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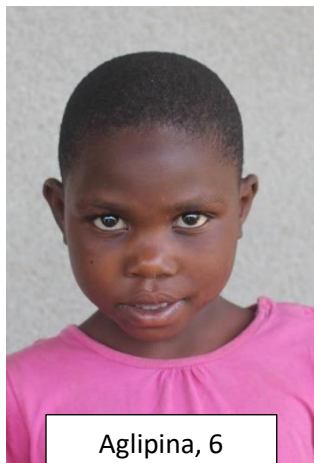
Christmas 2021

*But the angel said to them,
"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.
Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;
He is the Messiah, the Lord.*

Lk 2:10-11

Dear Friends and Supporters of St. Nicholas!

What did the year 2021 bring us at St. Nicholas? First of all we received four new children. Like all our children, these too have reasons why they no longer live with their families.



Aglipina, 6



Isabella, 4



Benson, 13



Kevina, 10

The mother of Aglipina has a mental disability and is not able to care for her children. This is why, over time, all of her four children moved to St. Nicholas. Isabella was thrown away in a pit latrine and was left to die there. Luckily, someone heard her cry and rescued her in time. The father of Benson is a single parent and is no longer able to care for his disabled son. The parents of Kevina have already died. Her grandmother could not protect the girl from sexual abuse. Sadly, all of our children at St. Nicholas have similar stories to



tell.

At present, we are caring for 45 children and young people: 22 girls and 23 boys. Thirty four children attend kindergarten, primary or secondary schools as well as vocational training schools. For 11 children and young adults with severe disabilities there are no adequate schools or workplaces in the area that could provide for their

special needs. Those children attend school at St. Nicholas or are helping the workers on the premises of the center. We provide an inclusive home for 21 children with disabilities and 24 children without disabilities.

Our staff consists of 27 people who work as caregivers, cooks, night guards and groundskeepers headed by the leadership team.

The leadership team has worked well together since I left a year ago. They send me reports and keep me informed. In July my two daughters and I were able to visit St. Nicholas and we were so happy to see that everyone is doing well and things continue the way they should even without my presence.



The leadership team



Visiting in July 2021

After living two years with the Corona-pandemic, we can report that we have been spared at St. Nicholas from any severe effects from the disease. Vaccinations are now available in Tanzania and some of the staff are getting vaccinated.

We will spend this Christmas with our big family at St. Nicholas! At that time we want to celebrate our ten year anniversary. It was in September 2011 when we moved in with the first children!



Christmas Play

Thank you for your continued faithful support. We are wishing you a blessed Christmas Season and all of God's blessings for the New Year 2022!

Stefanie Köster, the leadership team, caregivers, and children