



Mission among Children and Youth in Tanzania

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Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Dear beloved friends

We probably all know situations where we ask ourselves, "What is the use of what I do? Maybe it has no significance so why not just enjoy life?"

The answer is given to us in Galatians 6:9: In due season we will reap, if we do not give up." This is bound to motivate us to keep up the good work.

The Matala church



In October we sent out a cry of emergency concerning the Masai church in Matala close to the Kenyan border. They have now succeeded in building the church walls.

Mirjam's ministry in the region distributing baby food and helping the sick and handicapped children get treatment has given us the opportunity to show the love of God. It opened up the doors to the Gospel and the church is growing. We have followed their church for a number of years and know their financial situation. Therefore we decided to make this emergency cry to see if we could help them finish the church.

For the honor of God and thanks to your willingness to support the church construction we have now finished the church.

We know the pastor's couple and have followed the pioneer work they do among the Masais. They knew nothing about the money collection. As we noticed your support we got in touch with them and told them the good news. They were overwhelmed by joy, thanking God for His goodness.

Our workers have just put a roof on the building, which protects the church against the weather.

The church is located in a very desert area and we are in full swing transporting the last building materials to the site. As soon as all materials are delivered the workers will finish the building.

We hope that the church will be completed before New Year. Actually, the greatest problem is getting water.





Resistance and breakthrough



It is always a struggle when we get ready for a crusade. “Why?” you may ask. Well, because we have an enemy who do not want us to preach to the children about Jesus.

The Bible says, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Preaching the good news to the children is vital.

In one of our crusades in a large village there was resistance as rarely seen before.

During the first two days very few children came out. Torkild and the team were sad. Then they talked to the pastor – who was rejoicing because he thought there were a lot of children, he was even surprised to see so many. He said that on several occasions their church had had an open air meeting but hardly anybody turned up. From his perspective this crowd of children was a miracle.



There was even more prayer for the crusade and on Friday big things happened. Loads of children poured in. And it continued Saturday and Sunday. Praise God!

The pastor and the church were excited. He is certain that there will be a large fruit of this crusade which was the first of its kind in his village.

Jesus sets people free

We just returned how from another crusade which took place in a very Muslim dominated village.

We thought that this one was going to be tough, but to our amazement many children turned up from the very first day. But a thunder storm hit the crusade after just one hour and we had to pack down all the equipment.

The team prayed that the remaining part of the crusade might be a success. The next day large black clouds were on the sky and we did not know what to think. We went down to the site and asked the Lord to remove the clouds. Suddenly all clouds dissolved and it remained dry for the rest of the week.

It turned out to be a very special crusade in several ways. There were many children, but also adults. After the first day 13 adults came up to the pastor. They wanted to accept Jesus as Savior and asked for prayer. It was an awesome experience.

During Friday, Saturday, and Sunday the presence of God was very special.



On Saturday afternoon some women came to the church. They had received prayer during the



week. They wanted the pastor to help burn some amulets that they had received from the witch doctor to protect against all evil. Amulets are carried in a string around the neck or around the belly.

The women were aware that the amulets would prevent them from living Christian lives. Immediately the pastor sent for some church members to come and help pray. The Christians were rejoicing as together with the women they lit a fire and burned the amulets.

Sunday morning the church was crowded. A large number of children and adults that had been in the crusade wanted to attend the service.

This crusade was so special. Many things happened showing that the word of God still sets people free. We thank the Lord for an incredible week and that in spite of bad weather forecast we had nice weather the last part of the week.



News from Mirjam



Dear friends,

Where did the year go? I thought it had just begun! I am back in Tanzania and there is a lot to do.

First some sad news. Three days before arriving in Tanzania we lost little Erick. The doctors could not find out what was the problem. Thank you for praying for this little family and THANK YOU for supporting financially for his examination.

However I also have **good news**. The small rainy season has begun. This means that now the sowing begins in some regions. But many of the regions where we work with the Masais are so poor that they cannot afford sow seed. I wonder if you would like to give some Christmas Gifts in the shape of sow seed? It would be such a blessing for a number of families. A bag of sow seed with 2 kg is DKK 50. One family needs 2 bags a total of DKK 100. If you could help some families then their fields will be sown.

Also I would like to give Christmas gifts to the Zekana group and the Zekana youth group. We have 25 in the adult group and 15 in youth group. It means that

we need 40 solar cell lamps which we thought would be a super gift to give to those that live at places with no electric current. We can give them **LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS**. A solar lamp is DKK 40.

Also we wish to give the children at the Lopolosek school some Bibles and crayons. They received support for water so let us agree to give them the living water: **The Word of God**. A beautiful children's Bible is DKK 20 and a pack of crayons is DKK 15.

The children have no books in their homes let alone crayons. They are excited to read and to paint in the children's Bible. Wherever these things are distributed it creates great joy. I love to distribute the Word of God in such a practical way.

From the depth of my heart I wish you and your loved ones a **VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a BLESSED NEW YEAR**. THANK YOU for supporting us this past year. We look forward to working with you in 2025 and to see what God wants us to do for HIM, TOGETHER.

Many Christmas greetings,
Mirjam and the team



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A young law student albino



We are supporting a young albino by the name of Alphone who is a law student. He is a smart guy and gets good grades.

He has taken an internship for a year and now just needs his last year at the university. His greatest problem is how to get enough money to finish his education.

We helped him get through his earlier

years and really would like for him to reach his goal.

He can finish his studies for DKK 10,000. I sincerely hope that some will enable him to finish his education. If you wish to help, please earmark the amount "Albino lawyer." He will be back in school in January 2025.

Alphone has a problem because he is an albino. His parents are poor and unable to help him. He is very vulnerable and afraid to be on his own. Albinos do not trust anyone. Oftentimes they are kidnapped and killed. Their body parts are highly valued and used by witchdoctors for sorcery.



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2024 is coming to an end



We thank God for blessing us. Mirjam is a great help. Together with all our faithful co-workers through many years we are able to reach people who live under very difficult circumstances.

We feel so privileged and our wish is to continue serving the Lord among the children here in Tanzania.

Now that this year is coming to an end we look back with gratitude on all that God did.

From the depth of our hearts we wish you a very merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Thank you so much for all we shared during the year. Your prayers and support of our ministry is invaluable. A big Thank You to all who back us up in prayer and financial support.

We are in expectancy to 2025. Our desire is to obey the Lord Jesus and to be open to His leading.

May the Lord bless you so very much.

**Love from
Torkild and Tabitha**



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