



Mission among Children and Youth in Tanzania

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***Psalm 34:6 "This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles."***

Our dear friends



We had great company recently of Kaj and Anna-Maj from Denmark. They were very active while here. In Dodoma they went and saw a Bible school and they delivered a Bible lesson which was a tremendous joy and encouragement to the students who

very much want to bring the Gospel to unreached regions. Also they took part in some of our different activities. They were with Mirjam and helped distribute baby food to undernourished children in Masai land.

Wahadzabe



Mirjam has been here for six weeks to follow up on things. How wonderful to have her back. Torkild and I so much appreciate the goodness of God that we can work with Mirjam. Baby food and corn has been distributed in three regions. Also, the two of them went to see a new – to us – tribe, Wahadzabe, one of the smallest tribes in Tanzania.

The tribe is different in the sense that they live on hunting only. They do not cultivate the land or breed animals. This makes them vulnerable as the woods where they live are being cut down and the wild animals disappear.

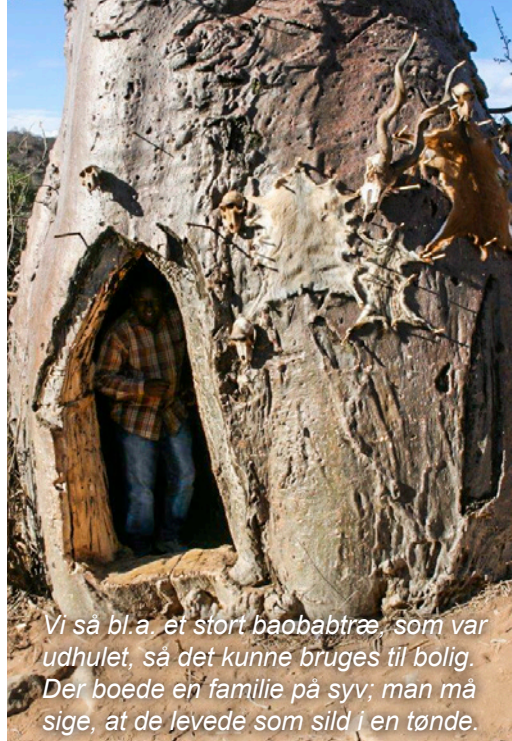
Together with a local pastor our evangelists arranged a meeting with some from the tribe. They live very isolated in the woods and do not care to be approached by people from outside their own tribe.

Authorities have tried several things to get their children in school, but it is hard and complicated to help them.





De går klædt i skindtøj fra dyrene



Vi så bl.a. et stort baobabtræ, som var udhulet, så det kunne bruges til bolig. Der boede en familie på syv; man må sige, at de levede som sild i en tønde.



De bor i nogle usle små hytter, som er utætte. I regntiden flytter de op i bjergene og bor i grotter. De vender først tilbage til deres hytter, når regntiden er slut.

When Mirjam and Torkild went to see them together with the evangelist and the pastor they did not want to talk to us. But Mirjam got an idea. Spontaneously she walked up to the women who sat by themselves and took one of the children in her arms. This broke the ice. The women started to laugh and this came off on the men who suddenly started talking through an interpreter.

Wahadzabe lives on fruits, roots and meat from wild animals which they shoot with bow and arrow. They hunt both deer and wild animals, but prefer monkeys

which to a large extent have disappeared since they discovered they were being killed.

We wanted to help Mirjam reach this tribe with the love of God. They seemed stressed out and frustrated as they could not get enough food through their traditional way which they had done for generations. Some of the women said that they do not eat every day and that the situation gets worse by the day.



Meeting with four albinos



We have come in contact with four young men who have one thing in common: they are albinos.

Albinos are having such a hard time. They can absolutely not tolerate the sun and this is of course difficult to avoid in Africa. The strong sun gives them damages and serious illnesses in skin and eyes as they lack the pigment to protect them.

But also albinos are being hunted by witch doctors. They catch and kill them so that they can use their body parts for their magic. According to beliefs their skin and body parts contain supernatural powers to provide happiness and riches. This is so horrible. Even through authorities try to protect them many disappear every year without a trace.

