

## Predigt des Abschlussgottesdienstes des Uhusiano-Projekts

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(For our common sermon we would like to) Let us tell you a little story about Alice from Tanzania and Ruth from Bavaria.

Ruth had her old mobile. Usually, when she tried to communicate, it turned off because the battery is old and does not work well.

She kept on using it unsuccessfully. When she met Alice she told her. Alice advises her to buy a new mobile but Ruth did not want to, because she does not know how to use it.

Alice was really surprised, because she thought Ruth being a German has enough knowledge about technology, especially the use of the mobile. Alice encouraged her to buy a new one. So she bought a mobile which has so many things in it, one is internet. Alice taught her how to use it and now she is enjoying it.

So, you see what partnership can be like: To get corrected in your expectations, to learn from one another and to help each other using our differences as a gift God has given us. God created us humans in different physical appearance, with different talents and characteristics.

Paul teaches the church of Corinthians that there are many members, but there is only one body. So he writes: 1Cor 12

*For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body that would not make it less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body that would make it less a part of the body.*

*If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing?*

*If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?*

*But, as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them as he choose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts yet one body.*

*The eye can not say to the hand: I have no need of you. Nor again the hand to the feet, I have no need of you.*

*That there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together. If one member is honored, all rejoice together.*

*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*



Paul takes this picture of the body, to tell us:

No part of the body, nobody is superior or inferior to the other. All are worthy and important members to support each other even those whom we think that they cannot help because of their weakness. There are people with different kind of disabilities; some are accepted by their families, some are not just because they think that they cannot contribute much to the society but God has a purpose to all people in this world. He created us to fulfill his purpose. It is good that there are different schools which empower them to contribute to the society in a special way.

There is a beautiful variety in creation. But we are one through Christ. The Love and the spirit of Christ unite us. This is the strongest bond which we could have.

On page two of your booklet for this service you see the sign of our partnership between Tanzania and Bavaria. It shows two people joint together by the cross. The love of God holds them together.

But this symbol of the Partnership could also be interpreted like this: You see some parts of a puzzle. This puzzle is not finished yet. There is still the hope that others join in to complete it.

All this is possible through Jesus Christ, who said I am the way and the truth and the life.

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