



# Mission among Children and Youth in Tanzania

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## Dearly beloved friends,

Two years have passed since we last visited Denmark. On 14 April we will come to Denmark on a three months leave to inform about our ministry in Tanzania. During our tour of Denmark we hope to see many of our faithful friends who we love so much and who have been with us for many years. At the end of the letter please note our itinerary which shows the places we visit on our tour. We look forward to seeing you.

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## Emergency

We have been out to a new Masai area where one practically is running over hill and dale. Never have we been on such a bad road. There was 10 km dirt road with stones as shown in the picture.

We went to see the pastor and his wife who were very encouraged that we wanted to come. The meeting was outdoors because they do not have a church. The pastor is a Masai and he started a church among his people in an area where there was practically no Christian activity. The pastor never ever went to school. As a boy he was shepherding domestic animals in the field, and he never learned to read or write. When he



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*People are starving as it has not been raining for more than a year in this region.*

became a Christian as a grown-up he got a strong desire to attend Bible school. Very quickly - in a miraculously way - he learned to read and write. The ability seemed to be given as a gift from God to him.

They told us about women who come running with a cup and ask to have it filled with maize. But they have neither money nor food. It is not always easy to pastor under such difficult conditions. Fortunately we had brought a bag with 100 kg of maize to the pastor, who also was needy.



*The women are rejoicing when they receive a bucket of maize.*



*Some of the women did not have a bag for the maize, so they used their "kanga" (a piece of cloth).*

We could see for ourselves that there was an urgent need for help. The place looked like almost a desert. Everything was brown, dry and dusty because of a prolonged drought. They got their drinking water from a hole - it looked like oil.

It must be really hard for the families to not have any food to put on the table. The children get big bellies and other signs of malnutrition.

According to the pastor most families got only one meal a day, consisting of a small mug of ugali. We have therefore decided to give emergency in this new area together with our daughter, Mirjam. This means that at the moment we are running emergency aid to three different areas of the Masai country: Mswakini, as you may recall, Losimingori, and Olkokola.



*The little girl uses an empty mustard bottle from Denmark for drinking water.*



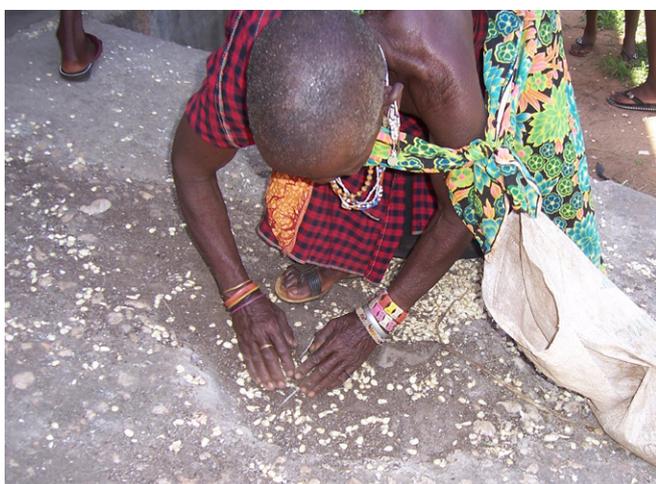
A sack of maize with 100 kg costs 220 Danish kroner. We will be so happy and thankful if some of you would like to help these poor people. Fortunately it seems that they will get a crop this year, as they now have rain, but they can only begin to harvest in late July.

During maize distribution, each household receives a large bucket of maize of 20 kg. Two weeks later we come back and give them a similar portion.

Almost every Masai "boma" (household) have a donkey that is used to transport their goods, as they often travel over large distances. They get their drinking water very far away - it is often a trip of 6-8 hours.

We hope that some of you reading this may want to help, so we can buy maize and help them survive until they get a new harvest.

**Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done** (Proverbs 19:17)



*Each maize grain is picked up when the distribution is over. Nothing is wasted.*



## Children's campaigns and church consecrations

We have held another really good children's campaign, invited by a small church with just a few members.

When the children came out it was obvious that the area was very Muslim dominated because all the girls wore a head scarf. But these children came out to hear the word of God every day and we were excited. The Muslim fathers had no objections and willingly allowed their children to go to the meetings.

When Torkild and the team hold campaigns in remote villages, they often see many half-finished churches that need a financial boost to get the building completed. We have the great privilege that our German friend, Friedhelm, is ready to finance the completion of many of these half-finished churches.

