



# Mission among children and youth in Tanzania

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## The Masai girl

**In October we had wonderful company of a group of 13 Danes included Tabitha's older brother and daughter-in-law. It was a great opportunity for us to show them all our involvements. We prepared a comprehensive programme in order for them to see as much as possible.**



The whole group was supposed to be off on a children's crusade in the bush with Torkild and the team, but the weather was against them. Heavy rain hit the area every single day and the crusade was cancelled.

However, changing the plan was really not all that bad because it gave us the time to visit a centre

for orphans. The goal of this place is to find foster parents for as many orphans as possible. Every Saturday all these children get together for fellowship and a nice meal. We passed out some emergency aid in this region some months ago and gave some sacks of maize to the centre.

The leaders, a pastor and his wife welcomed

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Danish group decided to help her with school, food and lodging. Today, her parents have accepted her new conditions of life.

us. We were introduced to one of the children, a 14-year-old girl who had run away from home because the parents wanted to circumcise her and force her to marry a man whom she did not love. She was terrified of both. Many of her girlfriends had been circumcised and she had seen them suffer. According to the plan she was to marry this man right after the circumcision. The girl said, "NO THANK YOU" and decided to run away. She hid at the center with the pastor and his wife because she knew that they took care of children like herself.

The pastor's wife told us that they had been allowed to see the girl without any clothes on thereby witnessing all the beat marks. Her parents had punished her for refusing to be circumcised and to marry.

All our guests were very much moved by the story and the situation and asked if there was anything to be done to help this poor girl. Before one week had passed, a home had been provided for her in Arusha. She is now attending school. She has never before attended school and therefore cannot read nor write. Fortunately, a school for adults was found, and that is the school she is now attending. She is in 1st class, is thriving and seems to be very intelligent.

The other day this girl, Neema and her foster mother came to visit us. Neema was radiant from joy and wearing her new school uniform and the school bag on her back – and with a total different glint in her eyes. She was beaming with dignity. Her happiness of her new surroundings was crystal clear. This all happened because of some in the



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## A tragic accident

**Saturday 26 November I (Tabitha) was at a Christmas fair with Mirjam and some of her relatives. Torkild was not able to join us as he was at a children's crusade. At 13:30 we parted and went home. At 17 hours Mirjam called and said, "Mom, hurry to the hospital; Per has had a terrible accident with the motor bike!"**

Per and Sarah were preparing to go to Kenya for a motor bike race and they were practicing on their home lane. Per wanted to make a long jump with the bike, but unfortunately he crashed and was seriously injured (fortunately he was wearing a helmet).

I was in shock as I saw Per at the hospital. His

chin, mouth and left ear were bleeding. However, I was surprised that he could even speak in that condition. He was able to handle the change of speaking Danish and English to different people, which showed us that his mind was clear.

Several examinations at a hospital in Arusha determined that his injuries were more serious than first assumed and therefore he had to be immediately transferred by plane to The Nairobi Hospital in Kenya. It was a terrible trip for him. The doctors in Arusha worried about the injuries in his head, but were not allowed to do a CT scan on him.

After a number of examinations it appeared that Per's jaw bone was crushed in several places, teeth had fallen out or were broken, he had three slashes under the chin and the left ear was damaged. Both wrists were crushed; the left arm was broken in several places and the chest had been heavily pressed.



At this moment it is seven days since the accident and Per has had some very hectic days with several surgeries. The largest surgeries lasted for six and nine hours respectively.

We appreciate your prayers for Per that the Lord may help him, that he may heal and be restored.

We know it is going to be a long break for Per before he can go back to work.

We praise the Lord Jesus that Per survived.

Also, we appreciate your prayers for Mirjam and the girls, they need it. Mirjam is with Per in Kenya and we are taking care of the girls to keep them in school.

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## On crusade

### **The children's crusade became a turning point for the small church that had invited us.**

On the Sunday service four adults wanted to be Christians after having heard the good news. The number of church members was only 22 and they are in need of a new building – the old one is decrepit.

