



## Help for the Masai e.V.

Dear friends!

In this new newsletter you can discover our new design, which is also reflected on our **redesigned homepage**.

Take a look at [www.massai.org](http://www.massai.org).

There is also a report on the current **situation of girls and women** in Masai land. You can find out how the **christmas donations** are being used (page 3) and hear the good news of easter (page 4)!

Jesus said to her: I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he may die, yet shall he live; and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11, 25-26

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## MASAI GIRLS

ANGELIKA WOHLBERG - FOUNDER & DIRECTOR

The situation of the Masai girls has always touched me greatly. When I came to Tanzania 41 years ago, the issue was much more present. A lot has changed positively in the meantime. Ten years ago, 90 percent of the pupils at the government primary school in Malambo were boys, now it's 70 percent. In our schools, two thirds of the pupils are girls. More and more girls are being saved from forced marriage. Female genital mutilation (FGM) only occurs in remote areas. More and more fathers are willing to send their daughters to school. Often, however, the old culture still carries more weight than modern laws.

A heinous crime has just happened in Malambo. That's why I went there especially to convene a meeting. We had invited the traditional Masai leaders, government chairmen, church workers and teachers from all the schools in Malambo. We had a good lunch cooked and held the meeting in the Assembly hall of our school. The hall was full. What had happened? A 14-year-old girl had died. She had been forcibly married off to a traditional man about 20 years her senior. She had run away several times. When she turned up at her parents' boma again, the father called the husband. He was told to take her away and punish her properly this time so that she would not run away again. The husband then took all his anger out on her with a stick. She screamed, but no one dared to intervene. It is the husband's traditional right to chastise his wife. At some point she was unconscious and was taken to hospital. She died there the next day, probably from internal bleeding. Both the husband and the father were arrested by the police. They are now in prison awaiting a court date. It is not known whether there will be a fair trial. The culture is stronger and controlled by men. Cases like this are rare, but even one is too many!

When I broached the subject, there were embarrassed faces. People quickly moved on to other topics. Nobody wanted to be reminded. In the end, it became too much for me and I said: "My heart bleeds and cries many tears when I think of the tormented girls. I see their blood as a sacrifice that we take with us as a warning!" Some of the men were very affected by my words and thought I had put a curse on them. They now seem to be afraid and have a new inhibition threshold. Maybe this will help to protect girls! I pray even more that Jesus will give me courage, strength, endurance, wisdom, and love (especially for the men). I realise what the Bible means when it speaks of hardened hearts. It is an encouragement to experience christian fathers who give their daughters new freedom. So many times we are unhappy through our own fault. I pray: "Lord Jesus, touch the hearts of men in particular. Give them love and mercy and soften their hardened hearts. And give me the willingness to forgive."



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# "AUTOMOBILE CLUB" IN TANZANIA

DIRK FRYKOWSKI - TECHNICAL COORDINATOR

It was during one of our stays in Germany in a shopping center: "Hello, may I explain the worldwide safety of our car club to you?" "Sure, go ahead." He talks about worldwide roadside protection etc. I ask: "Really? Worldwide roadside protection and breakdown assistance?" "Yes, worldwide!" "Tanzania too?" "Eehmm, Tanzania not yet..." "So not worldwide after all?" "Mhhhh" "Well then, we at "Help for the Masai" in Tanzania will continue to trust our Jesus and our Toyotas!"

Yes, before every trip we pray for protection and a safe arrival, especially on the 300km Arusha-Malambo route. It's an average 8-hour drive and 200 km of it off-road with our Toyotas built between 1997 and 2018 and mileage between 95,000 km and 350,000 km. And most of the time they are not driving on tarmac, but on sand, rock, gravel, dust and mud tracks, loaded with 9-13 adults plus children. In addition to the care of our Lord Jesus, the quality of the vehicles and the quality of their maintenance are of crucial importance. In addition to my supervision, our car mechanic Amos is a key factor here.



