



TLC August and September 2015 in Tabora, Tanzania

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Chem Chem: Great news. Alan, see left, our champion, has raised an amazing £7000, running through mud, icy pools, scaling walls and many obstacles in his Tough Mudder event on 26th September. Grateful thanks for his huge efforts. We can now build the classroom and kitchen before we reopen our third TLC centre at Chem Chem, a very poor suburb of Tabora. The toilets, see right, are almost finished. The interiors are complete, just doors and windows to be attached. Hopefully, all will be finished in December.



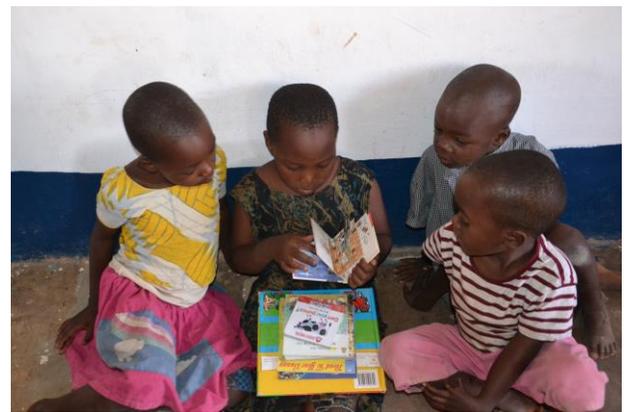
The **Trustees of TLC UK** met on 3rd October in Oxford and were very pleased to have Deus Ntiruka, the



Executive Director of TLC TZ with them. He was in the UK to meet some of our donors on a trip paid for personally by some of the trustees. No TLC funds were used. His presence at the meeting was greatly appreciated.



Joyce, left, who cooks the lunches at the **TLC Ng'ambo centre**, doubles up to help the little ones get ahead with school work. Examinations are the key to a college education and to a job in this city with 80% unemployed. TLC tries to ensure that its children



get a chance to get ahead before they enter the primary school doors aged 7, and go into a class of over 100 children. The secondary students also lend a hand with lessons.



Just to have a full tummy and be among friends is great according to the children seen left, although a couple of front teeth apiece would come in handy. The young children at the **TLC Ng'ambo centre** came all day, every day during the summer holidays and enjoyed themselves and did some lessons. The over 4s are all back at school or nursery now. TLC Ng'ambo which started its life at the end of February this year is now an established part of the community in that suburb of Tabora.



At **TLC Isevy Centre** these boys on the left are happy too. They have food, friends, a swing and a football pitch.

The 4 year old lad on the right is getting to grips with Tuesday's lunch, which is a mixture of corn and peanuts, a delicious but serious business. He and his sister were orphaned very young and stayed with their lovely granny, but she sadly died after a year. Their aunty took them in, but found two extra children too much. They are now with their other granny who also has a business



to run, so they really love coming to TLC each day, where they are cared for and thrive.

News from TCET, our sister organisation which arranges sponsors to pay for some children to attend private school. Two of the secondary graduates have started college. The other 3 still await more information from their college. One of the graduates is seen right with her grandmother, who has brought up her and her three sisters since their parents died when she was very small. Her grandmother has been very unwell lately, and she took her grandmother for treatment to St Phillips clinic. Now the tables are turned and it is the young caring for the old.



The other TCET students have returned to school, and one is doing her final secondary exams this year, and another has already finished her final primary exams.

Miranda from Oxford, is back again in Tabora to help the centre leaders to get their accounts onto computer spreadsheets ready for sending to the UK. They are already making great progress, but neither centre has electricity yet, so charging up phones and computers is proving difficult and frustrating. Isevy has sockets and light fittings in place but the final link has not yet been made by the electricity board. Miranda is seen right giving a hand with the digging out for the water tank a few days ago. It's less frustrating than dealing with flat batteries!



The hole for the **rain water collection water tank** provided by Wilmslow Wells for Africa is finished with the staff and children helping with the digging. The builders are expected any day start the construction work, but as the master builder has got chicken pox there will be another short delay. When the tank is completed, the intermittent mains water tap will not have to be used during the rainy season from October to April, and the water in the tank should last well into the dry season as well. The will be a huge saving on water bills. The water from the tank will also be much cleaner than mains water. Already there have



been a couple of storms with rain this year and so the pressure is on to get this tank finished and filling up.

The bigger boy has a twin brother and they have just completed their end of primary school exam. The little lad is the son of our cook at Isevya and he has not started nursery yet. The bigger boy has some temporary work helping out at the centre, and looking after the cook's son is just one of his jobs! The twins' mother has just moved away from the area, so Beatrice is trying to get the twins a room to rent, so that they have a home once more. Hopefully the twins will be accepted at vocational training college, but admission to that college is dependent on the result of the exams. The boys were very behind with school work when they joined TLC and have had daily tuition from a retired teacher. The little one has had some health problems but is very well now.



Thanks to the sponsor who sent "something for everyone" with her last letter. All the children got a treat last Saturday, banana and a cup of milk to go with their usual Saturday breakfast of a slice of bread. Yummy! And very nutritious. The children get breakfast on Saturdays and school holidays usually the unbuttered bread is accompanied by a cup of weak black tea. Much dunking occurs.

Christmas is coming. This pop up Santa will come out of wrappings in December if he survived the move that was made from rented premises to our current centres at the end of February. During this last week we received a donation for Christmas treats for the children from one of our oldest supporters, she was 96 earlier this year, and has been following our efforts in Tabora since we starting paying all the costs for the centre in October 2009. We were also told that our Volunteer from the summer, Crissy, will be returning to Tabora in December and needs to know where the Santa Claus outfit is. If you would like to donate or have an event to raise money for us to buy a little gift for each of the children or for the Family Food Parcels we give out in December, we would be very grateful.



Five TLC children are leaving primary school this year with their **certificates of graduation**. All children are 14 by the time they leave primary school and some of ours, after a late start or various interruptions are a lot older. Some of the five have had a very difficult time to get to this day when they hold their certificate in their hands. We congratulate them all, and the dedicated team in Tabora for this triumph. Some will go on to secondary school, some to vocational training and maybe some will work for us and try to get some extra training until they are ready for jobs elsewhere. Good luck to them all in their chosen paths. Our aim is to get all our children at least to the end of primary school. With some we have failed, but we try to stay in touch with them and give them any training we can to launch them into the world of work or back to education

