



## TLC November and December 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: Isevy, 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)

**Many thanks to all those helping to keep TLC working in Tabora**



**Its party time let's get ready.** Children from all three TLC Centres will gather together at Isevy to party. There is enough water to wash the tables at last. And its such fun sloshing about with a bucket of water. It has been raining. The seeds have been planted and so hopefully the rains will continue and a good crop will be reaped this year and the reservoir and our big tank will fill up.



On 21<sup>st</sup> December, the children arrived at the TLC Isevy Centre by bus from the Ng'ambo and Chem Chem centres. They all enjoyed their Christmas meal, had lots of fun and got a gift from a Santa who looked a bit like one of the big boys. We were very pleased that so many of the older ones were on hand to help the party.





Guardians received food parcels at each of the Centres as a Seasonal gift. Sometimes the children must carry the parcels home as the guardian is not able to. "Families thank everyone for their kindness. 'God bless you.' the families got rice, beans, small fish and flour. It was a wonderful day".



**"Jobs for the boys".** Well actually, we are aiming at jobs for the girls too. The lad on the left has a job as a driver for a Gas Company. In a city with



80% unemployment it's a triumph. The lad on the right has gone back to school having failed to get an interesting job, and is progressing well in his secondary studies. He helps at the Centre every week and is reading the sponsor's letter to a little one.



Joanna is a **UK volunteer who spent 6 weeks in Tabora** in October and November, did sterling work and sent lots of lovely photos back to us, and is seen here with the little one she has sponsored. Joanna has said she would like to continue helping TLC. She says, "The goal of TLC is to provide care and support for vulnerable children and it most definitely achieves that."



Our **Primary school leavers**, all aged at least 14, all passed their exams and all except one were allocated places at secondary school. Congratulations to them all. Some have battled against great difficulties and have done well at this milestone in their lives. We are very proud of them.



The one who did not get a place, see left, is very vulnerable, and so we have got her a place at a private boarding school where she will get a bit of a boost to her studies. To pay for this school she and her existing sponsor would love it if **another sponsor** could be found to pay part of the fees for this 4 year course. She wants to be a teacher. Please email [tlctanzania@gmail.com](mailto:tlctanzania@gmail.com) if you can help



At our **Chem Chem centre**, **skipping** is a most enjoyable spectator sport when the staff join in.

### Higher Education

We have one lad at the University of Dar es Salaam Iringa campus doing a degree in Education. Thanks to his sponsor, he has been able to pay his fees and set himself up with a room and means to cook. Like so many University students worldwide he is looking for a part time job to stretch his allowance. Lets hope he finds one today.

Their **home was bulldozed**, below left, they were told it would not happen and so they had not removed anything. They lost everything. The lad in the yellow T shirt and one of his sisters are TLC children, 7 children in the family and Mum. They built a makeshift house from the bits lying about, below right. The children lost their school uniforms so could not go to school.



TLC rented a room for them to stay in, the older children went to their Grandma. New school uniforms were provided. The lad in yellow rejoined his class of 334, and a month later his school report noted he had come third. The trauma and the gap in schooling has not seriously affected his marks!!

Some of our **Secondary scholars** and one sixth former.



The boarders are home in Tabora to join their siblings and friends for the holidays. This lass, right, is going into her final year of Secondary school and has lost her sponsor. **She needs a sponsor at £20 per month** to see her through to her final exams.

After Form 4 exams the youngsters are selected for 5th and 6th Form or college places.



### Goodbye and Congratulations to TCET



TCET was set up in 2007 to send very bright but vulnerable Tabora children to private school and it has given excellent education to over 60 children during its 10 years. TCET was run by Sarah, left, with her two little ones as well as TCET students and Kim, below, with TCET children at one of the private schools in Tabora. Both had been volunteers in Tabora in 2007. They have seen their original cohorts through to employment or



college. As the numbers in private school have shrunk, and both are now very busy young Mums they feel happy to pass the care of the remaining few TCET children over to TLC and close TCET. Thanks Sarah and Kim for all your hard work and congratulations on your many successes.

### Welcome to new TLC TZ Board Members

New members joined the TLC TZ Board this year and we would like to welcome them all as they help the team of staff there to care for the orphans and vulnerable children of TLC.

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