Amos gives his all when it comes to maintaining and repairing the vehicles, because he also knows that if we were to break down in the lonely savannah, he would act as "Amos Automobile Club" and come at night if necessary, and nobody wants to do that voluntarily. So the recipe remains the same: Jesus, Toyota LandCruiser and Amos' maintenance care... because the Help for the Maasai fleet covers around 100,000 km per year to undertake all the projects. We wish you, our readers, a safe travels at all times!

## THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

One very important task of our cars is the mobile clinic. Every month we travel to ten different locations to offer regular check-ups and help, especially to mothers, babies and young children. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for the generous donations we received over the Christmas period. Every single donation helps us to continue to provide medical support. This work makes a life-changing difference in the lives of many Masai. The joy of the Masai when the Clinic car arrives is palpable. We thank you for allowing us to pass on this blessing with and through you.

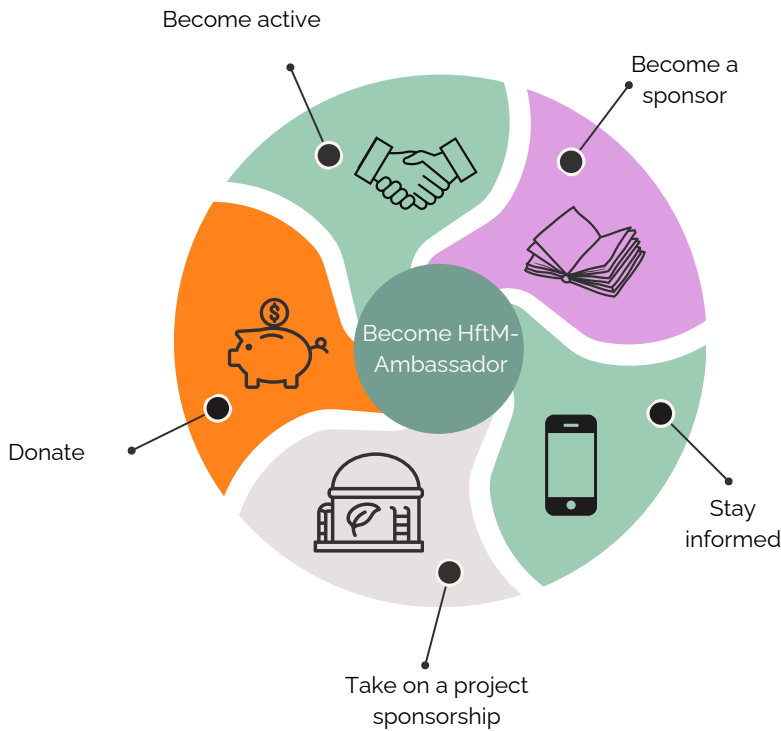
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### New website - new commitment!

We started the new year with a new website and new ways to get involved with Help for the Masai (HftM) - all summarized in one term:

### HftM Ambassador!

As ambassador, you can help our project directly through donations, lectures and sponsorships or indirectly through your interest, liking on Instagram and Facebook and sharing the YouTube videos. With many small actions of many HftM Ambassadors, we not only want to herald the new website, but also new commitment. Thank you for your support!

## DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

It saddens us to hear such tragic stories (p.2). An innocent girl was killed. Easter reminds us that Jesus was also killed innocently. But he had the power to conquer death, so death does not have to be the end. "Do you believe this?" asks Jesus in John 11. A question that each of us must answer for ourselves! We wish everyone a blessed easter!

### The whole team of "Help for the Masai" in Germany and Tanzania

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## PRAYER REQUEST

### THANKS

- for the steady growth of Hilfe für die Massai e.V. in 25 years
- for loyal supporters
- finally rain
- good cooperation with all employees

### REQUEST

- for the women and girls in Masai land
- Education and future prospects for the Masai tribe
- protection on all trips

## HOW CAN YOU HELP TODAY?

Your donation goes a short way - from you directly to the project. In addition to your donation, we appreciate your interest in the new website. Write to us and let us know what you like best!

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