



TLC Nov, Dec 2014 & Jan 2015 in Tabora, Tanzania

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Happy New Year and Grateful Thanks to You All



TLC's December celebrations were wonderful thanks to your generosity. (Left) The TLC traditional Christmas Lunch of chip omelette and soda was enjoyed by all. (Right) Santa popped in to share chores with the children. Gifts of clothes for all the children were received with great delight.



MANY THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS TREATS DONORS



On another day the families all went to the new TLC Isevya Centre to collect their food parcels of rice and a chicken which they so appreciated. The children enjoyed a picnic breakfast of tea and bread and everyone was able to see the building progress being made at the Centre.



TLC continues to provide excellent nutritious lunches six days a week and breakfast as well during the school holidays. The older girls are seen here dishing up. Hand washing before meals is arranged in the traditional way with a cup of water and a bucket.



London Marathon 2015 - Jim Thomason is TLC's runner. Jim has established a fitness programme and training is going well. It would surely help to keep his enthusiasm high if you could support him and you can be sure that we'll keep you up to date with his progress. Jim is a friend of one of our Trustees and we are very grateful to him for offering to run the Marathon for us.

See [TLC's London 2015 Marathon Runner](#).



Our 2014 graduates.

The 5 secondary school graduates and 6 of the 7 primary school graduates are all shown in this photo along with some of their guests. The primary school graduates have now all been allocated to secondary schools and one of the girls had the honour of being chosen for Tanga Technical School, one of Tanzania's prestigious Government schools. We wish them all well in their ongoing education.



School supplies.

All the children presented their school reports in December as the schools finished for the holidays. Mama Beatrice assessed each child's needs for the 41 at government primary school or pre school, with Mama Haule dealing with the 12 TCET children attending private



primary schools. The manufacture or purchase of all school uniforms, books and writing materials was organized. Distribution of school supplies was arranged just prior to the start of the new school year. See left, one young primary scholar having difficulty holding onto everything.

Thank you all for financing the children's return to school properly equipped with all that is needed. For some of our children, sponsorship means that they can now go to school for the first time as even though primary school is free the schools all require school uniforms as well



as payments for night guards and some for the use of the desks and families cannot afford this or the uniforms etc. needed. The Government Secondary Schools have a small annual fee of £10 but as always there are extras to be paid for like laboratory, exam fees, school uniforms and supplies.

There are 24 children now attending secondary school, some in the private sector and some at government schools, mostly all sponsored through TCET. 3 of those with TLC sponsors are seen, above right, with their school supplies for the coming academic year.

All TLC children are individually sponsored to cover the costs of their meals and school uniform. All TCET children are individually sponsored to cover all private school expenses.

TCET News

Mama Haule has been busy with all the 36 children who are still sponsored to attend private school or further studies. The start of the new school year this January has meant that all those changing school needed kitting out afresh. Photo: Two boys have secured places at a government secondary boarding school outside Tabora and undertook the trip there with, from the right, Mama Haule, Miranda who has spent a month in Tabora with husband Dave who is a TLC trustee, the boys, and Dr Kauzeni, TLC and TCET's great friend in Tabora. While our senior graduates wait for their exam results, 2 of them, who want to train as nurses, have started work experience at a hospital while the other 3 have signed up for IT courses.



Our Proposed Move to Two New Centres:

TLC Ng'ambo Centre



The picture above shows work begun on the new TLC Ng'ambo Centre. The dilapidated building at the back of the centre needed demolition to make way for a new perimeter wall. This was all done by hand and work will start now on the large building to turn it into an office, kitchen and big room for the children.

TLC Isevya Centre

Work is well advanced on this site and it is hoped that the rest of the perimeter wall, the classroom floor and wiring for electricity will soon be finished ready for the opening of both centres at the end of February.



Children caring for their environment.

On the land around the Lowana Centre, the children grow vegetables to supplement their meals and some of their guardians also grow vegetables there to sell and increase their incomes. These vegetables are irrigated so that the growing can take place year round. The children are expected to help out in all aspects of running the Centre as they would in their own homes and here they are clearing the grounds and preparing new beds for the spinach crop.



Home Visits undertaken by Magdalena as usual at this time of year showed the families' needs. Water filters, shown left by one of the young Mums, comprise a plastic bucket with a tap and inside a clay fired pot with an inner core of material that safely filters the water. These clay pots are manufactured by graduates of Tabora's School for the Blind. The families now have sufficient mosquito nets. These are essential as malaria is still the biggest child killer in Tanzania. The children and Granny are receiving a mattress to lift the children from the floor, earth for some, concrete for others, and this also enables a mosquito net to be secured. It is usual for several siblings to share a net and mattress. Our very grateful thanks to Macquarie, both company and staff, to our friends and Trustees, who asked for mattresses for their own Christmas presents this year, and to those who immediately responded to Magdalena's list with money.

