



## TLC April to September 2017 in Tabora, Tanzania

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**Tabora League for Children:** *Working with orphans and vulnerable children and their families in 3 TLC Centres: Isevya, Ng'ambo and Chem Chem all within the Tabora Municipality.*

If you would like to help please make a donation to: "Tabora League for Children" Barclays Bank, Sort code: 209748 A/C No: 63693430 or by Paypal on our website [www.tlctanzania.org](http://www.tlctanzania.org) or [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/tlctanzania)

TLC is grateful to all you wonderful supporters. TLC's children say a big **thank you** to you all.

Two of last years Form 4 graduates are starting the next stage of their education, both setting off for other areas of Tanzania and starting to board. One is going to the Accountancy College in Singida, and the other has gone to do secondary Fifth and Sixth Form near Arusha. Another one of the graduates has been helping out at Chem Chem but will soon start his Building Course at the Tabora Vocational Training College. Another is applying for nursing. We wish them all good luck in their new ventures.



This brave little 5 year old girl is unable to walk, she has two club feet and other complications in her legs. For a year or so she walked on her knees but they became too sore earlier this year. A British doctor in Ethiopia is able to help her and asked us to get her tested to make sure she was physically able to take the treatment of 8



months in structures like this shown above. All the tests were done in Dar es Salaam and took a week to complete.

Mum and daughter were there over a Sunday so it was suggested they went to the very nearby beach for a break and they certainly look happy. Sadly the doctor is not satisfied as one result was not good. They await a further test in Tabora and we are all hoping that she gets the go ahead. We will start fundraising for this when we know that all is well and the trip to Ethiopia is on. The trip to Dar for all the tests was made possible by one special donor, and the family are very grateful.



On 6th May 2017, there was a gathering of children from all three centres at the TLC Isevya Centre. George, the caretaker, carries the big saucepan of tea; the girls renew their friendships while they wait for black tea with sugar soon after arrival. Right, 16 year old Mwamvua is happy to be at the party in her wheel chair. Mama Mwana, the Chem Chem cook, is on hand to help her.



Right below, Beatrice the overall Manager, despite a very recent bout of malaria and typhoid, smiles as she hugs Mohamed, a young adult who has just completed a course at



Vocational College .

Above the N'gambo and Chem Chem children arrive in their very best clothes





Our appeal for new sponsors has been very successful and we have welcomed 10 new sponsors to TLC family and say a big thank you for the smiles these generous folk have put on young faces in Tabora.



**Sponsors now urgently needed for family of 4 boys whose parents have abandoned them.**



Anna right, one of TLC's Trustees, pictured here with one of our older girls, writes:

*I'm running Royal Parks Half Marathon for Tabora League for Children (TLC), a charity I've been working with for over 5 years. We work with hungry, vulnerable and orphaned children in Tabora, Tanzania, one of the world's poorest cities.*

*TLC cares for the city's most vulnerable children. We provide everything necessary for them to attend school and enjoy their childhoods: balanced meals, medicine, clean water, clothes and school uniforms. TLC runs several day centres where the children eat, study and play with their friends.*

*Now we are starting to see our children graduate from secondary school and look to the future. Sadly, youth unemployment in Tanzania is nearly 3 times as high as in the UK: competition for jobs is high, making it really tough for those from the poorest backgrounds.*

*The next step for TLC as a charity is to provide facilities to give them a better chance. We are establishing a youth development scheme, which will work with our teenagers and young adults on an individual basis, providing resources for those who wish to study, start a business or learn a vocational skill.*

*I'm running to raise money to build a specialised centre for our young people. This centre will provide resources for school revision, IT and internet facilities, tutoring and mentoring. Whilst the young people are at school local staff will run income generating and business skills sessions for the children's guardians, too. The building may be used for counselling, lessons, community meetings, volunteering and more! 100% of donations will go directly to Tanzania :) <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AnnaBrohan>*



Wendy, left, seen with some TLC Isevy children, is an experienced education consultant. She visited TLC in Tabora in May 2017 and was "bowled over" by what TLC is and does. She spent time with the children, with the staff and local TLC Board members. Wendy has suggested some helpful changes to Administration both in UK and Tanzania. Thanks to the hard work of all concerned the project has grown but those who do the administration have remained few.

A "Way Forward" Committee has been formed with the help of Wendy and her husband and has its first meeting on 9th September. Suggested changes will create a variety of new volunteering roles which we hope some of you may find interesting. More about them in the next newsletter.

TLC continues to be supported by volunteers so that all donated funds go directly to the children in Tabora.



Daily lunch served at all three Day Centres is nutritious and filling. The older girls help dish out and everyone helps to wash up. This is followed by lessons from a qualified teacher to try and help the children get better marks in their exams and gives them a chance to ask about topics they don't understand. All the primary school classes have over 100 pupils in them and some over 200. So there is not much individual attention at school.