



# Mission among Children and Youth in Tanzania

April 2020



Led by missionary couple Tabitha og Torkild Jensen stationed by Betania Kirkecenters Ydremission

**Behold, I am with you until the end of the world (Matt. 28:20).**  
Jesus is the closest to us when times are the most difficult.



had four surgeries within few days and stayed in the hospital for a very long time.

Thank you so much for making it financially possible to have her in a private hospital with very good doctors. Caren is now well after almost two months. We are grateful to Jesus that he gave the doctors insight and wisdom to do the right thing. She is back in school and doing well in spite of the long time away from class.

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## Caren rushed to hospital

Our little Caren and her mother went through a difficult time of illness. Caren is my little favorite student. A few years ago she had surgery because of intestinal volvu-

lus. In January of this year she suddenly

had very severe pain and kept crying. She was rushed to the hospital where it appeared that the gut had burst. We thought we were going to lose her.

When he spoke to the doctor who had done the surgery he said it was a miracle that she survived. She

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## Friends from Denmark visiting at Tanga

In January we had company of five good friends from Holstebro, Denmark. They joined Torkild on a trip to Tanga and they saw Othello (the boy who received a new kidney) and his parents. Othello lives in Tanga with our pastor, Shee who is his uncle.

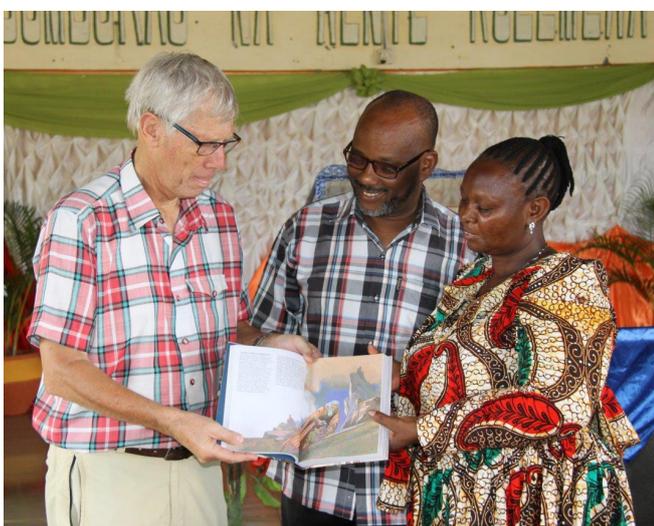




Shee had invited them all for dinner so they could meet with Othello and his parents. It was encouraging to see the boy – how he had gotten so much better and returned to a normal life. He is not back in school yet, though. The doctors say that he must wait till about July which then will be a year since his surgery.

Unfortunately the mother is not doing so well after the surgery where she gave one kidney to her son. There are days when she cannot carry out her daily chores. This means that the husband has to stay home from work. And that is a strain on their tight budget. The whole period from when Othello was sick and until the kidney transplantation was a big strain on the family. We think that the fear of losing the boy affected her mentally. Please remember this family in your prayers, and especially the mother. She needs a lot of prayer.

In Tanga we also saw the nursery class which is built at the church where Shee is pastoring. For a number of years the nursery class received support but unfortu-



nately the support ceased a couple of years ago. The church is not able to run it financially. It is in a slum district and many of the church members are poor.

The children get uji (maize porridge) added protein in order to get plenty of nourishment. Mirjam helped us find a food donor but a teacher and a “Mama” who can make uji for the children are still needed. The children are from very poor homes and the parents are not able to pay, not even a very small amount. If you would like to help with this please write us. We suggest 500 DKK per month per child.

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## Christian and his family visiting

In February we had a lovely visit of our son, Christian, his wife Vinni and their children Tobias, Asger and Simon.

Simon had only been here for a few hours when he conversed in Swahili, a language he learned growing up here in Tanzania.





