



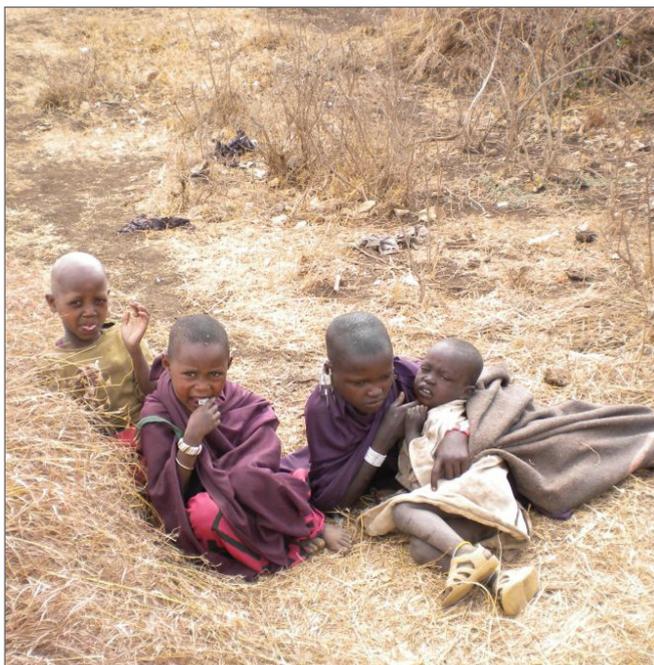
Mission among children and youth in Tanzania

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Beloved friends

It is with a great burden on my heart that I write this first article. Some may have received it through the e-mail already, but we would like to share with all our friends about the famine that is here in Tanzania.



Mirjam and the girls returned from Denmark recently. Mirjam writes,

"It is with mixed emotions that I express my heart. The wonderful holiday in Denmark just a few weeks back is still vivid in my memory. So much hospitality was shown to me and the girls and the most delicious food was served. I am sure we gained at least



3 kilo weight each. But as we landed in Kenya and drove with Per back to Tanzania I felt like weeping.

Here we were, satisfied and full of good memories, but the region that we passed through was a dry and barren land. While in Denmark I heard on the news of a famine in Africa's Horn with a special focus on Somalia where millions starve.

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As usual, Kenya was also mentioned with their drought problems. But the truth is that all of East Africa is suffering. In several regions of our beloved Tanzania, the drought is taking its toll, especially on the Masai's.

We just left a world of abundance with lots and lots of rain and returned back to a world that can do absolutely nothing to change their situation. While I had gained weight over the last month, my friends in the Masai land had lost equally much."

Mirjam and I, Tabitha, would like to make an effort to collect money for food and to reach out to the many people who starve. We also want to distribute food in the schools. The students fall asleep in the classrooms because they are hungry and cannot concentrate.

A sack of maize costs right now DKK 250 and will be enough for an average family for about two months.

One of our Masai guards was home with his wife for three weeks. As he returned he told us with a quivering voice, "It is a chaotic situation for my people. They have no food. Many of them sleep throughout the day because of undernourishment."

We just did an outreach with food and water. This brought back hope to some of them – and the smile returned on the faces of our dear Masai friends.

Never before have we experienced a hunger like this in Tanzania. We reach out to Masai's in three large regions. Our emergency aid team just got back from a new area where we handed out 100 sacks of maize. They returned home shocked and expressed that they had never seen anything like this.

There are many things we do not understand. It rains so heavily in Denmark that it prevents the farmers from getting their crops in their barns. Here in Tanzania it is the other way around. We do not get a drop of rain.



It is with grateful hearts that we think of you who already supported this outreach. We bought 50 tonnes of maize which is worth about DKK 100,000. We will continue to bring out the aid as long as there is money. The next harvest time is a year from now. Your support is saving lives.

The money we receive for Hunger will be given without any deductions for this purpose as we are able to do the aid outreach with the existing staff of employees.

Remember the old adage, "Many small streams make a big river."

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:6-7

Pudde

As for Pudde, she had removed the tumours in her abdomen. It seems that the surgery was successful.

Fortunately the tumours were benign and we thank the Lord for that. Unfortunately, since the first surgery Pudde has been in and out of hospital several times.

She was home only for a couple of weeks when some one poisoned her food and she was close to dying. At the arrival at the hospital she was unconscious. Here in Africa it is a daily habit of washing the dishes outside the house and leaving them to dry in the sun. Likewise at Pudde's house.

