



## TLC August, September and October 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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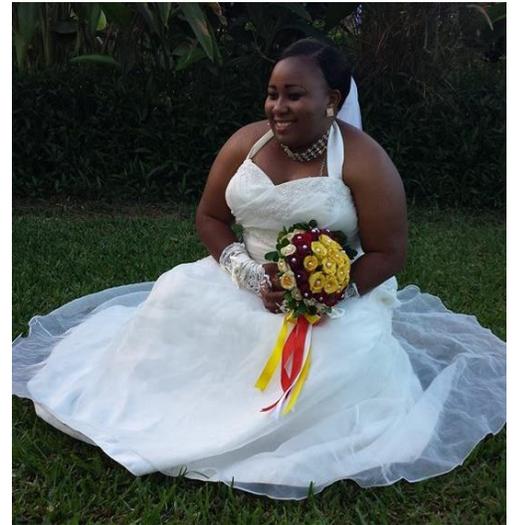
### Wedding bells in Tanzania

See right our wonderful Children's Coordinator, Beatrice, looking beautiful on her wedding day. We wish her and her new husband, Bom, every happiness in their life together. Visitors from UK were there to bring our good wishes to the lovely couple.

Beatrice has now returned to the centre where she works daily with the children. She keeps account of all the expenditure on the children, as well as managing the centre. People in trouble come to see her and she does her best to advise them, as well as doing home visits to families who are already part of TLC.

This weekend Beatrice will go to the home of a lady who was terribly burned as a child and has many awful health problems. She will help with cleaning the house and getting the children ready for school, getting the right medical attention and treatments for the mother.

For the past year Beatrice has been working also with some of our grandmothers who are sole guardians of orphan grandchildren. She helped a few grandmothers to start their own business with loans of under £10, selling tomatoes or making rice cakes to sell. She has meetings of the grandmothers so that they can discuss their successes and problems together and the project has grown and some larger loans are being given out from the returned funds.



### Bibi loans project recent examples



Baba (Grandad) John, on the left, used a loan of 50,000TZS (£20.00) to install some basic irrigation on the land where he farms spinach. Now the crop he produces is more reliable and less dependent on the rare patches of rain outside the rainy season.

Another of the guardians the scheme has helped has been Bibi (Granny) Saidi (right) who used a recent unprecedented loan of

200,000TSZ (£75.00) to purchase some weighing equipment for her scrap metal enterprise. She hopes this will allow her to cut-out paying someone else for this service and therefore increase the margin she makes on each piece of scrap metal.

Jonti, who was out in Tabora this summer worked with Beatrice, the programme coordinator, to develop more thorough checks before loans are made. This is now in place.



### Home visits

Magdalena has been undertaking home visits to all families and reported needs for water filters, mosquito nets and mattresses. Since her report, funds have come in for the water filter pots, from staff in Macquarie in Australia, who gave up their morning coffee, and their funds raised was matched by the company. Money has also been given to pay for all the mosquito nets from one of the UK trustees. Efforts are being made to raise the money for the mattresses needed.

### New Children – our grateful thanks to you all who keep TLC going.

13 new children have been taken into the programme this year thanks to our wonderful sponsors. Our grateful thanks also to those who give to our general funds so that we can buy all the extras that children and their families need like water filters, pay our staff, rent our building and offer support to grannies struggling to look after their orphan grandchildren.



### TCET

We are proud of our five young people who graduated from secondary school this month which is a wonderful achievement. Two girls pictured left are applying to nursing college.

The four primary graduates from St Francis School were pictured in the last newsletter and two more are leaving another primary school. These young people hope to start secondary school in January. A party with cake and soda will happen soon, thanks to donors for this treat.



**New Centres at Isevyia and N'gambo, suburbs in Tabora.**  
 Building work has resumed at Isevyia as we have now completed the purchase of the neighbouring plot. A 4 room traditional house on it will provide office space for the TLC headquarters. Left is the classroom/play area/dining room for Isevyia. Right is the rear entrance to the potential classroom/play area/dining room at N'gambo, where building work is needed to prepare the premises for the children.



The current premises will no longer be rented when these two centres are finished and open.



**September Visitors**

Trustees Siwan and Siobhan were in Tabora in September with one of the children's sponsors Undeg, seen below doing a jigsaw. They were favorably impressed with the progress of the whole project. They took gifts to the children, of toy cars, jigsaws and books, many of which came from Dylan, the grandson of another trustee. They greatly enjoyed being with the children. They were impressed also with the large dinners consumed daily by these small children and the healthy glow of those who have been with the programme for a while. If you would like to visit the child you sponsor just let us know. Or if you would like to start sponsoring a child do email us.



The trustees undertook home visits and visited the embryonic new centres in Isevyia and N'gambo.



**Christmas**

Christmas is coming and the Worcester Arboretum Over 50's club has generously donated £120 towards a present for each of the 66 children. If anyone wants to add a little more to that the children would be delighted.

We will also give out food parcels to all the families and would be grateful for contributions towards that.