



# Mission among Children and Youth in Tanzania

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***"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt. 28:20)***

# Dear beloved friends



loved the scenery. Inger Lise needed a bathroom so she went behind a bush but unfortunately her foot slid and her hip was dislocated. Two years ago she had a major hip surgery, but now she was feeling well and forgot to be cautious.

The thighbone head had slid out of the joint capsule in the hip and she was in awful pain. They needed an ambulance to get her to the hospital in Arusha – a two hour drive. But our driver Hilary said, "It will take several hours to get here." Hilary therefore drove an ambulance drive to the hospital and went really fast. The police stopped him. He just pointed to Inger Lise in the car and the police responded, "Drive, drive!"

The doctors in Arusha tried to relocate the leg but without success. But they were able to get a hold of two specialists from another hospital as to avoid surgery. And they managed to relocate the joint, praise God!

Everyone was really excited as Inger Lise returned from the hospital having avoided surgery.

Afterwards we spoke about how Inger Lise had her wish fulfilled of seeing the healthcare system from the inside – although in a different way than we had planned.

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## Visit from Denmark

We very much enjoyed recent Mirjam's visit. Read her description of her situation at page x. It is a heartwarming story.

We also had a lovely visit of four of our friends from Y's Men's Club in Denmark.

One of them, Inger Lise, a former nurse was very interested in the healthcare system here. So we planned for the group to go see different health clinics, such as the clinic that Mirjam established in Maasai land.

The visitors also joined Torkild and the team at a children's crusade. Our driver, Hilary was taking them through a beautiful region with hot springs and they





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## Our first heart child becomes a mother

I Tabitha had a very inspiring visit to the orphanage. It was special because I met our very first heart child, Rodha. She has a twin sister named Lilian. Rosabella adopted the girls about 30 years ago as their mother was very unstable. The twins moved into the orphanage with Rosabella when we built it. Rodha is now 32 years and just gave birth to her first child, a baby girl of just 2,500 grams. She was so small and thin, but so lovely. Unfortunately the father left Rodha. He did so at the moment he was told that Rodha was pregnant. Before she was pregnant they had talked about getting married but now he ran from his responsibility. It is so frustrating for women who are left alone like this. They have to care for a small child and most of the time they have no job and are unable to provide for themselves.

Rodha was very downhearted about her pregnancy because her own mother has five children with five men. Her twin sister has three children with different men. Therefore Rodha always said, "I will not be like my mother and my sister." And then she ends up differently than what she had hoped.

She told me at an earlier visit that at some point she was suicidal. I had a serious talk with her about the forgiveness of the Lord, even in a situation like that. I advised her to forget all the negative and instead rejoice about the little baby that she was about to give birth to. It was so good to see Rodha now and how much she loved her little daughter.

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## Leyesu's arm is working again

The boy Leyesu, who broke his arm is totally well now. He can use all fingers again. All honor to Jesus. Thank you so much for being willing to help him so he did not have to live for the rest of his life as a handicapped person.



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## Ruth, the Maasai girl

A Maasai girl by the name of Ruth Lucas who is in Form 4 (secondary school) lives with her mother and grandmother in Arusha. The father disappeared and they have had no contact with him for several years. Ruth is a bright girl in school. Her school decided to sponsor her schooling because they are really poor. For various reasons the school recently shut down and Ruth had to find another school.

The mother cannot afford to send Ruth to another school. Ruth's grandfather is a Maasai and he wants to have her back in Maasai land. He does not want a girl to get educated, but instead follow the Maasai traditions for girls: to be married. Maasais think that only boys should get educated.

Ruth's mother told me that Ruth's grandfather had received an offer from an elderly, wealthy Maasai who

wanted to pay a very large dowry in the form of many cows in order to marry Ruth. Ruth had been desperate because she wanted to stay in school, get her education and choose her husband when the time was ripe. For this reason the mother and Ruth came to our office asking for help.

We trusted God and sent Ruth to a good, Christian school where she is thriving.

We received a sponsor who will support her until Form 4 is completed. But Ruth wishes to continue for another two years and graduate from High School. If any of you would like to support Ruth for a few more years please write us or send a gift to our missions account. Please earmark it "Ruth".



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## Nyt fra Mirjam

### Dear friends

I would love to share my miracle story with you. Some probably heard about it but it is worth hearing again. At the end of 2023 I was about to book my flight ticket for Tanzania for January 2024 and I decided to ask permission at the municipality in Denmark. Because of my part-time illness situation I was being transferred to a different benefit office as per 1.1.2024 so I wanted to know the rules.

I received a DEFINITELY NO to go. I was not allowed to leave Denmark and was given a lot of reasons for that. I admit that I began crying and could not see how my ministry could continue without me travelling. But I chose to hand it over to the Lord. After one month they summoned me to a meeting in the new department. I felt bad in my stomach and did not feel I could handle the difficult situation. Would this mean that I had to stop my beloved ministry? Per joined me at the meeting and we prayed in the car before going inside.

One of the first things she told me was, "I talked to my boss. We decided that you can go." I believe I dropped my jaw in shock. I told her that I had received a No. She did not know anything about that and they had decided that I could go. I asked for the permission in writing and received it. I have now been in Tanzania from 6th February to 5th March and have worked with the ongoing projects. Also I am looking into new projects.

To me this is a really big miracle because the municipality is not usually easy to convince of something else.



But I know that God changed the situation for me because He wants me to continue here. He CAN do what no one else can do. So if you are confronted with something that seems impossible, be sure to hand it over to Him because He can change the situation.



It was wonderful to be back and back with the team. And to be with the many children that come every week for different treatments in the hospitals. I especially enjoy working with parents.

I have a great story that I want to share with you about the very nourishing food we distribute to the little children (Baby Food).

Prince is four years old (see the photos). He has been on a waiting list for surgery since last year in January. But because the waiting list is so long he came on the very nourishing gruel, Baby Food. Now a year later his legs are no longer very crooked. We went to the "Plaster House" and the doctor said that the improvement of the legs might very well be because of the gruel. So it is really worth that TOGETHER we continue giving out the good food to the malnourished children.

If you wish to continue supporting food for children like Prince please submit your payment to:

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**IBAN account no.**  
**DK7097120741793075**  
**Account name: Betania**  
**Kirkecenters Ydremission**  
**Swift code: VEHODK22**  
**Bank name: Vestjysk Bank**

Mark your payment "FOOD CHILDREN"

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**Love from**  
**Mirjam**

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## Children's crusades

This new year we had two children's crusades in two very Muslim villages. The local churches have great challenges reaching out with the gospel.

In both villages there has never been held a children's crusade before.

It is often difficult for the churches to attract and evangelize among children. Therefore we help them by holding a crusade. When we arrive in a village we invite all the children by means of our two "famous rabbits", who drive around town telling everybody that the meet-

ings are for children. This has a tremendous effect and makes the children curious. As a result they often come in great numbers.

The last crusade was very special to the team.

On the Sunday a large crowd of children and adults came for the service. The church was more crowded than ever before and many of the attendants had never been in a service before.





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## Digital newsletter

As the postage for letters in Denmark became way too high we decided to stop sending out newsletters by mail. The costs became too high.

All newsletters are online, on facebook and on our website. In addition we would like to send it by email to all that request it.

Our itinerary for 2024 is attached.

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## Visit in Denmark

We arrive in Denmark in the spring and look forward to travelling the country and meeting you all. We arrive on 4th April and return here on 3rd July.

We fix our eyes on Jesus and thank Him because His word will never return void.

**With much love from your arms in Tanzania**  
**Torkild and Tabitha**



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