The pastor just called us to say that she has never seen anything like it. Several non-believers in their village were so excited about the crusade that they offered a hand in the construction of the new church.

Several people also requested membership of the church. The church is in a whole new time because of the preaching of the Word. Thank you Jesus that we may be instruments in your hand.





## A miracle

**I want to share a miracle that Torkild and the team experienced on their way to a children’s crusade during week 47.**

One day while driving on the road they were close to an oncoming truck, which suddenly lost a front wheel and started to roll. Several team members were asleep and were woken up by Torkild who in panic shouted, “We are going to be hit by a truck!” The truck moved into Torkild’s lane and a head-on collision seemed inevitable.

All in the car shouted one word, “JESUS”. Suddenly the truck changed its course, went out in the verge and ended up in a bush. None of us questioned the importance of angels watching over us! Much thanksgiving was sent up to our heavenly father for this great miracle.



## Visiting a widow

**Recently, we went to see a widow and her four children. Life is tough on many single women who have to pay rent, support their children and pay their tuition.**

This widow was ill with a stomach ulcer. She had to spend all her money on doctors and therefore could not afford to buy much food. Our first reaction was, “We are not able to help all,” but then the thought grabbed us, “What would Jesus do in this situation?” We already knew the answer and therefore decided to pay all of her medical bills and to give her some food.

One of the boys wants to study on a higher level, but due to the financial situation it is not possible. I would very much like to be able to help this woman, especially by sending her son to school.



# Distributing maize

**It is with a lot of gratitude to Jesus and to you all who have contibuted financially and thereby made it possible for us to help those who have no food.**



Also, we have received funds from different organizations such as DMRU, FrikirkeNet and Børn Sulter and the aid is effective.

Many tears of joy are being shed by the people who receive the maize. The lake with the Masai's had totally dried up.

An aid team consisting of five of our own people is shuttling distributing maize. Mirjam is heading the team in Mswakini among our Masai friends and we are also helping out in four other regions. This means that we are able to make a big difference thanks to our faithful, dear friends.

The women dug a big hole in the lake where they sat down with a cup filling a bucket. But the water was polluted and people got sick from drinking it. And now some really good news: As I am writing these lines it has been raining in the Masai region and the lake has totally filled up! Now there is water to both humans and to animals.





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## Sharing Christmas food

**Once again this year we have received money for Christmas food to extremely poor families.**



Yesterday we gave some to a widow who started crying as she saw our people coming with the food.

This is the reaction every time we come to a home: all get very emotional and very pleased. We have shared 30 packets consisting of one sack of maize (100 kg), ten kilogram beans and six kilogram sucker. This makes a total value of 250 DKK and makes a big difference to a poor family.

A big thank you to those of you who gave to these poor families.

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## School construction

**Things are moving really well with the new school construction. Left is only to do the painting, then two of the classrooms will be ready to start using.**

1st January 2012 we will start up with the kindergarten classes. We expect to build several classrooms as the funds are coming in. At the moment a children's church is being built in the school which at the beginning may be used as a dining room and an office.

Thank you so much to those of you who are supporting the new construction. May the Lord Jesus richly bless and reward you!



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## Christmas 2011 Christmas is getting close.

Every year we are surprised by this fact because the sun is always shining here and it is easy to forget about Christmas, snow etc.

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We do delight to remember the reason for the season – that the Son of Man was born and came into this world to forgive and to deliver us from all of our sins. That is a tremendous truth.

We want to express the gratitude of the wonderful co-operation we have enjoyed throughout the years. Also a big thank you that we are able to be your extended arm in Tanzania. Thank you for faithfully supporting the ministry and enabling us to work here and to help people in need. Thank you for your letters and mails. We are happy and uplifted that we are not forgotten.

This year our daughter Dorrit will be coming to celebrate Christmas with us. We look very much forward to that.



**In closing we want to thank all of you for what we shared in 2011, a year that is almost gone. May the Lord bless you in the coming new year.**

**Yours with love,  
Tabitha og Torkild**

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