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"Easter is not a celebration of a past event.

The Alleluja is not for what was; Easter proclaims a beginning that has already determined the farthest future.

Resurrection says: The beginning of glory has already begun!"

Karl Rahner

Easter 2025

Dear friends and supporters of St. Nicholas,

I am very happy to share new updates from St. Nicholas with you. Since my last visit over Christmas and New Year, quite a bit has happened. It was especially wonderful that almost all of our former children—now young adults—came home for Christmas.



Kaijage surprised me by not coming alone: he proudly introduced me to his fiancée! We are already looking forward to the next generation!



Edina at boarding school

In December, several young people graduated from school again. For them, this meant changing schools and moving into boarding schools. In Tanzania, this is quite normal, as the long distances often make a daily commute to school

impossible. Therefore, the older youth are not in the house during the school term. However, everyone has a break at Easter, and at present St. Nicholas is once again full and lively.



Kaijage and his fiancée

In mid-January, Safura, Zawadi, Steven, and Anthony moved into their own house. They enjoy having their own living space separate from the children.



The new house for the young adults



Steven, Anthony, Sr. Celestina, Safura, Zawadi

However, not much has changed in their daily lives. Anthony works in the mornings with two staff members on the grounds, helping with smaller tasks. Safura continues to attend school. Zawadi helps wherever she wants, and Steven is present.

Asimwe also has her own room, but not in the new building. She has been working as an assistant to the caregivers for several years, and that is going very well.



Asimwe

The youth welfare office is diligently bringing us children. We are now primarily receiving children with disabilities, as we are the only facility in the wide area that accepts children with disabilities.



Lilly



Agnes

In February, little Lilly came to us, and now, very recently in April, Agnes has joined us. As is often the case, we know very little about their backgrounds and we can only estimate their ages. We suspect that both are about eight years old. I am very much looking forward to meeting both of them in person in July!

We wish you and your families a blessed Holy Week and a joyful celebration of the Resurrection!



Stefanie Köster, St. Nicholas leadership team, the children, and caregivers