



# Mission among Children and Youth in Tanzania

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## Dear beloved and faithful Friends,

We are already well underway with the new year, 2015. However, I would like to go back and tell you about an amazing month of December, which we shared with our entire family. It was great to be together for three weeks - it cannot be described in words. Christian, our son had only been here for a day then he remembered his Swahili, although it was 13 years ago since he was in Tanzania. He took the Africans by storm. We had planned to go to Zanzibar on a week's vacation with the whole family - including Miriam and her family. This was perfect, because if Torkild wants a vacation he needs to leave the house. If he stays at home there are always people coming or something has to be done. It was an unforgettable week where we had plenty of time to talk

and have fun in the pool - and the kids enjoyed it to the full. I was so grateful for every day I was able to spend with Christian and Vinni's three little boys. They thought it was so cool to be in Tanzania, to see where grandpa and grandma lived, and to play with our three dogs. It was the boys' first trip to Tanzania.

Our Christmas Eve at Per and Miriam's house was wonderful and blessed. It had been 15 years since we last celebrated Christmas as a whole family.

But boy it was difficult to say goodbye - especially to the little boys that I had become so attached to. The day after they left, I cried many times as I cleaned up the house. Their toys were sitting where they had left them in the evening. Now I could just pack them all away. In the hallway, their little shoes had been left, to be given

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away. Each time, I came across something that reminded me of my children and grandchildren, tears came to my eyes. We are so thankful that we had three incredible weeks together.

After they returned home, the youngest boy, Simon of three years said: “We must go back to Africa!” His mother replied: “We cannot do that just now, Simon, because it is a long way to go.” He replied, “But Mom, we could just get onboard the big plane and it will take us there.” We hope they will soon return. It is precious to have all our children, our children-in-law and our grandchildren at our house.

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## Mama Jesca and Veronica

Thank you for the support for the two single mothers. It has been a great help and encouragement for them that there are people who stand with them. Mama Jesca and her children, who suddenly lost their dear father



and husband are doing better and trying to cope with things.

Veronica and her three children are thriving. In January, they moved out to the village, where our new school is located. Veronica helps clean the school – and she really likes that. The two oldest of her children now attend school and the oldest one said to his mother the other day: “Mom, we are never going back to Arusha, are we?” They used to live in the slums, but they now live in a lovely room with electricity.

In the slums they had a mud hut with holes in the roof. It was an unhealthy place and the children were always sick. When we saw them in their new home recently, the kids were taking a nap in the afternoon. It was obvious that they were doing really well.

Unfortunately, Veronica was not feeling quite well. She has uterine prolapse and is in quite a lot of pain. We sent her to the hospital for examination and hope that the doctors can help her.





## Pudde

Pudde has been here several times since Christmas. She has a hard time at the moment because her mother is very ill. She has been diagnosed with a narrowing in the neck and can barely eat or drink. She has been hospitalized and one day Pudde's father went to see her. As he arrived in Arusha and got off the bus, he was hit by a motorbike. He broke his shinbone and got some nasty abrasions in the accident. So he too had to be hospitalized and got a plate implanted in his leg.

Due to all of this, Pudde asked for some extra days off to care for her parents - the response being that she got fired. At the hospitals, relatives are required to supply all the food to those who are sick. The situation was a big strain on Pudde, and it was increased by the loss of her income. Both parents have now been released from hospital and live with Pudde who take care of them.

## Construction of the Love Home

Construction of the Love Home is proceeding and the first stage is almost finished. The dining room and the kitchen are almost ready to be used. The painter is painting the walls and when he is done, the kitchen and dining hall will be opened. It will be wonderful! The builders have started working on the dormitory and the toilets upstairs.





## School

We are happy to announce that the school has quite a lot of new students from January 2015. Right now, there are 200 students, which means that the economy is healthy and the school is able to pay for the daily operations. During 2015, we need to finish the ground floor, which will give us an additional two classrooms. For this purpose, we need a financial boost. If anyone would like to sponsor that, the money should be earmarked "School Construction." We would be very grateful for your help as the two new classrooms must be ready as per 1st January 2016.

## The Children's Crusade

During the first week of January, Torkild and the team headed out for their first children's crusade in 2015. They were going to a remote village in the south of Tanzania, where many are Muslims. The village is in a valley and it was very hot, but nature was really beautiful there. The rainy season had just started. However, right where they were there was no rain until Saturday night, when it began raining cats and dogs. They had four wonderful days and both children and adults came to the meetings and watched the movie at nights. The Christians that had invited us said that





it was their first open air meeting ever with a focus on children. For quite some time, the church had been running a preschool class with just a few students, but after the crusade there were a much larger number of students. We were grateful to hear that, as this is part of the purpose with our crusades. It is important that the local churches get in touch with the children so that through the children a natural contact to the parents is established.

## Church Openings

Torkild had been home for one day only – then the busyness returned. 100 church openings were waiting for his participation – some even in south Tanzania. But only nine of the churches were opened then because the heavy rain caused the road leading to one of the churches to totally disappear! But the church is finished and the congregation now has a building for their services.

Every church opening is such a wonderful experience. The church members are so happy and grateful to Jesus because they get help to finish the building. They see it as God's love and care for them. During the opening ceremony many burst into tears out of gratitude.

In addition to the church openings, we have been inspecting 13 new church projects in very poor regions.

It was very clear that one of them needed a new building. The old church did not look very much like a church although it was still in use. Years ago, the pastor and his wife pioneered a work at their village. Before then, there had been no gospel outreach there, as the place was dominated by Islam. Their church was the only Pentecostal church in a region with a population of 4,000. But while we were there we heard a powerful testimony from the pastor's wife. Her name is Fatuma Yusufu and she told us that Jesus had revealed himself to her while she was still a Muslim.

She was born into a Muslim family and went to the mosque every day to pray since she was a small girl. At some point in her adult life she was seriously ill and just wanted to die. She began praying that if God was really



there that he would take her spirit home, as she could not cope with the pain anymore. During her private prayer she suddenly heard a voice telling her that if she would receive Jesus as her savior, He was going to heal her. She got in touch with some Christians who prayed for her – and she was totally healed. She has now served the Lord Jesus with her husband since 1995.

Fatuma and her husband are true pioneers. They walk from house to house testifying about the faithfulness of

God. The church is nothing but a dirt hut with a grass roof, but the members of the congregation managed to build a small church of bricks. Friedhelm promised to put a roof on the building and to finish it, so that it could be a testimony about the love and care of their Father God.

We are so pleased and grateful to our German friend, Friedhelm who helps finish all of these half-finished



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churches. He is such a blessing to our ministry. For the time being he is paying for the completion of three churches a month. It adds up to a lot of churches in a year. Oftentimes they are churches that Torkild noticed while driving around the country.

One day as we were going to a church opening, we drove through a sugar cane plantation. We noticed a number of workers at the roadside struggling with something. As we got closer, we saw that they were trying to kill a giant boa of 3-4 meters and they finally managed to cut off its head. Although the head had been cut off it kept moving and stilled looked very much alive for a while. It had been hiding among the sugar canes and the workers told us that they had been searching for it for quite some time. Goats and sheep had disappeared for a long time. A snake like that is deadly, especially to children, so the Africans rejoiced when they managed to find it.

**We wish all of you the very best and thank you a million for working with us, as we reach out to needy people.**

**With love, yours  
Torkild and Tabitha**



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