



Mission among Children and Youth in Tanzania

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

Dear beloved friends

In the village were seven big mosques. In itself that provided food for thought. Our first thought was that we were going to have a tough time and that surely not many children would show up. But the Lord Jesus had already opened the doors. The very first day many children and adults came to hear about Jesus.

The church that invited us had less than 20 members. However, a very special unity existed among the local denominations and they all supported the crusade. We have seldom experienced such a strong unity among Christians. That explained why so many came out – children and adults came in large numbers every day.

Our grandchild, Rebekka and her husband Tobias joined us in this crusade and they were excited. They walked around the area many times and came close to the people. A local Christian doctor found out that Rebekka was a nurse and he took her to see some patients. This created a good atmosphere and we got a great reputation in the community.

Many children wanted to receive Jesus as their Savior during this week. On Sunday many visitors came to the church wanting to join the Christian fellowship.

Through the pastor who invited us we heard that more people kept wanting to join their church. We praise the Lord for what His word did in the hearts.

Torkild and the team returned home very tired, but a good night's sleep did good.







Emergency aid projects

As earlier mentioned, my trip to Tanzania was planned to be on 1 September, but it has been put off till 13 October. This is partly because Mom and Dad are in Denmark now and Dad and I need to go and inspect new projects in Tanzania together.

One of the areas where we bring aid has been closed down due to corona as the authorities decided to avoid a spreading of the disease. We have been out putting poison in our stores of corn so that no beetles get into the corn. Thanks to the team!

Neema got her life back

Many of you probably wonder what happened to the Masai girl, Neema after her heart surgery. The surgery was a success but it took longer for her to finish her treatment than expected. This means that there was an extra expense. But we THANK GOD that the doctors managed the surgery. The girl is happy, smiling and



Dear friends

The summer is drawing to a close, but we are thankful for the incredibly beautiful late summer we have. Per and I begin to feel at home and have moved into the house in Denmark at Blåhøjvej 49 at Karstoft. We are not done working on the house yet but we can do the remaining although we already moved in.

Wonderful company - Mom and Dad

We had to make room for Mom and Dad to come and stay next door at the MUSEUM (Torkild's Dad's old house ☺). It is wonderful to have them this close. They have been helping us with various projects at our house. And we can work closely together in the missionary work - not having to a continent to divide us.. We can meet in person.



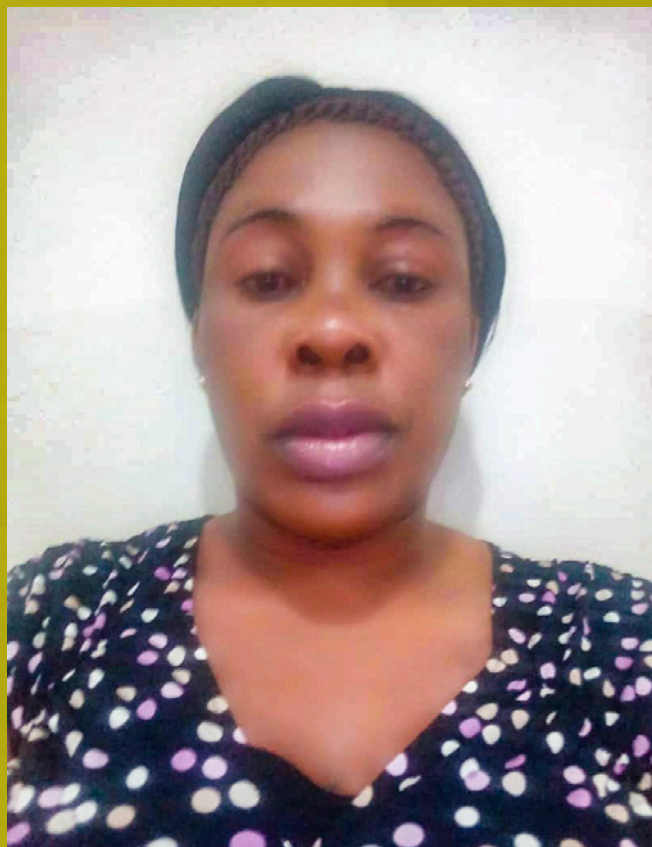
grinning. She literally got her life back. A big Thank You to those of you who helped give Neema a new life.