We took them on a trip to Masai land to see their sponsor family which is Justin's family, he is one of our guards. They support the schooling of their daughter. She lives at the "Love Home" and is in our school. She was home with her parents that weekend.

We started the day distributing maize to those hungering in the area. It made a big impression on all of us to see the joy of the Masais.

After that, we went to Justin's "boma" – we would call it a village – the place where they live. Justin's children were excited when they saw us. Shortly after our arrival many other children came out to see white people. Our grandchildren had brought a football as a gift. It was quickly used and obviously there were no language barriers in the game.

It was a day of celebration and we were served delicious food, chicken and roasted bananas. Then we went for a walk in the field where maize and beans had been sown. But Justin worried about his crop because of elephants which had left big marks in the field.

A few Masais had finishing the sowing and when the first rain came their crops looked very nice. A couple of days later we were told that a bunch of elephants had destroyed their fields.

So these Masais very devastated because their crop was gone.

Elephants are impressive animals in animal parks. But they are dangerous and Justin told us that a young man was trampled to death a month ago.

The wild animals are oftentimes a threat to the Masais. The other day one of our other guards who is also a Masai said with tears that his "boma" had been run over by a pack of hyenas which had broken into the pen where they keep their livestock during the night. They had killed and eaten several goats. We felt so sorry to hear that as they struggle to survive.



# Mødeplan for Tabitha og Torkild forår og sommer 2020

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## Greetings from Mirjam

I have been through some days thinking, "I wonder if all our efforts trying to help all these children do any good at all. Things seem chaotic and like just a drop in the ocean." But during my quiet time I read Proverbs 19:17 "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done." It is so good to know that we have a Father in heaven who speaks to our hearts about the least bit of things that we may ponder about.

We from the western world have a hard time understanding that children's legs can be so weak that they get deformed due to the water they drink. But the sad thing is that this happens every day in African Rift Valley District. It is due to the fact that geological circumstances causes a washing out of fluorid in the ground water. People get their drinking water and water for cooking from wells and get this ground water.

If the fluorid level of the water is up to 1.5 milligram per liter it is safe and even good for people. But if the level

is higher it gets damaging. Here in Tanzania there are regions where the concentration is way up to 20 milligram per liter. The excessive fluor in the water makes the bones weak, especially in children, and this condition is called fluorose.

Here is little Sombet whose legs we helped straighten. See who happy she is and how lovely is now that she has hair and gets healthy food.

The other little girl is Lightness. Lightness' mother became a widow when she expected Lightness. The girl was born with a heart defect and we helped the mother get her child into hospital. Unfortunately, after a successful surgery she got sick and her little body could not handle it. We lost her and this is incredible difficult to the mother who already suffered a lot.

We are trying to help so many poor children get a better life. THANK YOU, all of you who support our ministry to these little and beautiful children.

Also a big THANK YOU to all, who supported SEED CORN. We gave to 100 families and I heard that many of them shared their portion with others so very many were blessed by the donated seed corn. It is now in the ground and reports are coming in that the maize is growing. If rain keeps coming as it is now there will be a good harvest.

Please pray with us that the harvest will be plentiful and above expectations. All were so happy when they received help to sow their fields. May they reap a really good harvest.

**Love and blessings,  
Mirjam**



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When comparing their old church to the new impressive building we could see why they sang, cheered and danced.

## Church projects with Friedhelm

Torkild, Friedhelm and Resti just returned from a 12 days trip during which they had church initiations and inspected many new church projects.



When they drive up to a church people often stand at the roadside singing – similar to a royal reception. The Christians were very grateful and the team spent some very moving days with them.

## Visit to Denmark

We had planned to visit Denmark during Easter to start our itinerary around the country. In spite of the COVID-19 situation we still hope to see many of our dear friends who have faithfully been standing with us for so many years.

A heartfelt Thank You for your support and prayers.

Without you our work and ministry would not have been possible.

May Jesus richly bless you and be with you each and every day.

## Love from Torkild and Tabitha

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