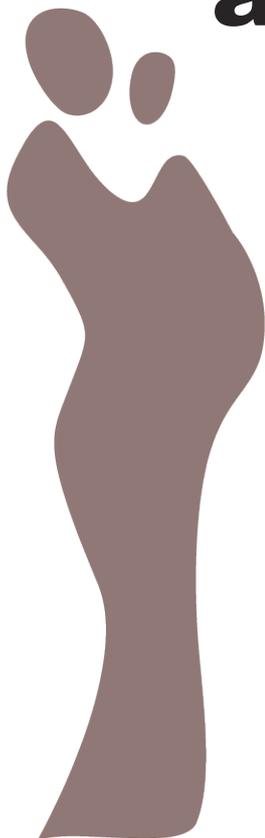




Mission among children and youth in Tanzania



*“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
Matthew 28:20.*

This verse gives us the assurance that although we may go through various trials in this life the Lord will always be by our side and never abandon us.

*With love from
Torkild and Tabitha*





Beloved and faithful friends

First of all we want to thank all of you for your prayers and support of this ministry. It enables us to reach out to people that are in desperate need for a helping hand.

One of those is a young woman called Pudde, who adopted six orphans.

When Pudde was a young girl on her way to Sunday school she arrived in the church as the first person. A large mysterious looking shopping bag

caught her eye. As she had a closer look she was shocked to find a newborn baby in the bag! Around the baby's wrist was a note on which was written, "Please some one take good care of my little girl and give her a good home."

Pudde hurried home and told her parents who immediately followed her to the church to see for themselves. They decided right away to adopt the little girl and to give her a safe future. The girl, Dorris is now 17 years old and is in 9th class.

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Pudde became a teacher. For the time being she is teaching school not far from where we live.

Unfortunately, Pudde's mother fell seriously ill and was in hospital for six months. Pudde had to take over responsibility for Dorris as the mother no longer was able to have her.

Pudde approached us recently for help and Tabitha went to inspect her living conditions. Tabitha was in shock at the sight. The area is close to being slum. They live in a small mud-built room 3 x 4 mts with a dirt floor – and no electric current nor water. They have a ¾ bed for six persons. They are lying across the bed to get room for all. One is sleeping at the couch. The roof leaks and rain is coming down. When it rains at nights they get wet and oftentimes sick. This is awful.

In Denmark not even domestic animals would not be permitted to live like this.

Their next door neighbour is a witch doctor who casts evil spirits on them as he does not want any Christians in the vicinity. Dorris is attacked by the

spirits and during the nights she barks like a dog. Several times she has been examined in a hospital, but the doctors keep saying that nothing is wrong with her. Now Christians are praying that the demons may come off of her.

After the visit at Pudde's house we could not get her out of our mind. So we decided to help her find a better place to live. Besides, this would remove them from the witch doctor.





For the amount of 250 DKK per month she will be able to get two rooms with electric current and water. Thank you for remembering Pudde and the children in your prayers so that a solution to their problems may be found.

We receive school fees for all the children except for Dorris. We have found a good Christian boarding school, unfortunately somewhat expensive, but we judge it to be the best school for her. She needs to soak in a place full of God's love. School fees are 500 DKK per month. If two sponsors would pay each 250 DKK it would not be an enormous amount.

Our prayer is that the Lord will enable us to help Pudde and her six children financially. A one-time amount is fine too, all will enable her to get on.

Christmas distribution, food

Before Christmas a close friend of ours collected money for food to be given to 20 extremely poor families. Each gift consisted of a sack of maize (100 kilo) and 7 kilo beans. What a blessing. We paid a visit to a single father whose daughter we support

with school fees. The mother of the girl disappeared when the girl was little, but the father managed to provide for her. He is working as a day-labourer. When the girl was little he tied her to his back and went out in the fields to hack for people. Their home is so poor. This man wept for joy when we delivered the food. When we drove off he ran after the car yelling, **"Thank you, precious friends, God bless you!"** This moved us so much and we started weeping too, sitting in the car.





Tanga kindergarten class

A couple of years ago we started a nursery school in Tanga. There are now 150 children every day who are being taught and given “uji” (maize gruel). Out of these, approx. 15 children are from Christian homes – the rest are Muslim children. The Muslim imams evidently felt threatened when they saw “their” children going to a Christian nursery school. So they decided to build a Muslim nursery school, but the school fees were considerable higher than the fees at the church nursery school. The result was that the children returned to the church.

In this region we also paid a visit to a single mother of nine children. Thieves had broken into their home and maltreated her husband so bad that he died. There is so much suffering here and so many who need to feel that some one cares about them.

At Christmastime Tabitha had been invited to the nursery school at the slum to share the Christmas message with the children and their parents.

A mother said, **“Surely I should have kept my sick son home in bed today (he had a really high temperature), but he insisted in going because he wanted to see the flannel board figures and listen to the teaching.”** He remembered how Tabitha had used to teach with flannel board figures the previous year. Imagine, if we all loved the word of God like this boy.

It was an unforgettable day. Tabitha was moved to tears when the children handed her a present that they had bought for her.





Masai's

We have been back at the Masai's with food. This time Tabitha helped Mirjam in the distribution. This time we were able to buy rice and beans. What a tremendous joy at the Masai camp! It was an unforgettable Christmas.

Please remember to pray for rain in Tanzania. The lake is almost dried out. The lake is their water supply and all are busy right now sowing their fields. We pray that the rain may continue so that there may be a plentiful harvest this year. They really need that.

The poultry farm

Tausi and Mama Mamu who both lost their jobs are now in full swing working in the poultry farm. Tausi bred her first group of chicken and sold them as broilers to hotels and are now breeding their second group of chicken. We have encouraged Mama Mamu to start selling secondhand clothes as we have had to change our plans a bit.

We were suddenly unable to buy the neighbouring site for her and therefore she found another plot close by. We want to build a small house and a hen house, to begin with. She needs to live close to the





hen house or else the chicken may be stolen. She wants to hire out her present house and thereby receive a small income.

Thank you, dear ones who have supported these projects – it has enabled both of them to get on. When one door closes the Lord oftentimes opens up another. We have seen that many times.

Childrens crusade

Torkild's heart is still to preach the gospel to the village children. One of the latest crusades was held in a small village near Dodoma.

It was a recently started church of only four members who had invited us to come and help them do an evangelistic thrust. The pastor is doing a wonderful pioneer work in the area and is focusing on the unreached.

It turned out to be a great experience in many ways. During all our years in Tanzania we have never seen that many children and adults come out for a crusade. The hearts of the children were wide open and they received the message. When the crowd

went home after the meetings heaven and earth almost united – it was extremely dry and dusty and almost impossible to see the people. We just talked to the pastor who with great excitement informed us that 28 persons are now attending his church. All honour to Jesus.

We are so grateful to Friedhelm. He is now building a new church for them because they had no church building. Needless to say that God is still working miracles.



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Work holiday

In Denmark, Enok and Berrit Hansen are responsible for collecting things and loading containers. But not only that. They recently had four weeks of work holiday in Arusha when the containers had arrived and they helped us unpack the things, collect the desks, shelves, set up kitchens etc. We highly appreciate their help which enables us to continue sending out containers.

This was the latest news from Tanzania.

May Jesus bless all of you abundantly. Thank you so much for being willing to stand with us! We feel so privileged when we think of you all.

With love from
Tabitha og Torkild

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