Torkild and Friedhelm were recently to 7 church consecrations around the country. At such consecrations pastors from neighbouring towns are usually invited. One day a pastor came up to Torkild and said joyfully, "Do you remember when you held a campaign in our village when our church had only 12 members? Today we have 80!" We were happy to get this update. It shows us that preaching the gospel in small churches is fruitful.

It is always a great celebration when a church is consecrated. The people are so grateful to finally see their church building completed. Many tears of joy are being shed, because now they have a place to worship.





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## Mama Lightness is an example of the love and care of our Father God

Mama Lightness came home from hospital for Christmas and stopped by our house together with her daughter. Once again she has a beautiful face, glory to God! Doctors have done a fine job, considering all the injuries she received.

She cried a lot while she was here, but it was tears of joy at all the help she had received. She was so moved at the fact that people in Europe had supported her in prayer and through giving funds towards her flight and hospital bill, so everything has been paid. Also, she was given a money gift so she is able to start up again in a new location in the village where she lives. She moved out of the house as she would not go back to where the abuse had taken place. The man is not yet found; he has gone into hiding, as they say. No one knows where he is and he is still wanted by the police.

She asked us to greet all of you lovingly and to say: "I cannot pay any of you back, but I fold my hands and ask my heavenly Father to bless you and to give you everything you need." Receive her warm greetings.

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## Another mother mistreated

There is a young mother named Mama Eunice, who is married and has two children. Both children attend our school and are sponsored by Denmark. When I recently came out to the school, Mama Eunice sat at a table in

the dining room looking terrified. She had fled at night to the school, just wearing panties and a kanga around her since the husband had beaten her to pieces and taken a stranglehold on her. She had marks on her neck from his fingers and stripes on the cheek from his fingernails. It was obvious that she had suffered abuse. This is the second time he has been cruel to her and now she will not go back to him.

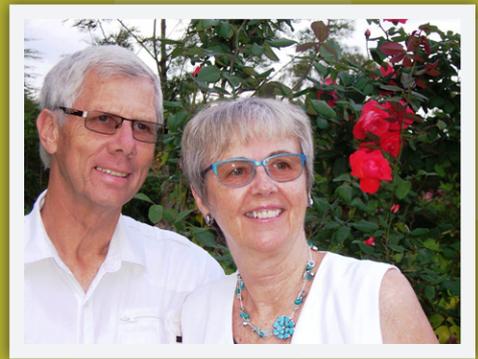
The man said she had been unfaithful to him and that the boy was not his son. He also said that he would kill both her and the boy. The big girl, Eunice, heard the parents' quarreling and got up to find out what was happening. When the father saw her, he shouted: "What do you want?" The girl replied, "I am thirsty and want a drink." This derived his attention and the mother was able to run out of the house.

Fortunately, he sent the children to school the next day, so we kept both mother and child. The authorities have denied him access to them. She has filed a police report so he cannot expect to get the children. The man is furious that the children would rather be with their mother.

We have promised to help her, so she will not be back with him again. We have previously brokered between them, but unfortunately without any success (e.g. because he has had relationships with other women).

Mama Eunice is a very competent woman. She said to me the other day: "I don't mind working as a horse as long as I don't have to return to my husband, because he is so evil."

