



TLC February, March and April 2014 in Tabora, Tanzania

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Tabora League for Children: Working with orphans and vulnerable children and their families.

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Penny from the UK visited Tabora in March with her daughter Emily (seen here with Beatrice, our Children's Coordinator). Emily did some great work with the children helping them with their lessons and having fun with them. She and her Mum rode our bikes from the Visitor House to the TLC Centre every day, though Emily had to ride pillion with George, our Visitor House Caretaker, a few times till the bikes were sorted out, not too comfy!

Penny reported on all the children and took time to discuss with Deus and Beatrice the problems that were arising and tried to find possible solutions. Staff health was one such issue as medical care is not free and all suffer frequently from malaria. Untreated malaria is usually fatal. It is diagnosed by a blood test and treated with tablets. The staff suggested a sum of £8 per month per staff member to be added to their salaries. This was agreed by Trustees and is now in place.



TWIGA: the sewing ladies have all learnt to knit and two other ladies, Christine and Bibi Amina, who were taught to knit by Bernadette 3 years ago, are working with the sewing group to provide jumpers for our children and fulfill knitting orders. The sewing ladies have diversified the number of products they are making - see some of the products on the left.

Anna is having a sale of TWIGA goods in London on 12th June – from 5pm til 11pm on Eade Road N41 DN. She would love to see any of our London supporters and their friends. Her stall is part of a street market event.



Vegetable Garden: Beatrice and the children have planted a vegetable garden at the TLC Centre and the children are weeding and picking the young pumpkin leaves which they eat as a green vegetable.

One of the children's Mamas has also been helping out and will sell what she grows in the garden so that she is less reliant on begging. She has no land available where she stays.



Home visits by Beatrice show the benefits of our programme for some families but in other cases problems in the homes have increased as elderly or sick relatives are unable to earn money. Our 15 year old twins, seen on the left, who were rescued after being taken by child labour traffickers late last year have now been given a new mattress after a home visit revealed very cramped and uncomfortable living conditions. 5 family members sleep, cook and eat in one small room. Their one mosquito net had a big hole and they get Malaria frequently. Their sponsor has been paying for a tutor for the boys now for two years and they have a lesson each day with him after school. This tuition needs to continue until they finish primary school. They are interested in learning carpentry and hopefully we will be able to set up our carpentry income generation project in time for the boys to benefit from it.

Recent Recruits, three new children who have joined since February.



School Work

The younger children now have a retired teacher to help them with their lessons every afternoon as many of them are not doing well in the huge classes of over 100 children at their Government schools. They come to the TLC Centre for lunch each day after attending school in the morning and now can settle down after eating to proper lessons with their teacher.

Devotha, their teacher, has worked with us before and is delighted to be back with the little ones.

New text books have been purchased as well as exercise books and pencils for the children.

Helping the Grannies

Many of the children live with their Grannies as both parents are deceased. Home visits reveal many problems associated with lack of income, poor health and very bad housing. These challenges for us are huge. We have been giving loans to some of the Grannies to start little businesses like selling tomatoes or charcoal outside their homes. These loans have been very successful with 100% repayment rate so far. Some of the grannies are too old and sick to work and run a business. These grannies ideally need a sponsor who could provide a small pension of £10 a month. This would be given in money or as food, water and medical care. Can you help with this and sponsor a granny?

Open Meeting/Trustees meeting, 30th March : There was an Open Meeting at the last Trustees meeting on 30th March and this will be repeated each year gradually developing into an AGM that all supporters will be invited to attend. We would like to hear from anyone who is willing to assist the trustees with the preparation for such events.

TCET: Themihill, Westlands and St Vincents had their first term break in April. School reports and cards were sent to sponsors for these schools. Some children are doing really well and coming very near the top of their classes. Other schools with 2 terms have their first term break during June. Over the next few weeks Mama Haule will be very busy organising replacement school supplies and school fees for these schools. We should also have the school reports and cards ready for sponsors over the next few weeks.