



Mail from Africa



Dear Friends,

... this letter still reaches you from Germany. But the time has come... the path is leading me back to Africa. I'm excited to send you Christmas greetings in this first newsletter and to officially share that I will be leaving Germany next year to move to Tanzania.



I'm already familiar with the hospital in Shunga, near Lake Tanganyika. I've had the opportunity to work there a few times for short periods. It is now part of the Allianz Mission and is operated by the Anglican Church of Tanzania. This time, I'll be heading there for a longer period. My responsibilities will be quite diverse, but they will mainly focus on the areas of obstetrics and neonatology. There are many planned changes and developments at the hospital, and I will have the privilege of contributing to them. So my primary work will involve my professions as a pediatric nurse and midwife.

I'm deeply grateful as I look back on the past three years, during which I had the opportunity to study at the St. Chrischona Theological Seminary. I haven't yet completed my studies, but I hope to have the financial means to continue studying online at a later time. I've found the theological studies to be an invaluable addition in many areas, especially in connection with my professional work.

Until my departure in the summer of 2025, there is still much to prepare. Over the past year, I have attended seminars organized by the Allianz Mission, started getting back into the mindset of the new language, and now have to tackle all the formalities for the visa and work permit.

Additionally, I'm planning to travel to Shunga, Tanzania, for two weeks in March to address some matters directly on-site and to get an up-to-date picture of the hospital and the work there. This is important so I can prepare more effectively and ensure that by summer, I'll have everything I need packed in my suitcase.

Another key concern is finding a suitable car for myself. Shunga is a small, remote, and rural village. I will need a vehicle that can handle the rough road conditions and reliably get me from one place to another.

For this reason, we will focus on purchasing a high-quality vehicle, which is unfortunately hard to find locally. It has proven to be more practical to rely on foreign imports, even though they involve significant time and expense. However, this represents a far more sensible and above all safer investment in the long term.



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I cannot fulfill my mission in Tanzania on my own. Living and working in a different culture is very challenging and often comes with many difficulties. Maternal and child mortality rates remain very high in many African countries. Women and children often arrive at the hospital with complications. Dealing with these, making wise decisions, and trying to save lives with limited resources is often both emotionally and physically demanding. Knowing that there are people standing behind me as partners in this work, offering support and encouragement, is incredibly valuable. Whether you follow my updates through newsletters, social media, or my website, send care packages or WhatsApp messages, there are many ways to support and encourage me. The most important one is prayer—because without Jesus by my side, I cannot live out this mission. My work in Tanzania and with the Allianz Mission is entirely funded through donations. It's only possible because people feel called to create opportunities through financial support, enabling God's love to reach people in a very practical way at the hospital through medical and pastoral care. Making God's work visible and being a part of His plan and mission—that is what mission partnership is all about. I would be delighted if you joined me in this mission!



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Donations can now be made through the Allianz Mission donation account. Contributions specifically for the March trip and the car will be handled separately—please reach out to me directly if you'd like to support me in these areas. Since the preparations also come with costs and challenges, I am very grateful if you choose to join this partnership now and support me financially, emotionally, and with encouragement and prayer. Whether it's a one-time gift or regular monthly contributions, small or large amounts—what truly matters is your heart and your desire to take part in God's mission and work.

With a small Christmas video, I want to warmly greet you and thank you in advance for all your support! Yours, Carolina

Christmas Reflections of a Midwife



*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and
shall call his name Immanuel.*

Isaiah 7,14

Merry Christmas



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If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via my contact address. More information and dates for informational events will follow in the new year. I would be happy to come to your church, home group, youth group, etc., for talks, informational events, or sermons. Feel free to write to me for potential topics and dates.