



Mission among Children and Youth in Tanzania

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Dear faithful friends



On August 30, we had a fantastic graduation party for 36 students in 7th grade at our school, Tumaini.

All the students participated – from baby class to 7th grade – and many parents and guests attended.

The students from the different classes helped to make the party festive to say goodbye to the 7th grade. They sang, danced, performed skits, and had a fashion show. It was truly a day of celebration.



The 7th grade students received their diplomas, gifts, and a new Bible, which we hope will be their best book forever.

The party ended with a really nice dinner, which all students and guests attended.





Children's campaign

Torkild and the team have just returned from a fantastic children's campaign in a village southeast of the capital Dodoma.

At our campaigns, we often find that not many children show up on the first day. This time it was different. The day before the children's meeting was to begin, two members of the Gospel



team, dressed as rabbits, drove around the village to draw attention to the upcoming children's meetings.

As a result, many children and adults came on the first day, and more and more children came every day.

The pastor said that some children and parents walked over an hour each way to attend.

We thank Jesus that there were several children and adults who wanted us to pray with them for salvation. The most important thing of all is that the children experience that Jesus loves them and will prepare a place for them in heaven.



The seminar

Once again, the seminar for Sunday school teachers was a success. Eighteen Sunday school teachers from various churches faithfully attended every morning for three days. They were very enthusiastic about both the teaching and the materials they took home to use in Sunday school.

We were surprised to discover how poor the Sunday school teachers were. Many did not even have a Bible. We had brought New Testaments with us, which we distributed to all of them. Of the 18 participants, only four had a Bible.



The Good Samaritan

(Luke 10:30)

This story reminds us not to close our eyes and walk past those in need. During our children's campaigns, we see sick people showing up, hoping to get help. Often, they have no way of seeking medical help because they are in such dire financial straits that it is a matter of survival. Since the villages are very remote, they have to travel far to get to a hospital. It is heartbreaking to see people suffering and living with severe pain.

This man was carried to our meetings.

He had an open wound on his ankle that was very inflamed and caused severe pain both day and night. He had been ill for over a year and hoped we could help him.



Another had broken his arm and was unable to see a doctor. Therefore, people had tried to help him with the materials at hand. Unfortunately, he was in pain in his arm. We gave the pastor money and asked him to make sure he got to a hospital. The pastor later called us to inform that the hospital got his arm in a cast and that he is now pain-free.

A young mother, who was paralyzed from the knees down, walked on their knees and crawled around. She was born with feet that turned the wrong way. Unfortunately, she is too old for the doctors to straighten

her legs. She wanted a wheelchair so that she could avoid crawling on her knees.

We have prayed for all of them that Jesus will touch them and heal them. We feel that we have a responsibility to help them. So we gave them some money and asked the pastor to make sure they come to a hospital and get the necessary treatment.

If you would like to help the young mother get a wheelchair, you can send a gift to our mission account. A wheelchair costs about DKK 1000. The account number is at the bottom of the magazine.

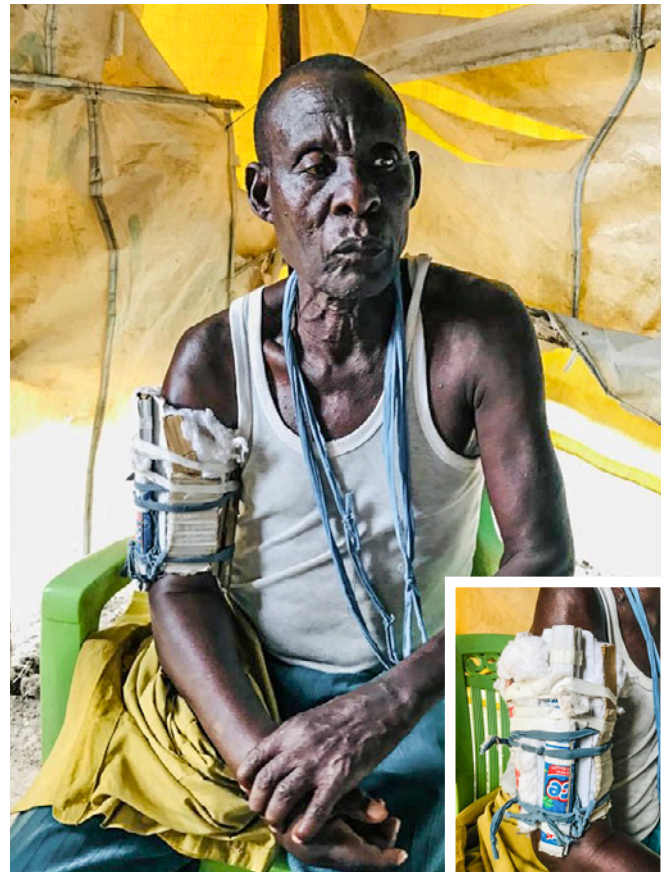
God is transforming people

During our last campaign, a pastor came from a village where we had held a children's campaign earlier this year. This pastor has had a very hard time and has experienced a lot of resistance because he and his wife have been involved in protecting young girls. These girls come to the church for help when they are being married off against their will at age 14. This created such problems for him that the village leaders put him in jail. The tribe he works among as an evangelist has a tradition that girls are considered marriageable from the age of 14.

