



„The mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heir together with Israel, members together in the promise in Christ Jesus.”  
Ephesians 3:6

Arusha, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear friends,

Nossim\* was born in April, 2000. She is the sixth of seven children. One of her brothers died when she was still a child. Her mother is the first of her fathers' four wives. Her father has more than 30 children (who are still alive). They live in a boma (kral) on the Sanjan, a dry riverbed that carries water only once in a while. Nossim only knows her age because she was vaccinated as a child and got a vaccination card. Her father is probably in his mid-sixties and her mother is older than 50. Like every other girl, Nossim had to help with the housework, she had to gather fire-wood, carry water and milk the goats. Sometimes she had to help her brothers drive their cattle, goats, and sheep across the steppe.



*“Herding the animals was the hardest work. We didn't have anything to eat and sucked on the goats' udders to still our hunger at least a little. When a lamb or kid was born, we had to carry it.”*

*\*not her real name*



*“I didn't know then that my father was planning to sell me as a bride right after I finished school.”*

### How did Nossim go into school

“In 2007 Sister visited the bomas in Sanjan. She wanted to pick 10 children from every village, who would be allowed to go to Naserian School in Malambo. The school had been founded in 2005. She interviewed all the children and their parents. I was one of those children and as I have always been very eager to learn, I was selected and was allowed to go to HFTM's school. I was so happy! My mother was happy for me and my father had to give in because the law protected me.

After graduation in grade 7, I went on to secondary school in Arusha and lived in the boarding home, because there was no secondary school of good quality in Malambo. HFTM supported me with everything I needed. Only during the school holidays did I visit my family. This is quite normal in Tanzania.”

### What difference does education make?

“Education is help and light. Just like HFTM has given me education by the way of school, I want to pass my knowledge on to others. Education opens doors to other people and cultures, e. g. by learning another language (I used to speak only Kimassai) or by reading books. Besides that, education helps me to know my rights and I learn to fight for them. I have learned that I have my own voice and that I am entitled to my own opinion. Now that I know this I want to give myself to teaching others these rights and how to fight for them. Not only is knowledge important, but also the possibility to help oneself and make a difference. Apart from that I want to tell people about Jesus. God is the only one who can really help.”



*“Every girl is entitled to education, food, and clothing, and they should not be forced into marriage.”*

### Did you face any problems during your schooling?

“I am the only girl in my family who received any education. First, it was very hard for my father to accept that I went to school. In November, 2015 my father wanted to have me circumcised and married, which is our culture’s custom. My mother tried to persuade my father not to do this, but he didn’t listen to her. He became very angry about her meddling and began to hit her. Therefore, my mother had to hide from him for a while. I asked HFTM for help. I was allowed to stay in Arusha even during our holidays. There were other girls who could not go home for the same reasons and we lived with Mama Peace for the following years. There I was safe from FGM\* and a forced marriage.”

Meanwhile, Nossim’s father has changed his mind. Since January 2019 Nossim can go home for the holidays again. Her father has realized that education is important – even for women. Nossim does not quite know what made her father change his mind. She supposes that he has talked to friends who gave him good advice. He has witnessed some girls from the HFTM school project graduate and find jobs. They earn good money and send half of it via smart-phones to their parents. This means financial security, even more so than big herds of cattle.



*If you would like to meet Nossim personally, you can do so on our tour through Germany. You will find the dates on the following page.:*

Angelika und Eva (Intern)

\* FGM = Female Genital Mutilation (Frauenbeschneidung)

## Official dates of the „Help for the Masai“ - Tour 2019

For the final version, please go to: [www.massai.org](http://www.massai.org)

Datum und Uhrzeit	Veranstaltung	Kontakt
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Sonntag, 07. Juli 10 Uhr	Gottesdienst im Schlosspark in Gemmingen. <b>75050 Gemmingen</b> (Bei schlechtem Wetter: EFG-Gemmingen, Berwangerstr. 6)	Sabino Bürgin 07267/5169666 <a href="mailto:sabino.buergin@efg-gemmingen.de">sabino.buergin@efg-gemmingen.de</a>
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## Women's projects

A women's status is still very underprivileged in the Masai culture. This can be seen in everyday life: they have to build the houses, take care of their children, look after the cattle, and do the housework, but they get neither money nor possessions. Even the basic human rights do not apply to women: men can beat their wives and sell their daughters without fearing any consequences. It is hard for many mothers to watch their children's (esp. their daughter's) lives decided without them having a say in the matter.



