



Mission among
Children and Youth
in Tanzania

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Dear beloved friends,

We have come back well to Tanzania after four and a half months in Denmark.

We were received with open arms – first at the airport, then at our home. The joy of reunion was great. When we got out of the car in our yard, we were almost run over by our three lovely dogs; they were so excited to see us again. As we entered our living room, another



surprise awaited, which touched us a lot. There was the most beautiful flower decoration as a welcome gift from all the staff.

Immediately after our return, we held a small party for all our staff, where we had good food and fellowship - a nice get-together, where several got up and spoke to us. We really felt that we had been missed. In turn, our employees received a gift from us in the form of food, for their loyalty to us and for all their work. They had taken so good care of everything during our absence. Each person was given a good portion of sugar, rice, beans, flour and cooking oil.

Corona leave

We will never forget our leave in Denmark 2020. Everything has been so different and in a way also unreal. When we got home, we were quarantined for two weeks. This reminded us of the Bible story of the lepers, who were excluded from society because, due to the risk of infection, they were not allowed to associate with either their loved ones or other people, and had the food delivered by their relatives. We also had the groceries brought to the door, thanks to some caring friends in the neighborhood.

It felt completely unreal that we were not allowed to be with our children, in-laws and grandchildren. Torkild had not even seen our last grandchild, so the longing was great. However, we quickly found out that it was not just



about us, but that it was the situation for all families in all of Denmark.

We also could not tour the country as we had planned L. So honestly, everything we experienced created a certain frustration and sense of insecurity. In the midst of it all, however, we experienced God's care and love.

Fortunately, things were eventually opened up and we were able to have our first meeting at Pentecost and then we could continue our tour. A big thank you to all our friends in the churches for welcoming us. Also, there were many private visits where we enjoyed your great hospitality. It has touched us deeply. Everywhere we experienced a lot of support and interest in the work we do.

Major life events

While in Denmark we had our driver's license renewed. Now we can use them for another 15 years, uh, how good it feels.

We also shared the great joy of seeing our granddaughter, Rebekah, marry her dear Tobias.

August 6 was an unforgettable day where we celebrated our 2 x 7th birthday, which was held in the Betania Church Center's café. It was a completely indescribable day for us, celebrating with children, family and friends. A big thank you to all of you who came to congratulate us.

To our great surprise, we were invited on a tour of Blåhøj and the surrounding area by our friend Jørgen Boesenbæk. He had turned up in his very nice vintage car, A Morris 1000 with an open hood. He wanted to give us a different experience by taking us on a trip in the beautiful weather. Yes, we suddenly felt like the royals as we drove around in an open "COACH" and the passers-by waved at us.

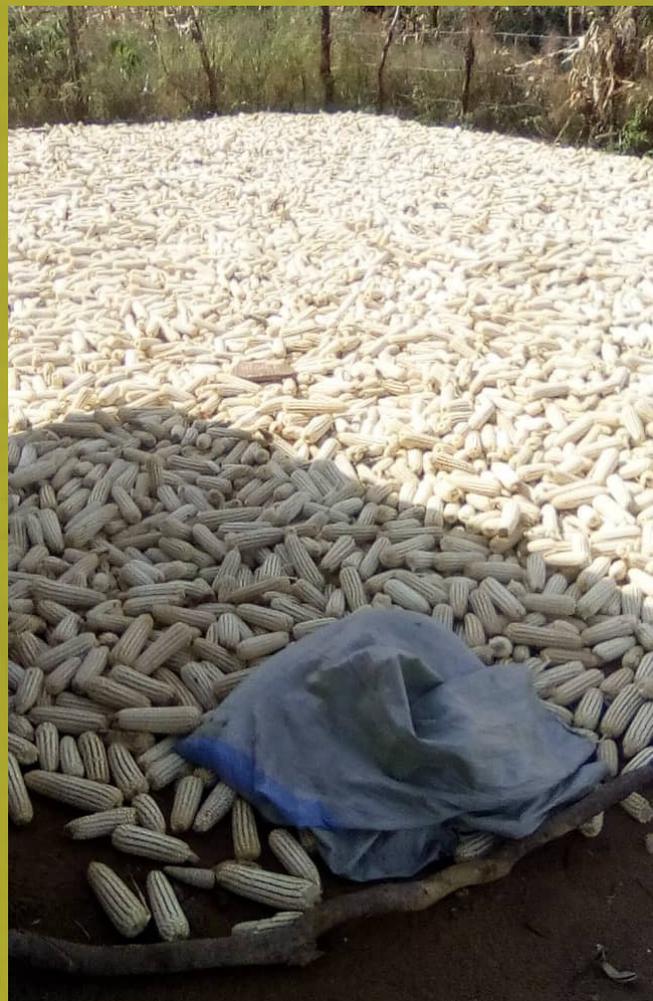




Wedding

On August 1 our dear Rebecca and her Tobias got married. It was quite a job to find a plane that flew to Denmark during the corona epidemic as all international flights to and from Tanzania were cancelled. But finally they managed to find a flight to Copenhagen. We were very grateful to be able to come and help celebrate this great day. The young couple had planned most of it themselves, but fortunately we were able to be a part of the final preparations.

