayed for and encouraged; many people saved, and the list goes on..... That is why we are here - to pass on what we have learnt to others so they too can see people that have no hope be given a reason to live again, to know they are loved and that God has a greater plan for their lives than to be sick, sad and lost.



Exciting news for us! We are going to be grandparents again with our second grandchild due early January 2018. With this in mind, and because it is a GREAT opportunity to spend Christmas with our family after missing the last two, we will be heading back to New Zealand sometime in early December 2017 and will stay until the end of February 2018.

If you would like to hear more about what we do here or want any information about upcoming Ishara Schools, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us via email (our address is at the bottom of this newsletter). We will make some time available while we are back in New Zealand to visit any of you who would like to hear in more detail about what we do.





We are also very excited to have Elia Gumbo join our team. Elia himself was born in the Esso slum and he has family that are still living there. He is married with a young daughter and attends the church we work with in Esso and has become a part of our team so seamlessly it feels like he has always been here! Elia was an integral part of our first Ishara School, helping lead groups and interpreting for us when necessary, and continues to be with us on all our adventures. We are so grateful for those of you who agreed to help us support Elia so that he can have a full time paid position with us. He is a young man of real character and we feel very honoured to have him working with us.

What's next for us and the COT team? We have several invitations to speak at conferences and/or seminars coming up in the next few months. We also have another Ishara School scheduled for October this year, this time for a three week period. We continue to go into the Esso slum in Arusha and our local village every week, plus our monthly visits to Magugu and the church there. We follow up on people we have prayed for in the past and pray for our new 'clues' that God gives us. Sometimes this can feel like a daunting task - the slum alone has over 40,000 people living in it in terrible conditions and we've been told that one in four of these people have HIV/AIDS. We appreciate your prayers for us that we won't get tired and overwhelmed by the misery we sometimes see, but instead look at the amazing things that God can do when we're just willing to listen and follow Him.

As always, we so appreciate every one of you who selflessly helps to support us, both financially and in prayer - we couldn't be here without you.

Contact details

It's so great to share our lives with you all and don't forget that we love to hear from you so feel free to email us anytime on rjkellonline@gmail.com

**We are still looking for more people to support us on a regular weekly or monthly basis, so if you feel this is something you would like to do, you can contact us on our email address above or our bank account number is:
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Mungu akubariki! (God bless you)

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