

St. Nicholas Children's Centre Kemono (NCK)
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"Easter tells us that life is stronger than death".

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Dear Friends and Supporters of St. Nicholas,

Warm Easter greetings from the children and staff of St. Nicholas Children's Center!

Most recently, I was at St. Nicholas during Christmas and New Year. The children greatly enjoyed the Christmas celebration, the gifts, and going out together for a meal in town. Their joy was contagious.

Every year in January, a new school year begins in Tanzania, and our daily, weekly, and yearly routines are shaped by the children's school schedules. Who is moving from kindergarten to school? Who is finishing one school and moving on to another? Who is starting vocational training? Which children can walk to school, which can take a bus, and who needs to be driven to school in the morning and be picked up in the afternoon? Who will go to boarding school? In January, everything is reshuffled anew - We can only keep track with the help of lists.



There is also always the question of who has now become an adult and can leave St. Nicholas, once they have completed school or vocational training.

Of course, we cannot discharge children with disabilities. For them, the next step is a move into the adult section. In January, Christoph, Benson, and Elliot moved from the children's area into the adult section.

Currently, 37 children and eight young adults live on the premises. The St. Nicholas registered association finances the children's section, while the St. Nicholas-Foundation finances the adult section.



During Lent, we received many visitors. Various groups came, and each brought us gifts! We received very practical and meaningful gifts - sacks of flour, rice, sugar, boxes of soap, pens and school notebooks, sweets for the children... We were richly blessed.

Such a stream of visitors does not happen regularly during the holidays, but it does occur from time to time.





We were visited by people from the seminary, employees of Bukoba airport, a parish from Bukoba town, and staff from the local Catholic radio station. Photos and reports from these visits were always sent to me via WhatsApp.



My next visit to St. Nicholas will be at Pentecost, from the end of May to mid-June.

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