Pudde had a vacuum jug for her liquid diet. While the dishes were drying at the yard, some one put poison in the thermos. As usual, the liquid diet was held in the vacuum jug with no one noticing the



poison. Pudde got a terrible stomach ache and got unconscious. She was rushed back to the hospital and they emptied her stomach. The doctors detected the poison.

Her life was spared and the doctors dismissed her. After one week at her house she was ill again with a very heavy bleeding. Because of that she had to go back to the operating table and got a D&C.

All this of course caused her to be very weakened. However, she is gaining strength now. We just saw her and the children and they are all at good courage, but she really needs our prayers. Thank you all who remembers her in your prayers, that God may grant her a quick healing.

They later found out that it was a woman living in the same property who tried to kill her. She is a witch doctor.

Pudde and the children are Christians and the witch doctor probably felt threatened and hoped that frightening her like that would make them move out.

As the property owner heard about it, the woman got notice to quit and had to leave her room immediately.

Mama Nickolas

Mama Nickolas, whom we wrote about in our last newsletter suffered for some time from severe asthma attacks. One night she was rushed to the hospital as she was unable to breathe.

She consulted a specialist, who gave her some medication and a list of foods to avoid eating. We studied the list to see if we could do something to help.

The family has no electricity in the house so they used kerosene lamps. This mad her asthma worse therefore we bought a small solar cell plant with four lamps to light up the rooms and this has been working just fine.



Also, cooking was a problem, as an open fire was used. That also caused her breathing problems. Therefore we bought two gas burners and a gas bottle. Now she does not have to inhale a lot of smoke.

With these appliances things are going much bet-



ter for her. Thank you those of you who gave us the money for this mother. We want to see this family back on their feet – including the husband who cannot walk due to an illness in his feet. We must remember that with God nothing is impossible.

Children's Campaign

Torkild and the team have been doing a crusade at a village south of Dar es Salaam. Back and forth it was about 1600 km and they managed the distance without any punctures, which is a rare thing.

However, they passed by many serious accidents – oftentimes with trucks involved. Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving to our heavenly father who protects us on the roads and make sure we return back home safe.

The village they went to has 4500 inhabitants and according the pastor 99.9% are Muslim. In other words, there are very few Christians.

The church that invited us has 66 members. That is



considered an unusually large church compared to the Muslim dominance at the village.

While the pastor and others from the church were putting up posters announcing the children's campaign, a mother came up to them bringing her children. She wanted them to pray with the children leading them to the Lord even before the meetings had begun!

Torkild wondered if any people would come out at all as it was during the time of the Ramadan. But glory to God, several hundred children and some adults came for the meetings.

The children were very attentive of everything that was said and done from the platform.

They absolutely loved the puppet, Kadogo. Even the most skeptical ones drew closer to hear what this peculiar puppet had to say.



During the meetings the children opened up more and more to the gospel message. At the beginning they were frightened, but God turned the situation around and the children became familiar with us.

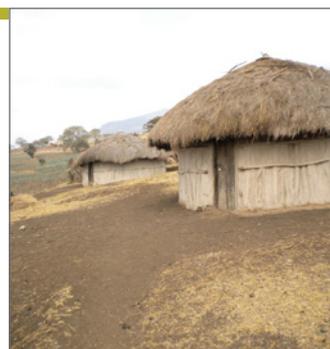
Every night after the film we noticed that several people went up to the pastor asking for his prayers.



The Christians were excited and grateful for the event. It made such a big difference to the entire village and helped the church spread the good news.

I welcomed home a tired, but excited Torkild after a long but very successful outreach. Praise the Lord.

Torkild really travelled a lot recently. First, the children's campaign, which lasted ten days including the driving back and forth, then home very briefly before leaving again with Friedhelm, wife Rosy and Resti on a ten day trip to Singida. They were a part of seven church dedications at different villages. Dedicating church buildings with local



congregations is a big blessing. After that Torkild was home for about 48 hours and then off again for four days. Now he will be enjoying a much needed break at the house with me and we are both looking forward to that.

We received a money gift for the slum kindergarten and decided to buy schoolbags to all the children. It was a special and exciting day as we handed the bags over – the mothers were present as well. I got the opportunity to share some Bible verses with the children. It was not difficult to keep 115 children quiet. They were so attentive that one could hear

a needle fall to the ground - really eager to listen to the word of God, illustrated by means of flannel board pictures.

Construction of the new school is proceeding. We have reached to roof height with two classrooms. Since we are building two stories classrooms a cement ceiling is needed. This is a challenge to our craftsmen, but Per (our son-in-law) is helping them with good advice.



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We wish all the best of God's blessings to you all and again thank you so much for standing with us.

**Much love from yours in Tanzania
Torkild and Tabitha**



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