Sick children from poor families receive help

We have 25 children at the time in various hospitals and treatment centers that we work with. This is a big challenge to the team but also it is a big joy for us to see the many children that get help for a better life.

One of those heartwarming stories is Linna who is a nurse in the hospital where several of our patients have been treated. At some point she herself got big problems with her heart and needed an angioplasty. The hospital where she works in Arusha does not give those kinds of treatments. Therefore she was moved to a hospital specialized in heart surgeries. It was very expensive and as her husband lost his job she turned to me for help. Lina's surgery went well, praise the Lord.



She expressed her gratitude in thank you letter to us. Now she is back nursing in the hospital where she is treating our children. Thank God for His faithfulness.

Help us to help

We have a waiting list with other children who need medical assistance. Any gifts are highly appreciated since it gives us an opportunity to help them to a better life.

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Warm Greetings
Mirjam and the Team



A big loss for us and for Tanzania

During the week when Torkild was away something happened that shook us deeply. Our German friends and neighbors, Friedhelm and Rosy fell ill (you probably remember that we wrote about Friedhelm many times. He built several churches with the help of Torkild in large parts of Tanzania). Rosy wrote to us to hear how we were doing because they had gotten a temperature and felt bad. Their maid was very ill with covid-19. Seemingly, she had passed it on to Friedhelm and Rosy.



I immediately suggested that they saw a doctor, but Rosy said Friedhelm was so sick that he could not sit in a car to get to the doctor. Finally, the doctor instead came to their house. Friedhelm was admitted to a missionary hospital approx. 150 km from Arusha with doctors from the West.

The day after Torkild's return Rosy called and said that Friedhelm's condition had worsened. Possibly he would be taken by plane to a hospital in Dar es Salaam or Nairobi. She had forgotten their passports so Torkild decided to take the passports to the hospital with our driver, Hilary to see if he could help.

In the meantime the doctor had talked to Rosy and advised her not to move Friedhelm as his condition was extremely critical. The problem is that most Tanzanian hospitals do not have any respirators. And they needed one for Friedhelm.

At noon the following day after Torkild had arrived in the hospital, Friedhelm passed away, quietly and peacefully.

It was big a shock to his wife who had no relatives around her. She immediately began calling the children to inform them of their father's passing.

The body had to be moved from the hospital before evening on the same day, as they have no cooling rooms. Hilary drove the body in Friedhelm's car and Torkild took Rosy in our car. They drove to a hospital in Arusha where Friedhelm was put in a cooler.

Friedhelm had earlier expressed that he wanted to be buried in Tanzania. He received a truly royal funeral. He was buried at our FPCT church in Ngaramtoni, which is the local church that we work with.

He leaves behind his wife and four children. One of the sons came to be a part of the funeral.

Late summer visit to Denmark

After the funeral we decided to go to Denmark to take part in some family parties and to be vaccinated against corona.

Unfortunately, Torkild fell sick with corona a few days after arriving. And two days later, I, Tabitha got sick.

We managed the illness fairly easily and were declared well after a week. We got out of our isolation and could finally visit our children, in-laws and grandchildren.

We will be vaccinated on 22 September and 13 October and will go back to Tanzania on 22 October.



From a tent to a brick house

Do you remember the family we wrote about in our last letter who lived under a tent cloth? We helped them buy a plot of ground so that they could build a house. At this moment they have begun building and we hope to be able to show their new home around Christmastime. Our building team has been busy with other things and therefore the construction has been delayed. But the family is in a rented house now and is doing fine.

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It is expensive to be sick in Tanzania

A single mom and her 17-year-old son both came down with corona. They were both hospitalized and got oxygen for 9 days. They were very ill and afterwards their energy and strength was gone.

In order to pay for the hospital bills she has had to sell almost anything. She sold her sewing machine, which was her livelihood. She is a competent seamstress. And she had to sell several of her furniture to get money.



She asks for help to begin afresh.

She needs an income to get through life. If any of you would want to help his mom with a sewing machine it would be such a help.

A poor little family

Mirjam has been helping a little two year old boy who had been diagnosed with cancer in his one eye. It was necessary to remove the eye and give him a glass eye. The surgery went well and the little boy looks so cute, even with this glass eye.

The boy's father is a pastor. Shortly after the surgery and just when they were happy that their son was well - the mother suddenly fell ill and died.



Thank you for your support

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Much Love Torkild and Tabitha

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