We just had the visit of these four young people and listened to their stories which were scary: they were expelled from their families at the time of their birth.

The parents and the family felt a shame, a curse from God to have children with a pigment error. So they were rejected.

One of them told that his parents were encouraged to bathe him in extremely hot water because of the belief that his skin would change and become brown. Fortunately some good Samaritans heard about the plans and stopped them. He then spent his childhood with his grandparents who were low-poor.

One of them just graduated as a teacher, but he could not get his diploma because he was unable to pay tuition for a year, which amounted to DKK 10,000. We quickly took an offering and because of you, dear friends the whole amount came in. After that the young man got his diploma. He had been travelling for days, gone door-to-door to collect money. But people are poor and not able to give much. When we saw the response to our plea we told him the good news. He immediately came to Arusha, deeply moved and he kept crying for joy. He could not fathom that it was true.

The three other ones are in law school. They are very intelligent and able. Their situation is not the best either because they need to pay the remaining tuition to be able to finish this school year. These three also have received assistance for their education through this offering. We can even help them through another year.

When they were here the three young guys were beaming with excitement. They got down on their knees to thank us. We do not particularly care for this gesture because we did not provide the money. But they did it to show their love and respect. We send their appreciation to Jesus who makes it possible for us to help young people like them.

Proverbs 19:17 says, "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and he will reward them for what they have done."





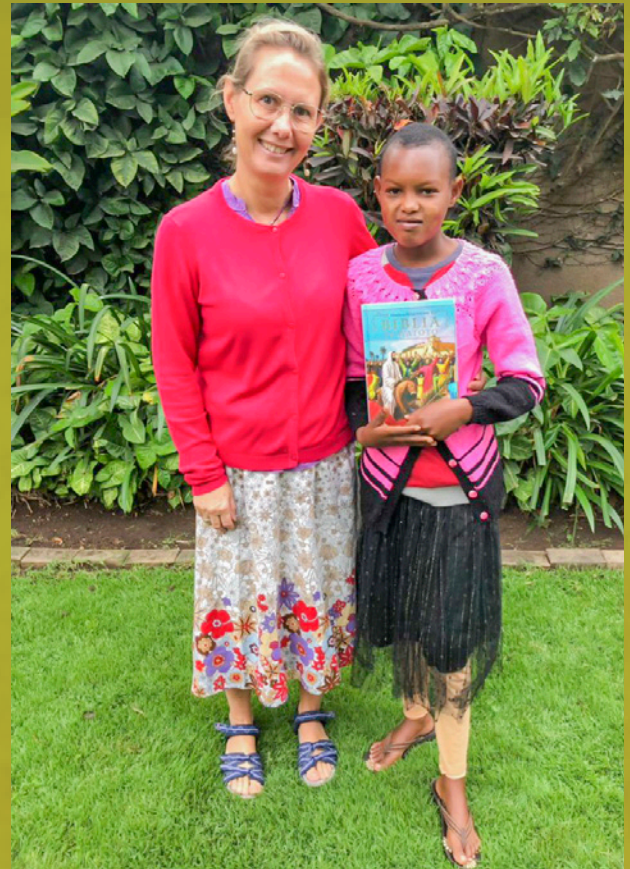
The one legged pastor



Do you remember the pastor with one leg who received a motorbike? In July/August he would accompany his oldest son in a boarding school in western Tanzania. He dropped the boy off and drove back on the bus to Arusha.

At this time there was a lot of COVID-19 illness in Tanzania. When the pastor arrived home he fell sick with a high fever and immediately went to see a doctor. He had chest pains and a lot of coughing. He was admitted to the hospital but unfortunately died four days later. This was an incredible loss to his wife and their four children who were extremely poor already.

We decided to continue helping this family: We are paying the children's tuition and give an amount each month to the family to alleviate their needs. The wife was dependent on her husband's income as a pastor. After becoming a widow she is trying to get an income as a laundry woman; however at a very low pay.



