



Mission among Children and Youth in Tanzania

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Dear beloved friends

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:5

This Bible verse describes what we experienced during our children’s crusade.

The Crusade



Torkild and the team have just returned home from another children’s crusade. In the village we visited, there were very few Christian activities. The place is known for its very active witch doctors. There were few Christians in the town, but we experienced that the children had a great longing for God’s Word. It was overwhelming to see so many children and adults coming to the meetings right from the first day.



On the very first day, the area where the children were to sit was already full. It had to be expanded again and again to make room for the many children. The pictures speak for themselves. We were truly overwhelmed to see so many children. It was a fantastic week where we shared God’s Word with the children. Glory to God. Many children heard the good news during the week, and several expressed their desire to follow Jesus.

There were also a surprising number of adults who wanted to be Christians. The pastor and local church leaders were allowed to borrow a classroom where people could meet with a pastor and receive pastoral care. We saw a pattern repeating itself: children and adults in the village lived in fear because of witchcraft, but the light came and broke the darkness.

On Sunday, several who had attended the meetings came to church and were welcomed into the congregation. It was a truly wonderful experience, and we thank the Lord for that. We are merely His instruments and rejoice that we can help bring the good news to those in darkness.







Guests from Norway and Denmark

Over the past six months, we have had some wonderful visitors.



A family from Norway, Torstein and his wife Karin, along with their four children – lively young people aged 13 to 20.

Twenty years ago, as a young man, Torstein had come to help us with our missionary work for a year. Torstein became like a close family member. He loved Tanzania and its people. Now his dream was to bring his whole family here and show them Tanzania.

They are a family who have always been very interested in missionary work and have supported it. They have a project where they help fund a kindergarten class for the Maasai people. They support two teachers and sponsor all the children so that they can have corn porridge every day. The children often only get one meal a day and are clearly malnourished.

It was quite an experience to see them when they visited their project. The visit was an unforgettable day for both the local children and the Norwegian family. The children were treated to a real feast with juice to mark the occasion.





Later, Mirjam, Marie, and Willy Højgård arrived with a group of 12 people. Most of them were from our church in Blåhøj. It was wonderful for us to have the opportunity to show them our work.

A married couple, Allan and Hanna, who were part of the group, have been supporting a pair of siblings with funds for their schooling for 20 years. We visited the family, as they had never met each other before. Fortunately, the children were at home. There were many tears of joy as they embraced each other for the first time.

The eldest girl, Careen, is a trained nurse and midwife. She has a good job at a hospital here in Arusha. David is studying in Dar es Salaam, where he is training to be a computer programmer. He happened to be home



while he was doing an internship in Arusha, so it was just perfect. It was an unforgettable afternoon with the little family.

Hanna and Allan have supported the two from preschool to university education. God is so good.

On Sunday, the whole group attended a church service in a Masai church, where Agner Ebild preached the Word of God. It was inspiring and anointed. This church has an overwhelming number of widows. There were many mothers in the church with their children. After the service, the entire Danish group was invited to the pastor's home for dinner, where we got to taste real Maasai food.



Our most recent guest was our good friend, Michael Schlawitz, whom we call our "IT guy from Denmark." He comes every other year for seven weeks and helps with various tasks. I, Tabitha, have been especially happy about his visit this time, as I have gotten a new computer and thus Windows 11. He has really been a great help to me.

Michael has been coming here for 21 years, and this was his 11th visit. He has also run a project to issue microloans to help small business owners. This is a great help, especially for single mothers who are struggling to survive and feed their children.

News from Mirjam

Dear friends

How time flies! I am now back in Tanzania, my last visit this year. I am so grateful to be healthy and able to travel and continue my work. We have so many children on the waiting list that we cannot keep up. Right now, thirty are undergoing treatment, and nine of them are hospitalized. We hope that the majority of the children will be able to go home and celebrate Christmas with their families—also to give my faithful team a well-deserved vacation. They need a break to recharge their batteries before it all starts again in January. It has been a blessing to see so many of our children again and follow their progress. It truly warms my heart.

Clarence, as you may remember, has now learned to walk on his new legs. He is so happy that he can walk, and his mother is so proud and grateful. Clarence wants two arms for Christmas. The arms will enable him to learn to write and go to school like normal children. However, he will not be able to use his hands to carry heavy things. But just think what a difference it will



make to him if he can go to school. It will also make him look like the other children, which is something he really cares about! However, prosthetic arms are expensive: DKK 15,000 – and this is where we need YOUR help. If you would like to give Clarence a Christmas present so that he can also have two arms, see how at the bottom of the page.

We would like to say a big thank you to all of you for your loyalty and support in helping the children in Tanzania. TOGETHER we can move mountains. Thank you for everything we shared in the year that is now coming to an end. We look forward to finding out what new tasks God has in store for us in 2026.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

wishes Mirjam and the team

I hope you will stand with us to help little Clarence. You can do so in the following way:

**Transfer to IBAN account no. DK7097120741793075
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Swift code: VEHODK22 Bank name: Vestjysk Bank,
marked "Bjerre's Mission".**

Please write Clarence in the comments.



Magadini



Torkild, Mirjam, and the team drove to Magadini with baby food, 430 km. roundtrip. The first 200 km. were on paved roads – the rest consisted of very poor dirt roads. It is located very remotely in the Maasai country. Torkild wanted to greet the pastor and his family in the village, but unfortunately the pastor was not home. He met the pastor's wife, who had come to pick up food for her child. Torkild drove her home because he wanted to see where they lived. Torkild has rarely been as shocked as when he saw their house and realized how primitive their living conditions were.



It is a very poor area. Their small church was located under a tree.

On the way back to Arusha, they drove through the village I wrote about earlier, where our friends from Norway support a kindergarten.



Torkild had heard that one of the teachers at the kindergarten had been in a motorcycle accident, breaking his ankle and subsequently not receiving medical treatment. When we visited him, he had been lying in his hut for seven weeks without seeing a doctor or being examined. He was in severe pain and unable to get out of bed. We took him to the hospital here in Arusha, where he underwent surgery. He is recovering and has returned to the Maasai land.

His friend, who was riding the motorcycle, had broken his thigh bone. He had also been in bed for seven weeks, and his situation was quite critical as his leg had started to rot. At the hospital, the doctors told us that they would try to operate and see if they could save his leg. To God's glory, he has now been discharged, and it looks like he will keep his leg. He had some steel inserted into it during the operation.

Recently, we made an emergency appeal for Lillian when her sponsor ran into financial difficulties due to illness. Lillian was ready to start college, so we asked for help for her. We are so happy because the money has come in, so she can now study for the next three years. It means so much to us to see that when we make an emergency appeal, there are people who respond and want to stand with us. It touches us deeply. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of you who have supported Lillian's education. Our prayer is that the Lord Jesus will bless and reward you.

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Time flies. It has already been a whole year since last Christmas, when we sang "A Child Is Born in Bethlehem" and read the Christmas Gospel.

From the bottom of our hearts, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Thank you so much for everything we shared during the year that is coming to an end.

Thank you also for your prayers and financial support. Your support is the foundation that enables us to reach out and help people in need.

We look forward to a new year where we can help each other build God's kingdom in Tanzania. May Jesus Christ richly bless you all.

**Warm regards and many hugs
from your friends in Tanzania,
Tabitha and Torkild**

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