



Mission among Children and Youth in Tanzania

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ceedings were withdrawn.

It all was SO nerve-racking. Per and Mirjam had the ticket to travel back on September 3th. Per had to notify the airline whether he was flying. THREE days before the deadline we were called up and told that there was now a bright light for Per and that he was welcome back to Tanzania. It sparked wild jubilation and joy in both Karstoft

Dear beloved and faithful friends

"Cast all your worries upon him, for he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

We have experienced that. And we can confirm that God is never too late. Sometimes the pressure is great, like when the answer came in the 11th hour.

As many of you probably know, Per and Mirjam had to leave Tanzania and go to Denmark. This was due to problems with Per's work permit. Unfortunately, his auditor did not remember to pay Per's tax for a long time. Per had paid the money to the accountant, who would make sure it was paid. It took almost 6 months to get the case resolved. It was very difficult. The pro-

and Arusha. We were SO thrilled! We just thanked and praised the Lord from the bottom of our hearts for the great miracle He had done. Now we have Per's work permit, and at the time of writing, Per and Mirjam are on their way back.

Torkild and I are so happy that we are receiving them back here. It has been hard being without them. We have been overloaded with work over the last six months. They are very helpful; a gift from the Lord to us in the various daily tasks.

We would like to say Thank You very much to all of you who prayed for Per and Mirjam. "Nothing is impossible with God."

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30 years in Tanzania

We decided to be silent about our 30th anniversary on the mission field to our volunteers. Here's a quick glimpse of the 30 years we have been able to serve the Lord in Tanzania:

First priority throughout all years has been to conduct children's campaigns and to bring the gospel to the children; especially in Muslim areas.

There have been 303 Church Initiations over the years (they have been financed by our German friend Friedhelm). We have also built and financed a few churches from scratch, such as in Arusha's slums, at Wilson in Dar Es Salaam, where there are many Muslims, and with the Masai people in Mswakini - just to mention a few.

We have built two complete schools (what is called "English medium") from kindergarten class to 7th grade.

We have built an orphanage (The Love Home), which has 32 children. We also help with the daily operation of four other orphanages.

And we have built homes for several of our employees – 11 homes so far.

Throughout the years it has been a great pleasure to help many poor and orphaned children to get an education. At the moment we have about 250 children who are sponsored with schooling.

In recent years, we have driven a lot of relief to three areas among the Masai, where there has been a hunger due to prolonged drought.

All of this has been possible because of your faithful support. It amazes us to see how God has provided people who stand with us to relieve the poverty and give the children a future.

From the depths of our hearts we want to thank you so much for all your support throughout all these years.

Thank you for being a helping hand where there is a need.

The greatest Thanks of all go to our heavenly Father because He is faithful. Through all the years, He has never forsaken us.





Children's Campaigns

At the last children's campaign we could not find a place to stay. The village was very remote and the population extremely poor. Most houses were built out of dirt. There was no guesthouse where we could stay. The Catholics had a nice guesthouse, so we asked if we could rent it. But they would not let us have it because we were not Catholics.. At last we managed to find a house that we could rent. It had no windows or doors - nor any ceilings. But we said "Thank you" and put our tents up in the house. It exceeded all expectations.

We were a little worried after the experience with the Catholic's guesthouse, thinking that they might prevent the children from coming to the children's meetings. But glory to Jesus; Right from the first day, there were lots of children and adults, and it

continued throughout the week.

The children were very excited about the "rabbit" that ran around and danced with the them. One day the rabbit came on a bike – the children loved that. They also enjoyed our puppet "Kadogo", who, to their great amazement, could both speak and sing. The word of God was preached and every night we showed films.



In between children's meetings and films, there is some time for a cup of coffee which is very much enjoyed



About a year ago we had a children's campaign in another village in the same area. The pastor came to join and he told joyfully that when we visited them, the church had only 12-14 members. They subsequently experienced a whole new time and now there were between 70 and 80 members. All honor to Jesus.



The church that had invited us this time had only 5 members. It's a newly started church. They usually gather under a tree. For the Sunday service, we were allowed to use the classroom of the school, and the picture here speaks for itself. It was so crowded that many had to stand outside and look through the windows.

"As a hen gathers her chickens under her wings ..." this is how God looks after us. (Matthew 23:37)





The school

We are so happy for the school, which has now been completed. Only the last exterior paint is missing. We think that the result is very nice. We would like to say Thank You very much to anyone who supported the construction financially, and a special Thank You to the secondhand store "Art" in Rønne, which has been a tremendous help to us.

We have had a volunteer, Louise Niss from Aalborg. She has lived at the school and has helped teach, espe-

cially in the Christianity classes. She was so excited about being here and many tears fell when she had to say goodbye to the students. She was also a frequent guest at the orphanages. The children loved her and she loved them.

September 22 will be a special day at the school. On that day we graduate the 7th grade. This is the first time we graduate 7th grade since the school started. At the same time, we wish to celebrate the fact that the school has now been completed - and we celebrate our 30th anniversary!



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A heartwarming story

Here is a little boy named Samwel, whom we sponsored for many years. Samwel was orphaned and lived at "The Love Home" while at school.

After graduation, he became a guide for tourists who came to climb Kilimanjaro. The company he worked for was so pleased with him that they encouraged him to become a cook. He got an apprenticeship and later he was a trainee at one of the major hotels in Arusha. The hotel management was very pleased with him and employed him as soon as he graduated. At the hotel one day there were some German guests who noticed Samwel, his radiance and skill. These guests owned a hotel in Germany. They wanted Samwel to come to Germany for further training at their hotel. At the time of writing he is almost ready for departure.

Samwel arrived here at the office to tell us the happy news. I, Tabitha, have never received as many hugs from my students as I got from him and he cried and cried for joy. He kept saying, "It's because of you, mom. You sent me to school when life seemed so hopeless. When my parents died when I was in 4th grade, you sent me to the "Love Home" and got me to a private school. Now I'm graduated and soon on my way for further education in Germany." And then he hugged me again and I felt so happy and grateful.



An experience like that is such an encouragement and makes us want to continue on. And it shows that our work is not in vain.

With these lines, we wish you all the best.

***Yours with love from Tanzania
Torkild and Tabitha***

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