The law says that girls must be 18 years old before they can get married, but it is extremely difficult to change many years of traditions.

After the children's campaign in this village, God began to work miracles for the pastor and his church. New people came to the church and the membership began to grow. At one point, some men from the village leadership approached the pastor. The people who had thrown him in jail for protecting the young girls now came to ask for forgiveness. At the same time, he was asked to become part of the village leadership!

What a wonderful God we belong to! The pastor said to us, "I just had to meet you again and tell you what Jesus has done for me and the church since you held this children's campaign." We want to give all the glory to Jesus. We are just His instruments; it is He who can bring about these transformations.



News from Mirjam

Dear friends,

How wonderful it is to finally be back in Tanzania. After many turbulent months, it is such a blessing to be home again. What seemed impossible from a human perspective, God has made possible.

We have received a request for help concerning little Clarence Baraka, aged 5. He lives in the Dodoma area, so he has to travel a whole day by bus to get to Arusha, where the help is available. He was born without feet and arms. It is so difficult for the little boy and especially for his mother. His father ran away screaming when he discovered that his son was born without hands and feet, but his mother has faithfully cared for him. She has no way of paying for prosthetics for him.

I have sent our employee, Obedi, to the hospital with which we collaborate when it comes to prosthetics. The specialist who makes prosthetics believes she can help Clarence to walk for the first time. It will cost around DKK 10,000. I can really understand that a mother who earns less than DKK 30 a day has given up when it comes to helping her beloved child. It is an extremely difficult situation for her as a single mother.

But then I thought of the wise saying that many small streams make a big river, so we will probably have enough in our "river" to help him get a pair of legs so that he can walk around like other children. My DREAM is that if this succeeds and goes well, then perhaps we can also work together to help him get prosthetic arms. But let's take it one step at a time. I hope you will stand with us to help little Clarence.



You may do it the following way:

Thank you all who prayed for me while I was going through a difficult time. I am grateful for my team here who keeps working while I am in Denmark. They have worked hard to keep things going so that children could maintain their help. I am happy to be back and get involved in various things.

New decisions have to be made, so it is important that I am here to be able to estimate what projects to get involved with.

**Love
Mirjam**

I hope you will stand with us to help little Clarence. You may do it the following way:

**Transfer to IBAN account no. DK7097120741793075
Account name: Betania Kirkecenters Ydremsion
Swift code: VEHODK22 Bank name: Vestjysk Bank,
marked "Bjerre's Mission".**

Please write Clarence in the comments.

Volunteers

We had two girls from Copenhagen, Cathrine Fuglsang and Laura Jørgensen, as volunteers at our school, Tumaini. They quickly became part of the teaching staff at the school and were well-liked among the students. They lived at the school during the week and came to us on the weekends, where we enjoyed each other's company in the evenings. It was difficult to say goodbye when they had to return to Denmark, because we had become like a family.

We have just welcomed a young married couple, Noah and Johanne Fuchs, also from Copenhagen. They had the opportunity to start their three-month period here by joining a children's campaign. It was an eventful and good experience for them.

They saw a village where there was great poverty. They sensed the local population's struggle to survive. It was very primitive, and they got to see, as they say, the real Africa.

Now they are going to be volunteers at the school, Tumaini, where they will be teaching assistants.



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Mirjam

We are so happy that Mirjam has been given the green light to travel to Tanzania again. We had a good laugh



because Mirjam was at Skejby Hospital for a check-up. She spoke to the specialist who operated on her hip. He was clearly happy to see her again—and pleasantly surprised that she could now move around completely normally. He was completely satisfied with the operation and gave her the green light to travel to Tanzania again. The day after her checkup, she booked a ticket to Tanzania, and she will be here for four weeks from late September to early October.

When our staff heard the good news, they rejoiced. Together with them, we thank the Lord Jesus from the bottom of our hearts for this great miracle that HE has done for Mirjam. Many people have prayed for Mirjam. God is so good and deserves all the glory.

Per also deserves a big thank you for giving Mirjam the freedom to travel here and help with the work. May the Lord bless him for that.

Dear friends, thank you so much for standing with us in the work in Tanzania. May the Lord bless and keep you.

**Warm regards from
Torkild and Tabitha**

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