Dear Friends and Intercessors



At first I will update you on Neema. Look how happy she is. One of my friends in Denmark made this fine knitted pink sweater that she is wearing. She also received a nice children's Bible. She is a very shy girl, but so happy that she is doing much better now. I saw her two days after returning to Tanzania where she just arrived home from the hospital. The good news is that EVERYTHING went the way it should. She got her life back, glory to God!

The day after meeting Neema, the team and I went to Mferji with aid. The government said that in this region there is a big risk for a bad draught. It has not been raining much and there have been loads of grasshoppers that ate everything on the fields around their settlements. People in Mfereji were so excited to see that we reached out to them with maize. There are more than 600 hungry families. As we arrived, they received me like a queen. I have never received such a warm welcome. I think they thought I was going to stay in Denmark and would forget about them. They dressed me up like a que-

en as you can see in the picture. Our youngest daughter Sarah was on a working visit and she was with me.

A shy little boy came up to me and asked me if I recognized him. I did not. He was little Lenkai of about 10 years who come to us when we handed out children's Bibles in his school. At the time he could hardly walk due to a club foot (see the picture, he is in orange clothes) and his fingers were grown together. He could not use one hand. We have had him in the Arusha hospital where he received several surgeries so now he can use the whole hand – he showed it to me proudly. They also had done surgery on his foot so that he could walk with

shoes on. When I first saw him he was actually walking with a stick, but now he was walking totally normal. This beautiful boy had his mother make a Masai cross for me as a thank you gift. I was moved to tears - just so encouraging. His life quality has improved so very much and he has hope for the future. I want to thank you for supporting the children that we help at the hospital. Within a week 9 new children came in for treatment. Without your help and support we would not be able to help this many children. God sees your hearts and reward you - that I know.





Christmas is soon here and maybe YOU would like to give some special and specific gifts to some of the many people that we help.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas season and a blessed New Year.

**With Love and Appreciation,
Mirjam and the team**



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CHILDREN'S BIBLES

We need children's Bibles like those on the picture for larger children. They are so beautiful, in Swahili and illustrated in fine colours. Each Bible is **DKK 55**.

2

CRAYONS

We need crayons when we distribute the children's Bible BIBLIA KUPAKA RANGI. One packet of crayon + pencil sharpener is **DKK 12**.

3

4LIFE SAWA BAGS

<https://4lifesolutions.com/solution>. These bags are used to make clean drinking water (read through following the link). We think they will fit perfectly in our programme with baby nourishment. It is our dream to give baby food + en SaWa bag at the same time. Each bag is **DKK 20**.

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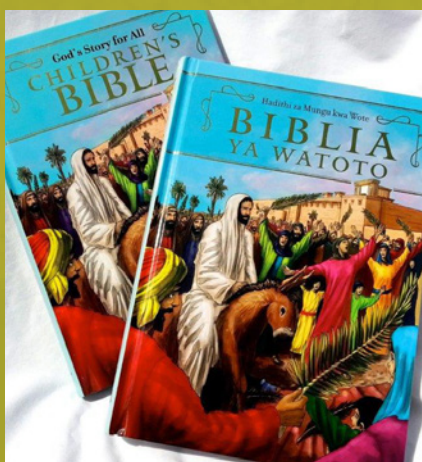
BABY FOOD

Our very nutrient-rich baby gruel for one child is **DKK 340** for three months (12 kg).

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FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Many families lack food. We buy corn and distribute it. 60 kg corn is enough for a family for three months and costs **DKK 100**.



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Gwatema



We finally managed to finish the house for the Gwatema family. It has become so nice and good-looking. The family is excited and thankful. We send many warm greetings to you who gave this house. Now the family can move out of a tent cloth house and into a brick house.

We wish you, beloved friends a very happy Christmas and a truly blessed New Year.

Thank you for all that we shared during the year that almost passed.

Our thoughts often go to those who love and support this ministry. Your support is the very foundation that enables us to serve the Lord in Tanzania.

**Love from
Torkild and Tabitha**



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