The actual wedding took place in Betania KirkeCenter at Blåhøj. It is my home church and also the church where Per and I got married so it was like coming home. There were still quite a few restrictions due to the corona, but we managed to celebrate Rebecca and Tobias and it was a great day.



Status in the Masai country

We are now back in Tanzania where things are normal without any restrictions. This means that I again have the opportunity to drive out in the bush, which has not been possible since March. So I am really looking forward to checking up on our projects and how the Masai are doing.

New areas in the Masai country have gotten in touch with me so I am planning a trip to these areas with my father, Torkild and a couple from our team.

Some areas in the Masai country have had a good harvest because there has been adequate rainfall. Worse are other places where the rain was too heavy so their crops are drowned. They have not had any harvest at all.

Lovely reports have come in from the areas where we handed out "Christmas presents with corn for seed". They have had a super good harvest. Imagine that a

small portion of seed can turn into several sacks of corn, and food to many. Praise God.

But there are other areas where the situation is alarming as there is a shortage of food. I want to go there to get an overview of the situation. Several people have applied for baby food. If you would like to give a gift please send to:

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Thank you so much for your compassion and your support. May the Lord bless you!

**Love
Per and Mirjam**



It is a blessing to help people

For our birthday, we wanted monetary gifts, as we have long wanted to help a poor widow get her house in order. She and her children live in miserable conditions. In particular, the kitchen-toilet and toilet conditions are terrible. Just look at the picture from the kitchen. We did not take a picture of the toilet building as it looked awful. Many thanks to you all for the monetary gifts. May Jesus richly bless you.

Unfortunately, this widow lost her dear husband very suddenly a few years ago. When he died, they were just building a small house and it was never completed. The walls are decaying.

Unfortunately, the widow has neither an education nor a job. She walks around the city every day selling used curtains in order to make a living. It is tedious work and it gives her only a small income.

The widow has three children, a foster daughter and her old mother, whom she all has to support every day. The youngest is a boy who goes to our school, where



he also lives during weekdays. During weekends he is home with his mother and siblings. We help the three big children with schooling. At the time of writing, we are in full swing with the purchase of materials for the construction, so that our construction team can get started.

Status at school and orphanage

Torkild and I are pleased to be back at work and welcome the fact that we are still able to help people in need.





We just visited the school and the orphanage. It was a very good experience. The students had homework to do during the corona period, when all schools were closed for three months. The teachers made assignments and printed them for the students. The parents then picked up the assignments once a week, at the same time returning the children's written homework assignments. This means that all students were able to follow the lessons and will not fall behind.

The children in the orphanage are also doing well. When we visited them, the little ones sat outside on the terrace in a long row – so sweet to see – and then they sang. Also, they took turns getting up singing. It reminded me that when I was a child I collected all my dolls and teddy bears, put them in a row and then I sang for them and taught them about Jesus J.

It was a great pleasure for us that all the children at the school and the orphanage were healthy and doing good and the employees as well. Glory to God.

Severely affected family

We just visited a very poor family of five persons in Arusha's slum in a grounded room of only 3 x 4 meters. The reason for their situation is that the father became unemployed. He had a good job at a small restaurant where he worked for a number of years. Unfortunately, the restaurant was closed due to too few customers and a bad financial situation.



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It was so sad to see the small room that served as a living room, kitchen and bedroom. It was so packed that one could not walk around in there but just sit on the bed where all five of them sleep.

They have three lovely children aged 7, 9 and 11, two of whom go to private school. The 7-year-old boy is unfortunately deaf-mute and goes to a special school. The two oldest are in 4th and 5th grade. Unfortunately, they are behind in school fees, so the children will be sent home if they do not pay soon. Money for food is also a problem. Often the only eat one meal a day. The day before we arrived, the mother had sent the children to bed without food. It is just so tough. We decided to give them a sum of money so they could get a good meal.

Since February the man tried to find a job, but it is very difficult as there is high unemployment. The mother is a seamstress. She is sitting on the street with her treadmill. But due to the economic situation, many just barely survive. So her business is not going well as many do not have the money for new clothes.

We want to help this family with some food and with keeping their children in school. If you feel like helping such a family we would be very grateful.

Thank you so much for your faithful support and prayers. We are pleased to be your extended arms in Tanzania.

**Love from
Torkild and Tabitha**



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