



Mission among Children and Youth in Tanzania

December 2022



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



Dear faithful friends

We are zealously continuing our children's crusades and feel blessed and joyful in the ministry at this time. Our focus is on remote villages where few people go. We preach and teach about the love of God to the children in these villages and we experience a great longing among all ages to hear the gospel message. Both children and adults come in large numbers to the meetings. Many receive Jesus as their savior. This is the most important thing of all.

Oftentimes the crusades are held in the school campuses since those are familiar surroundings to the children. Recently we had a beautiful experience in one of these remote areas. The local school director came up to Torkild during a meeting and said, "You guys do such a tremendous job preaching the word of God to the children." And he added, "I want to introduce myself. A number of years ago you helped me finish my teacher's education. After having worked as a teaching for a number of years I am now a school director at this school."



And I am a Christian. I am actively involved in the church that invited you to our village and I would like to follow up on all the children that want to receive Jesus.”

His words moved our hearts deeply. The story shows us that supporting the education of children and young people can be extremely fruitful.



New needs



Joshua Michael is a young Maasai man of 18 years. He lives in an area where Mirjam is distributing baby food. We have known his parents for several years. They are pastoring a small, mud-built church in the Maasai region.

Joshua has completed 11th grade and wants to be an electrician. We think this is a great idea. There are many job opportunities for an electrician. Unfortunately, his parents have a very small income and they cannot afford to send him to a technical school. We would like to help him get this two year education which will amount to 10,700 DKK including board and lodging.

If you wish to support Joshua in his education you may deposit an amount into our account where again “many small streams make a great river”:

IBAN Account: DK 7097 1207 4179 3075

Swift/Bic code: JYSPDK2G

Please mark it “MBU TZ Joshua’s Education.”



Neema og the pawned fields



We have lots of greetings to you from Neema, the woman that had to pawn her fields. We wrote about Neema in our last newsletter. Due to your support we could redeem Neema's debt and she retrieved her fields.

Never have we seen so much joy as when Neema and her mother received this donation. They wept from joy. Neema is so thankful. The rainy season has begun. We hope so much that Neema will get a big harvest so that there will be enough food for the children and for her.

A big **Thank You** to those who gave a donation for this young widow and her children. Please know that your love and care for this family is such a blessing. The Bible says that when we help widows and orphans we lend to the Lord.

Simone



A young Danish lady, Simone, has been visiting us. She wanted to visit her parents' sponsor child whom they have supported for many years.

The two girls are almost the same age and they immediately clicked – as if they had known each other for years. They talked and talked. It was a touching moment even for me, Tabitha. Saying goodbye was really hard on the two girls. Bonds were formed that surely will be the beginning of a long lasting friendship.



Dear friends

How time flies! 2022 is almost over. Imagine that it is 1½ years since Per and I left Tanzania and moved to Denmark. It has been good, but also hard to get used to a new way of living. We are so thankful for your encouragements, visits, greetings, phone conversations, flowers and much more. Thank you for your love for us as a family through all that we have been going through.

Although my home is now in the village of Karstoft I often travel to Tanzania. At the moment I am in Tanzania enjoying the sun and the warm weather. I will always love that! But when I am here my pace is twice the pace as when in Denmark. My heart goes out to the Masaai children in the bush. Each time I give baby nutrition packets to the many families that we help it makes me happy. Imagine that we can help so many needy people.

We continue to help the sick get treatment. We just received 6 new children and 2 adults during the short period I have been here. More people are on the waiting list. At the moment 30 are in treatment so our hands are full and we cannot receive more at the moment. Some of the things we do when we have children in



treatment are to give them a children's Bible to paint in. They LOVE those Bibles. But we have no crayons so the children wish crayons for Christmas. Moreover, boys that have their crooked legs straightened out get a football. They have never before been able to run or play football. And they have never owned a real football so they are exhilarated! Would you like to give a boy a football for Christmas?

The price for a pack of crayons: 25 DKK

The price for a football: 150 DKK

We wish to help give seeds again. Last year there was no rain so they got no harvest, but now the rain is falling and we trust it will be a good rainy season. Therefore we want to give them seeds for Christmas so that they may sow their fields again. We want to give them seeds and prayer for the right amount of rain, so there will be a great harvest.

The price of 2 kg seeds: 50 DKK

If you wish to support a specific project you may mark your payment – "Football", "Crayons" or "Seeds":

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL and a BLESSED NEW YEAR 2023. Thank you so much for what we shared in 2022.

We trust that together we will do even more!

Warm Christmas greetings,
Mirjam and the Team



Albinos in danger



We are in touch with some albinos that we would like to help.

Albinos are outcasts, unfortunately often by their own families also. They are harassed and badly treated. Also, they are always in danger because their body parts have great value to people doing witchcraft. Albino children are suffering the most as they are sometimes kidnapped by witchdoctors. They kill the albinos and sell their body parts to people who want supernatural intervention in their lives. Albinos stay away from the public eye from fear of abuse. Oftentimes it is very hard to get in contact with them as they meet with trustworthy people only.

I, Tabitha, recently spent time with some albinos. We had invited them over for some food and fellowship. I expected 20 adults, but 12 of them were children age 3-13 years - the remaining 8 being adults. The children loved to be close to me as we had the same skin color.



That was a special experience.

During our time together we sang some songs and shared the word of God. The children were exhilarated.

We had arranged for a very nice lady from the police to come and explain about their legal rights, such as their right for protection. She taught them in a way that all could understand. And she showed them such love. It was evident that all felt secure in her company. She told them that if they are harassed or feel threatened in any way they could always call her. She gave them her mobile number, which was a sign of her true concern. We know her as a personal Christian.

Each of the grown albinos shared some things he or she had experienced. It was touching and very scary to listen to. Many albinos commit suicide out of fear of being kidnapped. They live isolated and feel lonely as they are not accepted in society.

My kitchen maids and I had prepared delicious food for all. And they got soda pops, cake, coffee, and tea. How they enjoyed the fellowship.

All received a lot of sun lotion to take home – a lotion made for their delicate skin. Their skin cannot tolerate the sun at all; wherefore they always wear a hat. Their lips often swell up and crack in the sun. We feel so sad for them.

It was an unforgettable day together with them.

One day a very saddened mother came to my office. In tears she said, "I went to church one Sunday morning and my husband stayed at home with our little albino son of less than a year. While I was in church, my husband dumped our son in the well where he died." Such a heartbreaking story and just another example of how much these poor ones suffer. Not only are they harassed in society but also by their closest family. We want to support and encourage these dear albinos at every chance.



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Thank you for your support and prayers

From the depth of our hearts we want to thank you for having stood with us during the year that is almost gone. Thank you for your prayers that cause us to never feel alone. The gifts that you send us are a tangible sign of your love for the work that God wants us to do. We pray that Jesus blesses all your days and give you a great reward in heaven.

We look forward to seeing what he Lord has prepared for us in the coming year.

With these lines we wish you a Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

**Love from
Torkild and Tabitha**

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