



# Mission among children and youth in Tanzania

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## Beloved friends

### The vision has rekindled again

I, Tabitha, have had quite a long break when it comes to teaching the Christian faith to the children here. However, for quite some time I sensed that it was soon time to start giving the gospel to the children again.

Friday 31 May 2013 was a unique day to me. On that day I was in our new school teaching Christianity for the first time. About 80 students and the whole school staff were present. I used a flannel board although it is becoming an old-fashioned style of teaching. However, the children did not

consider it old-fashioned at all. No one had seen it before. I remember that at barely four years of age we were on our tenterhooks to look at the pictures and to follow along.

Try to imagine these little people praising the Lord with lifted hands as they praise and worship the



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Lord. It totally melts my heart. There is a little girl who is half African and half Chinese. She is so dear and so full of smiles.

A boy in the school named Gabriel is in 3rd class. He has no parents – both died from aids. He lived with his grandmother until recently. He did not do very well in school and was always un-concentrated. We decided to look into the matter and found the reason for his problem. He was living with his grandmother and was allowed to decide too many things. He had gotten acquainted with some bad behaved boys. At the age of 8 years he had begun smoking and stealing. He had joined a boys' gang and his situation was a strain on the grandmother who did not manage to help the boy.

We had a talk with the grandmother and asked her if it would be any help to her if Gabriel moved into our new Love Home at the house of John and Rosabella's. She was happy to get the offer and the boy was willing to make the move. After just one month this little boy completely changed. He has become one happy little guy. He smiles at me and talks to me when I come to the school. His behaviour in class has improved a lot and his manners changed totally after he was separated from his former friends.

How important it is for children to live in healthy surroundings. The Love Home is a place where the love of God is tangibly at work. Here, the children can grow up in a safe and very loving atmosphere.

Construction of the computer class is progressing. Only needs are glass to be put in the window frames, ceilings to put up and painted and walls to be painted. The students very much look forward to learn about computers.

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## Torkild in children's crusade

**In May, week 22 we held a children's crusade. Back in March we were at the same village, but at that time we had to cancel the meetings due to heavy rain.**

Torkild kept sensing in his heart, "We have to get back to this village." The village is very Muslim dominated (almost like Zanzibar) and there is little Christian activity in the region.

The church that invited us has only 12 members and experience a tremendous resistance from the Muslims. After our efforts with the crusade we trust that the local Christians will obtain more influence at the village and improve their relations with the Muslims.



It was evident at the crusade that many children had been forbidden to attend. The Muslims did some activities for them to try to prevent them from coming, but the children really wished to attend the crusade.



During Friday evening and night, the Muslims did a procession while they were beating their drums and walking up and down the streets. Torkild thought there was a wedding, as in their culture different events are announced that way, so he lay down to sleep.

The next morning the pastor and his wife told us that it had been a demonstration against the crusade and our film presentation. They warned the children against these strange Christians – “because they are dangerous!”

But God was in charge of the situation. The demonstration caused the exact opposite of what was intended. An increased number of children

and adults attended our activities on Saturday and Sunday. On the Sunday service the church was packed with children.

A seed was sown at this village. Now we ask Jesus that the seed may begin to grow and give a harvest. The Bible clearly tells us that the word of God shall never return empty.

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## Church dedications

**Torkild and our German friend, Friedhelm (who is building churches) were on a 10 days trip during which they held seven church dedications and inspected eight new church projects.**

The churches that were dedicated are all located in the coastal area not far from Dar es Salaam.

Some of the places were almost impassable as two days of constant rain had turned the dirt roads into a soap dish kind of mess.

In spite of the heavy rain, the people still turned up in big numbers. We really felt blessed being a part of the celebrations of this beautiful new church. Wish you could have experienced the joy and happiness of the church members. In Tanzania, a church is not just a place for Sunday services, but it is also a social meeting place, where people share news with each other and have a good time together.

One of the church dedications was in a village about 70 miles from Dar es Salaam. The trip took about three hours as the road was awful due to the rain. About a year ago, Torkild and the team had a children’s crusade at this place. Then, the church had 17 member and now at the dedication the pastor told us they had increased to 27 members. He said that this was the fruit of the children’s crusade.

The increase is not big, but we must remember how Muslim dominated the village is. It is a miracle when a Muslim decides to become a Christian, so we are deeply thankful to Jesus for the 10 new members.

One of the churches that were dedicated had been under construction for 15 years. We had previously held a crusade at that village. We decided to take some pictures of the halfway finished construction and showed them to Friedhelm.



