



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



It is with great gratitude that I write these lines. During our stay in Denmark we spoke in many different churches. We had a really good time. It is hard to describe all the encouragement and backing we experienced during our tour.

Our journey back to Tanzania was quite a trip. As we sat in the plane in Amsterdam ready to take off there were some technical problems and we ended up waiting on the runway for five hours. Apparently the problem could not be solved and eventually we were told to go to another plane.

Unfortunately there was no internet on the plane so we unable to message our driver that we would arrive late. We did not land until 1 a.m. at Kilimanjaro Airport instead of 8 p.m. It was 2 a.m. when we were through customs and to our surprise several of our employees were standing there waiting for us. They had come to receive us. Think about it, they had been standing for five long hours to welcome us with beautiful flower bouquets.

The day after our arrival there was a welcome party for us. People had prepared some speeches and repeated how much they had been missing us. Several mentioned that our three month stay in Denmark had felt close to two years ©

In the picture you see two of our dear colleagues with a beautiful decoration. Their warm welcome touched us deeply.



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Jubilee

On August 6 it was 35 years since we left Denmark to move to Tanzania. It is hard to believe all the years that quickly passed, but every single day we have experienced the sovereign goodness of God.

Philippians 4:19 say, **And my God will meet all your** needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

This is what we have experienced. There is so much to thank God for.



August 6 was also Tabitha's birthday so we went out to celebrate.

The waiters had heard about our many years in Tanzania and the fact that we were celebrating birthday. Suddenly they appeared in the room, singing and with a delicious cake, on the house. It moved our hearts to experience this.











Widow Neema

Very recently we were called on by a young widow and the mother of five children. Her name is Neema, she is 35 years old and lives in Maasai land. She had fallen sick and was requesting medical assistance here in Arusha. She contacted us to ask for financial support for this and we decided to help her.

When she was well again we went to see her. Neema then told us how she had lost her husband:

"Two years ago my husband suddenly became ill and collapsed. He was immediately taken to the hospital. But he lost his memory and could not talk. At the time I was expecting one of the children. Eight months later he died and three days after his death I gave birth to a baby boy by caesarean (another expense)."

In order to provide money for the eight months long illness, Neema had to take a loan equivalent to 2,500 DKK. In order to get the loan she had to pawn her fields. Whenever she I able to pay back the loan she will receive the fields back. However, this situation is really difficult for this widow. She and her children very much need to grow crops on their fields in order to survive.

It was heartbreaking to listen to her story. I was crying within. I would love to help get back her fields by giving her that money. If you wish to help please send your gift to:

BAN Account: DK 7097 1207 4179 3075 Swift/Bic code: JYSPDK2G

Mark it "MBU TZ Field"

God blesses every happy giver.

If you wish to help,

please send us a mail and we will ensure that she gets back the fields before the rainy season, which is expected to begin in October.



Solomon from Mfereji

Solomon came to us when we were out giving aid in Mfereji. He had problems with his hearing and needed help.

Obedi from the team said for me to hear his story. Obedi knows that normally we help children up to 18 years only. I promised to listen. This is his story:

"My name is Solomon Leckinyor and I am 28 years old. My father died when I was very young and he left my mother, my brother, my sister and me behind. My older brother was supposed to take care of us, but unfortunately he also died. My sister got married, moved far away and was unable to help. I was left alone to help my mother, but I cannot get a job because I have a much impaired hearing.

As a child my hearing was fine, but as time has gone it became worse and worse. I can only hear a little when

people shout, but I do a lot of mouth reading. My biggest wish is to get back my hearing so that I can have a normal life and get a job – and help my mother. Can you help me?"

I felt in my heart to say YES. So we sent him for an examination at Mount Meru Region Hospital in Arusha where he received treatment. It appears that he needs surgery on both ears and the cost is 20,000 DKK. Please pray that we be able to help him.

Does any of you have a heart to help Solomon get his hearing back? My mother always said, "Many small streams make a great river!" and I have learned that this is true. If you are able to support financially please do so through:



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Much love Mirjam and the team



Children's crusade

Torkild and the team just returned from a crusade in central Tanzania. It was a poor village under the influence of witchcraft. Every single day witchdoctors walked through the village beating their drums and displaying their authority over the people. It was evident that children and adults had a lot of fear for the powers of darkness.

The church that invited us had only 25 members. On the Sunday service there was a celebration of what had

happened during the week. The pastor was very grateful that we had come to his village and given them a spiritual lift.

A pastor from another village where a crusade had been held six month before, had come to take a part. He came to support the pastor and to assist. This pastor encouraged Torkild and the team to continue evangelizing the children. He said that after the crusade in his village many children had come to his church.

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He went on and said, "You are not truly aware of how important it is that you go to the villages and tell the story about Jesus. Please continue, we need it so much."

Such testimonies inspire and nurture our desire to spread the Gospel and the good news about Jesus.

We want to express our appreciation for your prayers and support which enables to be here in Tanzania and to be a light in the darkness.

Much love from your arms in Tanzania Torkild and Tabitha

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