# Mødeplan for Tabitha og Torkild forår og sommer 2016



Dato:	Tid:	Sted:	Kontaktperson:
Sunday 17.04.2016	10:00	Betania KirkeCenter Blåhøj Stationsvej 27, 7330 Brande	Bent Ole Sørensen 2023 0085
Tuesday 19.04.2016	10:00	Vejle Pinsekirke Grejsdalsvej 16, 7100 Vejle	Tonny Jacobsen 5188 1222
Thursday 21.04.2016	19:00	Karstoft Samlingshus Blåhøjvej 60, Karstoft, 6933 Kibæk	Birte Olsen 9719 6190
Sunday 24.04.2016	10:00	Kristent Center Midt-Vest Struervej 80, 7500 Holstebro	Vagn Kristiansen 2048 4282
Wednesday 27.04.2016	11:30	Seniors, Frokostmøde KKKC Drejervej 11-21, 2400 KBH NV	Inger Kristiansen 4018 2115
Thursday 28.04.2016	10:30	Frokostmøde Evangeliekirken Worsaaesvej 5, 1972 Frederiksberg	Verner Madsen 2623 5907
Sunday 01.05.2016	10:30	Apostolsk Kirke Hillerød Åmosevej 11-13, 3400 Hillerød	Eigil Kückelhahn 2588 4951 / 4879 4951
Wednesday 04.05.2016		Bornholm	
Sunday 08.05.2016	10:30	Common service Pinsekirken og Missionsforbundet, Rønne	Flemming Frandsen Michael Kårby
No arrangements during Whitsun 09.05.-16.05.2016			
Wednesday 18.05.2016	10:00	Betania seniors, frokostgruppen and friends from Vestermærkskirken	Kaj og Ingelise 2132 9938
Sunday 22.05.2016	10:00	Thisted Pinsekirke Tilstedvej 20, 7700 Thisted	Bent Larsen 2395 6344
Monday 23.05.2016	10:30	Senior group in Horsens Bygholm Parkvej 1, 8700 Horsens	Charles Marcussen 2577 6062
Thursday 26.05.2016	14:00	Vennetræf i Ålborg	Gunda Mortensen 5192 8848
Sunday 29.05.2016	10:30	Pinsekirken Esbjerg Bjarkesgade 2, 6700 Esbjerg	Ole H.D. Madsen 7512 0100
Tuesday 31.05.2016	14 - 16	Aarhus seniors, CityKirken Viborgvej 173, 8210 Aarhus V	Frede Rasmussen frede@frederasmussen.dk
Sunday 05.06.2016			
Tuesday 07.06.2016	19:30	Tarm eller Skjern	Misse og Leif Sig Jensen 4198 0947
Sunday 12.06.2016	10:30	Grenaa Frikirke Østergade 37, 8500 Grenå	Thomas Carbac 2252 3456
Friday 17.06.2016	15:00	LMF Århus, Risskov Sognegård	Birthe Steffensen
Sunday 19.06.2016	11:06	Frikirken i Multihuset Hirsevej 9, 6100 Haderslev	Raymond Marquardt raymond@multihuset.dk
Sunday 19.06.2016	19:00	Kristus Kirken i Rødding, Sønderallé 21, 6630 Rødding. Beginning with supper at 17:30	Mirjam Blichfeldt 2554 5519 Bruno 3082 3117
Wednesday 22.06.2016			
Sunday 26.06.2016	10:00	Breakfast and service, Herning Frikirke Møllegade 1B, 7400 Herning	Palle Flyger 97225580

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## The school

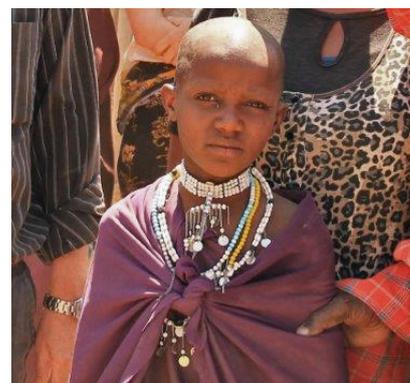
We managed to get one of two classrooms completely finished before school started in January 2016 so that we could move a group of students up to 6th grade. The goal was to get two new classrooms, but the second classroom still needs to be painted and glass put in the windows. Our goal is to complete it this year.

We are in full swing building toilet facilities for teachers and school staff. It is a requirement from the authorities so the workmen are busy, as we have already exceeded the time limit.

We have done something clever, we think. We have placed a 40-foot container on top of two other containers. In this container we have made two rooms, so we can have volunteer residents - both boys and girls. At this moment we have two young men staying out there and they think it's great, because in this way they get in touch with the local population, especially the children. And at the same time they save about three hours a day which it takes to travel back and forth between Arusha and the school.

## Visit to Denmark

When we come to Denmark, we are going to show you a presentation that tells of a little girl who was married off as a 5-year-old to a man of over 50. This is illegal and through the help of God we had the girl released, but only after a long and difficult process.



We look forward to being back in Denmark, especially to seeing our children, our children-in-law our grandchildren, and other family and friends.

## Love from your extended arms in Tanzania, Torkild and Tabitha

### 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.

Har du brug for mere information om dette, kan du kontakte ham på email:

ymission@stofanet.dk, pr. tlf. 75353058 eller pr. brev til Willy Højgård, Søndermarksvej 307, 7190 Billund.

I 2016 kan man få fradrag i henhold til skattelovens § 8a på op til kr. 15.200,00, hvis man har givet kr. 15.200,00.