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*„The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.“ Psalm 24:1*



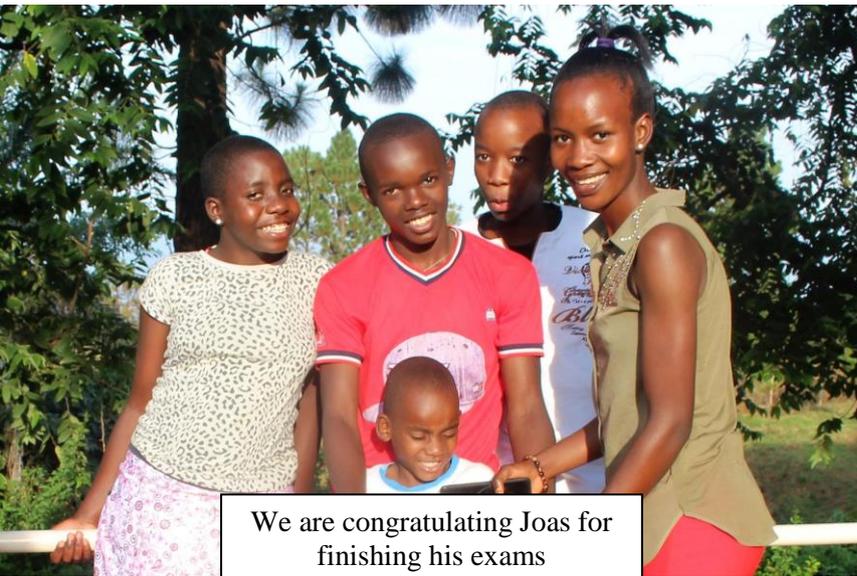
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Dear Friends and Supporters of St. Nicholas Children's Center!

Since my last newsletter at Easter time lots has happened in our house as it always does. But at least I can start with the news that we did not receive any new children. Our house is more than full with 44 children. Since March we are building another house with six more bedrooms, rooms for caregivers and bathrooms. By December 10 male youngsters will move into this building. At the main building the children's rooms have been overcrowded since we received 15 new children in 2018. The boys between 12 and 17 years of age will move together with two caregivers. The goal is for them to learn independent living skills. The days are numbered until they become of legal age. No one will have to leave our house when s/he turns 18 but now they need to grow into adulthood. The youngsters should have their personal goals for their further education and their professional job training so that ultimately they will be able to support themselves and live independently. In a few years from now the same extension building will become a home for those children who have reached adulthood by age but because of their disabilities will always need assistance.



On September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of all 7-Graders in Tanzania wrote their final exams. These so called national exams of



We are congratulating Joas for finishing his exams

Standard 7 Primary School are the most important exams of every Tanzanian school child. If the student passes the exams, s/he may go on to 8<sup>th</sup> grade of Secondary School. If the students fails, the formal school education is finished and no repeats and second chances are allowed. Joas just wrote those exams. We are still waiting for the results but we are confident that he has passed. Two years ago Magdalena finished Primary School, last year Joseph and Nazalius, now it is Joas' turn and also Asimwe and Anthony will graduate from their vocational training schools by the end of this year.

Having so many children growing up so quickly the major life events are many. Soon those young adults will go their own ways.

Our daily life is filled with children's noise, school, power black outs, children who are getting sick and infecting one another, but also with many celebrations like birthdays, feast days, visitors and farewells of volunteers who have become part of our family and also saying good bye to our parish priest Fr. Justus who was transferred after having been with us for six years.



Farewell of Fr. Justus



Baptism of 10 children





Our youngest child Tumaini is very delayed in his development. The happier we are now that at the age of 2 years and 9 months he just mastered the milestone of crawling, laughing and playing!



With so much gratitude we are looking back to eight years of St. Nicholas. Thanks to your support St. Nicholas could grow continuously – grow with the number of children, caregivers and staff and buildings.



Asante sana! – Thank you so much!

Stefanie Köster, children and caregivers