Friedhelm prayed about whether to get involved and some time later he came to Torkild and said, "I would like to finish the church." I don't know if you can imagine the excitement that this announcement caused with the pastor and the church members. And now the day had arrived for the dedication.

Church dedications are very special events. The Christians dress up in their nicest clothes and the church is decorated beautifully.

Torkild was very tired as they returned home. He had been interpreting for Friedhelm during the entire trip. They had gone 2120 km (1317 miles) since they left Arusha. On the roads they had seen several serious accidents. Seven people were killed in one of them.

We really appreciate your prayers for us when we are on the long road trips. It is so good to know that many of you stand with us in prayer asking the Lord for guardian angels so surround us..





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## Clinic at Mswakini

**We are happy to inform you that our dear Masai friends, whom we have assisted with a lot of aid during recent years, have gotten a lot of rain this spring.**

It means that they will get a good harvest this year. We even heard that they started harvesting their maize. We are so happy for them. This year none of them will starve nor need to ask other people for help to survive.

For quite some time, the Masai's have been working on a clinic. There is a lot of need for a place to treat sick people so that they do not have to be transported 120 km to Arusha in order to obtain general medical assistance. We often think, "Wish we had had such a clinic when the Lorikus family was burnt." If only we had had a pain-killing drug and the first essential treatment of the burns.

The clinic will help treat the most common illnesses such as malaria, stomach infections, snake bites and assistance in child births. Many women and babies die during births because they need to be transported a long distance for treatment. Oftentimes, the transport is on the back end of a bicycle.

Unfortunately, the clinic is not completed and we cannot see how it can be. It is a weight on our hearts to give them a lift and to help them complete it.

When the last team of Alterna students from Mariager was here, they brought money for windows which they had collected. We are very grateful for this. Now we just need glass for the windows, new doors, walls to be smoothed and floor to be laid.



For that is needed:

- 7 doors = 6.400 DKK.
- Window glass = 2.400 DKK
- 100 bags of cement = 6.200 DKK
- Sand and water (yes, we have to get the water from a long distance) = 5,000 DKK
- Expenses to workers = 5,000 DKK

If you would like to help with some of this, please earmark your gift, "Clinic".



## Pudde

**At the house of our dear Pudde, many positive things are happening, but unfortunately a big prayer subject also.**



First, we are in full swing hand digging a well in order to provide water for them. They live on some sort of rocky ground, which makes the work more difficult since the ground is filled with rocks.

Sometimes the rocky layer is so hard to penetrate that dynamite is needed. But those that dig say that there are good prospects of finding water since the ground has changed and begin to be moist.

For quite some time, Pudde had had the help of a nice young lady to look after the children, but suddenly one day she disappeared without a word and Pudde was very sad. Pudde had given up on seeing the girl again, but half a year later some one was knocking on the door in tears. Guess who? The young girl. She had a huge belly and was clearly pregnant. She had not dared to tell Pudde about her situation and was broken-hearted, not knowing what to do. She asked for Pudde's forgiveness and permission to come back home. They discussed the matter and the girl was allowed to come back.

One week later as the girl was on her way to town, she got in labour. She did not make it to the hospital, but fortunately some passing women came to her assistance. By the grace of God and the help of these women, she managed to give birth to a lovely, healthy little boy named Samuel.

As most of you probably know, Pudde had surgery in her abdomen some time back, and we hoped she was well. However, she has just been at a check-up at the doctor's and was told that there is a big tumor on her uterus again. She feels so hop-

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less about the situation, but she needs surgery as soon as possible since she has a lot of pain and can just barely eat.

Thank you for your prayers for our dear Pudde and the children. Pudde is very nervous about this operation. The doctors believe they have to remove the entire uterus.

## Postscript

Pudde is now operated and they have taken the whole uterus. Thus, we hope that she will again be healthy and that there are no more nodes

I have visited her today in her home when she has been discharged. Thank you for your prayers for our dear Pudde.



### Regler for skattekvitteringer

SKAT kræver, at vi som beløbsmodtager skal indberette CPR-nr. på alle indbetalte beløb for den enkelte giver.

Dermed vil beløbet automatisk fremgå af det kommende års selvangivelse. For at opnå fradrag skal missionskassereren derfor have dit CPR-nr. og navn.

## Thank you so much

Sara, Mirjam, Per, Torkild and I are doing really well and look forward to having Rebekka back home during the summer holidays.

From the bottom of our hearts we want to thank you so much for your love for us, for your prayers and for your willingness to give to this ministry. Without your help we would never be able to help all the needy people.

**Wishing you a blessed summer time.**

**Much love  
from your friends in Tanzania,**

**Torkild and Tabitha**

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