



TLC January February & March 2018 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

Many thanks to all those helping to keep TLC working in Tabora and smiles on these faces



Behind the smiles above there is a background of poverty and family life can easily be derailed. Some examples of recent problems that needed extra funding:

A little fella lost his home as mum couldn't pay the rent and they slept rough for some nights until TLC helped with a year's rent. He now has a very severe bout of malaria.

An older boy had an accident and got a terrible wound and badly broken leg that couldn't be treated locally so we got him to a hospital where he could be helped.

Another young lad lived with his granny. She left. Then he lived with his aunt and uncle. Aunt has also left taking everything, even his mattress.

The mother of 5 TLC siblings is mentally ill and does not look after them. The eldest, 10, is their main carer. His 2 little sisters are very vulnerable. His brother needs complex surgery for one of his hands. TLC was keeping them going until Mama and the youngest child disappeared this week. Then temporary foster care (arranged by TLC) was needed.

TLC supports 152 children through sponsorships that ensure regular meals, health care and schooling. There have been so many extra calls on our money recently that we have decided we need a special fund to help the victims of these emergencies, so that our food, education and health programme is not jeopardised. Our chair person will be running a Pub Quiz in London, date to be announced ([on Facebook](#)) to start this **Emergencies** Fund off.

Interviews are taking place in Tabora this week to recommend a candidate for the position of General Manager. Beatrice has been acting as Manager but prefers to stay closer to the children of Ng'ambo as their Coordinator. Please keep this process in your thoughts as we try to select someone excellent.

Our wonderful TLC film is now available on the [website](#) and on our [TLC YouTube channel](#)



You will remember **Hadija**, the 6 year old with popliteal pterigium syndrome and club feet, who was offered specialist free treatment in Addis Ababa with a British doctor if we could get her there. Well, thanks to all our wonderful donors, that has happened. Hadija, her Mum and Adrian are in Addis Ababa! Before that, one of our senior students, Joseph, on the right hand side of the picture on the left, had to travel from Tabora to Dar es Salaam with the passports as they were eventually issued there rather than in Dar. Dominic Masanja was a great help to

the team while they waited in Dar. They then flew to Nairobi and were helped by Donald Thomas, getting their visas for Ethiopia in record time. They even had time in Nairobi to see some giraffe and baby elephants.



Hadija has now been in hospital for 4 weeks, had 3 operations and has both legs in fixators. Adrian, their translator, himself a TLC lad, is staying in a rented room and visits daily. Mama stays firmly by Hadija's bedside. The doctor is pleased with progress. The updates can be picked up on our [Facebook](#) page with regular photos added to the Hadija album, or on our lovely [new website](#) in pdf's at the bottom of the home page. The last very recent operation was causing discomfort, but our little girl is smiling again and Adrian keeps her cheerful. They have

made new friends during their stay. Hadija will be in hospital for many months and has had a visitor from the UK, Miranda, left, who brought her a doll with clothes and a bed that she made for the dolly.



Hadija has requested a pair of shoes! Her club feet could not be fitted with shoes and she will not be ready for shoes for a while yet but its good she is so positive. Adrian has promised her



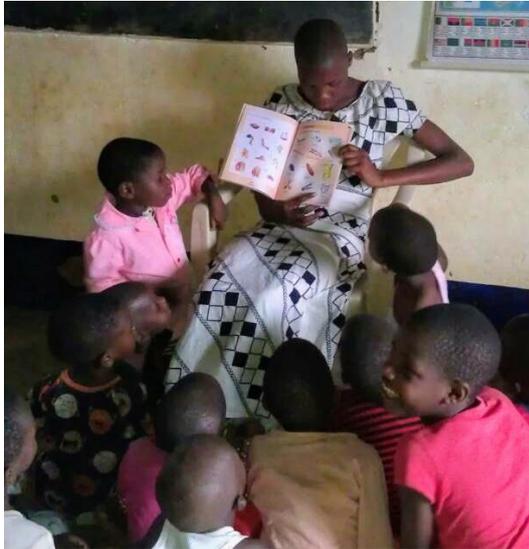
a pair. [The Hadija Fund](#) is still open for donations.



We are very happy to be introducing James Howson, a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, who has joined the TLC UK volunteer team as its **Treasurer**. He attended his first TLC Trustee meeting on 10th February, when he was warmly welcomed. He has visited Tabora in 1998 and in 2007.

One of our especially vulnerable **Primary school leavers** has now started at a private boarding school where she will get a bit of a boost to her studies. She seems to be settling in well though it is hard for her as she is studying in English for the first time and she is partially deaf. She wants to be a teacher.

3 girls qualified for another private secondary school in town and seem to be getting on well.



Another primary leaver has started a building course at the Vocational Training school.

The others are attending Government secondary schools, two as boarders and the other two as day pupils. One of these new Government secondary school



pupils is helping out at Ngambo, introducing the younger children to science, see above.

The **Form 4 secondary leavers** have had their results: 2 Division Ones, 1 Division Two, 2 Division Threes and 2 Division Fours. Many congratulations to all these clever young people. They are now waiting to hear which school and colleges they have been allocated. They are busy helping the younger children in small groups, see above right, and below left.



Joseph, seen on Page 2 delivering passports to Dar, one of these Form 4 leavers, has been giving one to one tuition to another exceptionally bright younger lad, as well as teaching our beautiful jewellery maker, right, who is insufficiently mobile to attend school.





Lunch time at Isevya, left, with a thunderstorm raging outside, so everyone is eating inside, as are some of Chem Chem's little ones. The home grown corn and pumpkins add variety to the menus. Well



done to the gardeners and those who have diligently watered the crops and to the cooks and their helpers.

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