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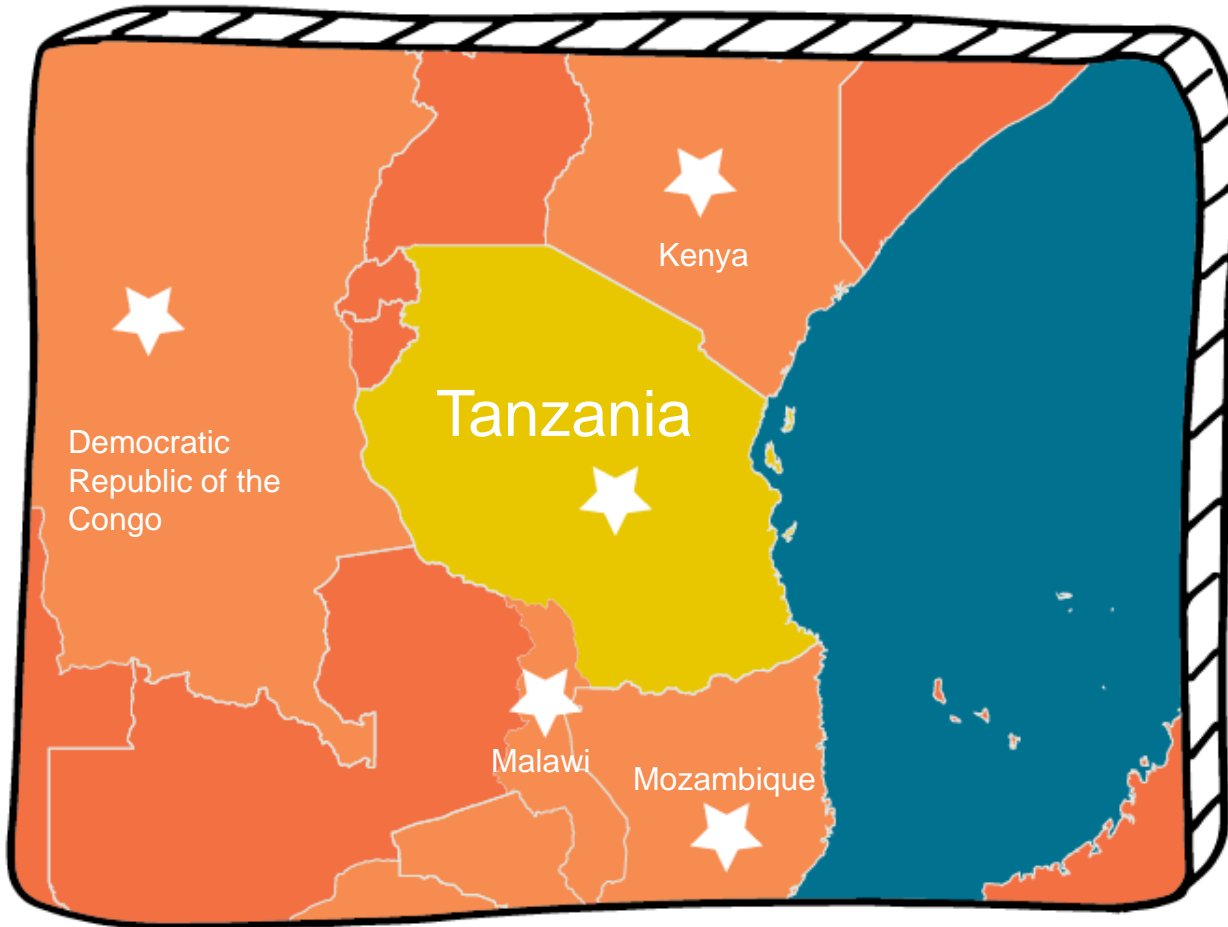


WEEK 3: OLIVA, TANZANIA

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This is Oliva's story.



Oliva lives with her family in Tanzania.



Oliva did not have the chance to go to school when she was young. As an adult she could not read, write or count.



Due to low rainfall in her region it is difficult to grow food and many families find it hard to afford shelter and clothing.



Many children don't have the chance to go to school. Families are unable to afford the school fees or uniforms and schools can be a long way from home.



Oliva found it hard to make money from running her kiosk as she struggled to add up and give the correct change.



Three years ago, Oliva went to a village meeting where she learnt about the A+ program, supported by Caritas Australia.



The program included classes for people to learn literacy and numeracy skills.



Oliva was keen to learn so joined the class, but she noticed that other adults didn't feel comfortable being in the same class as their children.



Even though Oliva was still learning herself, she set up a classroom in her house to share her new skills with her neighbours.



Olivia says, “Education has enabled me to come closer to my children, as we do homework together.”



Caritas Australia has also helped Oliva's community to improve access to safe drinking water.



Now Oliva and her family have access to water 500m from their house.



Oliva says, “My business is growing because I can keep good financial records, save and buy basic needs like food, medicine and farm materials.”



Oliva has now graduated from the program. More people are attending her home-based classes and her business is thriving.



“I am proud to be a teacher who helps others to achieve their dream. I would like to thank Caritas Australia for your support.” - Oliva

QUESTIONS



1. Where does Oliva live?
2. What made life hard for Oliva?
3. How is Oliva improving life for her family and her community?
4. How did Caritas Australia help?