



# **Mission among** Children and Youth in Tanzania

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# Dear faithful friends

Torkild and I were five weeks in Denmark recently. We made the travel because of our grandchild's confirmation. It was a wonderful day.

We booked our tickets in October last year, seven months before, to ensure a seat. We did not know what God had in mind with the visit other than that. Later we understood that God had planned a trip where nothing was a coincidence.



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## Mirjam's surgery

Mirjam had been booked for a hip surgery for a very long time. It had been postponed before because the surgery was very complicated needing two specialists. Imagine that the same day we left Tanzania for Denmark Mirjam had surgery in the morning. The next day we landed in Billund airport and before night Mirjam was dismissed from the hospital. They had informed her that it was a three day duration, but not so.

The surgery was successful so the doctors decided to dismiss her the day after the surgery. We just want to thank the Lord Jesus and those of you that prayed for Mirjam.

So it was possible for us to help as Per had to go to work. It was planned so wonderfully that we were able to care for Mirjam for five weeks. The first two weeks after the surgery she needed help for almost everything. Only God can plan a thing like that seven months ahead of time.

As we left for Tanzania again Mirjam was able to manage at the house and do the cooking.

Mirjam has been an incredible help in the ministry. We supplement each other so well. With Mirjam at our side we are strong and encouraged to continue the ministry.



## Pius' widow

James 1:27 says for us to care for orphans and widows. It has always been on our hearts and an important part of our ministry. Recently we received another cry of emergency concerning a widow and her two children.

This widow lost her husband, Pius, about a year ago. Pius worked for us. He was very competent laying bricks and doing plumbing work. Unfortunately he had a problem with alcohol which we believed was the cause of his death.

His widow, mama Prayson has a hard time financially and we would like to help her. She has two small children and we would like to help with tuition. Some years ago we built a small house for them so she does not need to pay any rent.

The picture at the top of the page: Part of the house (two rooms) which we built 10 years ago. Before Pius died he set out building some extra rooms with the purpose of renting out and thereby getting an extra income. He only finished the walls before he died.

We would like to finish the construction so she can have a monthly income.

Every morning she goes out to buy fresh vegetables. Then she sits down on the street and sells the things

but she makes only a little money and has a hard time not having enough. Although she does the best she can it cannot cover her basic expenses.

At the moment our workers are finishing the roof. Then they will put in windows and doors and finish the walls inside and outside.

This has all been possible to do thanks to you, dear friends who answered our cry. We want to thank you from the depth of our hearts for every donation we received. "Many streams small make a big river".





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## Children's crusade and seminar

We just did another crusade in a village south of Dodoma.

So many children came out the very first day, and how wonderful that many adults came out also. The weather was beautiful with no rain.

Several children notified that they wanted to receive Jesus as their Savior and follow him. But many adults also wanted to be saved. Again and again the simple message to the children reached the adults also.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings were spent with seminars for church workers from the local churches. Good to see that 40 workers came and sat under the teaching every day.

It was a privilege to see that three workers in our crusade team were able to teach others how to work with children and make the gospel relevant to them. For a long time we had a vision to equip Sunday School teachers.

We have received free teaching material from a Christian organization in the United States, teaching books for Sunday School teachers and notebooks. It is a great help for the volunteers in the churches. There is hardly ever any access to teaching material in the churches out in the bush.

There was a lot of excitement after the seminar. Now they could go back to their respective churches with a renewed inspiration and ideas of how to teach the children.







The Sunday service was an unforgettable day to the team. After the service the pastor called all the children to come forward to help pray for the team.

The presence of God was tangible and I believe the whole team was moved as we listened to the simple prayers of the children. It was so genuine and a holy moment.

Jesus gives us wonderful days carrying out the crusades that have now been extended with seminars for children's church workers.





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## News from Mirjam



**Dear friends,**

I FINALLY have some good news. After many months of uncertainty, isolation and pain I am now on the other side of the surgery. I cannot describe how relieved I am that the surgery was successful. They changed parts in my hip, which was very much porous. The doctors had to repair a lot of holes. They had no count of how many holes there was, but just said that it was many.

There were some tough days after the surgery and I am so grateful that Mom and Dad were in Denmark. They

landed on that same day that I got back from the hospital. Mom took so good care of me and Dad helped with many practical things.

It was such a gift to have them close to me. We also discussed different things in connection with the work in Tanzania as they are in charge of my projects at this time. However I expect to return after the summer vacation and must admit that I look forward to that. But first I have to be able to walk inside and outside without crutches. It has been tough having to use two crutches – because one cannot carry or lift anything.

I am also so grateful for my beloved Per and my little family who has really supported and helped me through tough moments. Now I am at the other side and on 28th July I will go back to the hospital to find out if the bones are healing as they are supposed to. I believe they are! Because Jesus is with me and has been with me all the way.

Thank you all who have faithfully prayed for me. It has helped carry me through many tough months. Thank you for your continued prayers that everything may heal. It will take up to two years for the bones to heal, the doctor said. Thank you for flowers, cards, greeting, talks and prayers through the many weeks I have been in isolation. I have appreciated that very much. I did not feel alone because of that.

I wish you all an amazing summertime.

**Love  
Mirjam**

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## Church dedication

Do you remember the church that was built at the Masai's in Matala A? The church is finished, ready for dedication. Therefore we plan a church dedication at the end of July since we are having visitors that would like to be a part of a church dedication in the bush.

The pastor's wife was just at our house and told us that the whole village is still talking about the miracle that God did for the church. The region where it was built is very poor. Everybody is sure that God blessed the work and therefore the church is now complete.

Once again God showed his love for His children. We are grateful that God inspired you, beloved friends to support the church construction.



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## In a sad mood

Recently, Torkild and the team were away at a crusade and I, Tabitha was home alone.

One morning I felt really sad, I don't know why - maybe because it is dark and cold at this time of year and days without sunshine. I worked in the office and listened to a cd with the lyrics, "Throw yourself into the arms of the Savior". The song moved my heart and I broke out in praise to the Lord. Suddenly I experienced that the burden on my heart making me sad was turned into joy.

Later the same day I saw the Sunday service being streamed from our church in Denmark. A young girl, Jessie was getting ready to go to Argentina to be a missionary. Jessie and her sister sang the song, "The Old Rugged Cross" in Spanish. It sounded heavenly and again I was moved by the goodness of God. Then they sang the song in Danish, but it was so beautiful in Spanish. There is something about the old hymns that touches the hearts so much. What a joy that missionaries are still being sent out with the good news.



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I called Torkild and told him. Afterwards he wrote a very loving text message:

“Tabitha, you are such a precious jewel in the eyes of God. All that we experience together, not only our crusades but all the work that we do is just because of your faithfulness and obedience when you accepted the call of God as a small girl. Your life is a living testimony. I love you very much. You are a great example to me.”

That text moved me deeply and my heart overflowed with joy.

With these words we would like to thank all of you so much for your prayers and for the money gifts you send to the work here. Without you we would never be able to help all the needy people.

**Love and peace from God,  
Torkild and Tabitha**



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