*"Life is extremely difficult for widows in Masai country. Since they are dependent on male relations after their husbands' death, they don't have any money or other possessions."*



*The „Batik-group“ during production of batik fabrics.*

In order to help some of these women to earn money for themselves, HFTM founded several women's groups:

- Solar charging stations for mobile phones
- Ovens to bake bread
- Gathering fire wood
- Sales of soap and salt on a market
- Breeding of sheep and goats
- Production of soap and petroleum jelly
- Production of batik fabrics

Nesale, our social worker (see also letter A49) coaches more than 25 women in these tasks. Some of the materials, especially those for the production of soap and batik) can only be bought in the city. Therefore we help with the acquisition. The women show a great interest and learn a lot. We wish for them to realize that Jesus has not forgotten about them and that they have a great value in his eyes, even if their culture teaches them differently. We hope that our initial assistance will be a long-lasting help, so that they will be able to gain some power over their own lives and the lives of their children.

Sarah Frykowski

P.S.: A few years ago, a German missionary founded a women's group in Malambo, called Naramatisho (helping people to help themselves). This group produces beautiful jewelry.



*Production of liquid soap*

## Sponsors' Christmas presents for our children in 2018

"Hello. My name is Naishiye. I have been attending Naserian Primary School in Malambo for four years. My mother bought a little plastic school bag for my booklets at one of the markets around here. This bag is the cheapest thing she could get. My father does not allow her to spend more money or else he won't give her any money to buy food for me. After only a few weeks the schoolbag was broken. First, the zipper didn't work anymore, so that the books fell from the bag, and then the sides tore, and I could not use the bag anymore."

*\*Not her real name*



"My mother could not buy another bag and told me I had to wait until the following school-year. This made me sad, because now I had to carry my books in a plastic bag or my friend put them in her bag."

"But then, on our last day of school in December, I and all the other students at Naserian Primary School received a simple, but pretty and durable school-bag. The teachers told us that this was a present from our sponsors. All of us were very happy about this."

*(Anna, who sewed the school-bags. As a girl, she suffered heavy facial skin burns.)*

"Now my mother does not have to worry about spending too much money on the things I need for school. This bag will stay with me for many years."

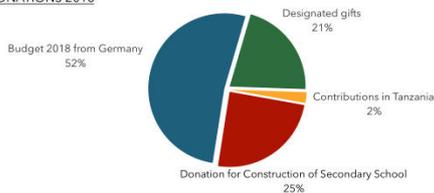
Many thanks to all, who have given money for the children's Christmas presents!

Elisabeth Merz

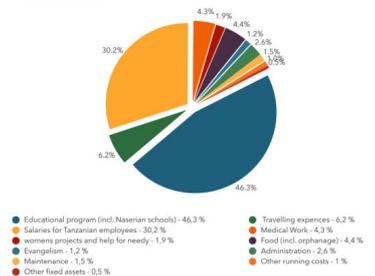


*The children with their new backpacks*

## DONATIONS 2018



## USE OF EXPENCES 2018



These expenses only show the use of the Budget 2018. Excluded are all Designated gifts as well as the Funds for Construction of Naserian Secondary School.

## Annual Report 2018

We are very grateful for a blessed year 2018. Although we had to cut some costs, we were able to reach all our goals.

As an organization we are proud of our administrative expenses still being this small, of being able to spend all the donors' money completely for the children, and of the earmarked donations (e. g. donations for Christmas presents) being spent for their respective cause.

To all of you who have supported us by all the different means to reach these goals, we say thank-you!

## Thanks and greetings

We would be happy to meet many of you personally at the various events of our Masai-Tour in 2019.

With many greetings from hot Tanzania!

*Angelika Wohlenberg-Kinsey,  
Elisabeth Merz, Dirk & Sarah Frykowski  
with all children, employees and volunteers  
of „Help for the Massai“*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Give thanks:

- for all the support (backpacks etc.)
- changes in the Masai communities

Requests:

- Preparation for Masai tour 2019
- Protection of all children, employees and workmen
- A good dedication celebration of Naserian Secondary School on May 4, 2019

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