



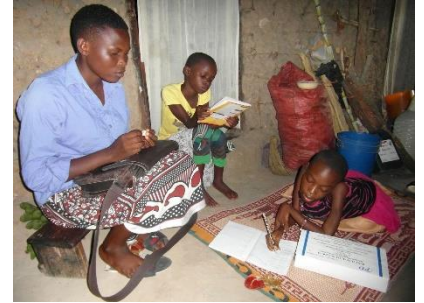
TLC January to March 2017 in Tabora, Tanzania

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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 or [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TaboraLeagueforChildren)

A recent secondary school graduate has been teaching our new girl, right, to read and write. Her sister, in the middle, has been attending our centre at Chem Chem for a while now. The 'teacher' got her Form 4 final secondary exam results recently and was devastated to find that they were not as good as she had hoped. She wanted to be a nurse but that is not possible with her results. Her results and those of the other Form 4 leavers, [see previous newsletter](#), could be improved by extra tuition and resources at the centre. We hope to get a teacher working with them. We have been given two computer tablets and a specific donation to enable us to get broadband at one centre. We have the curriculums and now the children will be able to use the internet to better understand the science topics. Any more spare computer tablets out there?



Our lass, second from right, is the new girl at this boarding school and seems to have made some friends. We stopped some years ago sending new children to private schools for many reasons. We felt that this particular girl warranted a boarding place as she has suffered greatly in her life so far and her kind sponsors were willing to cover her boarding fees. She is being visited monthly by her Coordinator Jenista and is happy, safe and doing well in her studies. She is spending her Easter Holiday with Jenista.

Below, girls washing their clothes at N'gambo



The children pictured above are helping prepare lunch by removing the heads from small dried fish. We provide nutritional lunches for 100 children 6 days a week and on Sundays also at one centre. We try to source the food and fuel sustainably.

Left below, staff picking maize grown at Isevy Centre. Right below, children picking maize grown at Chem Chem. All the centres have a little garden to teach these city children how to



grow food. Although Ngambo and Chem Chem have very little space they do manage



to do some gardening with the children. These crops are watered with waste water which has proved successful.

Last summer some students at the Kingsley School in Bideford fundraised for TLC and with their help a library of Swahili story books was started at each of our centres. The TLC children were very excited to be able to read stories in their own language. This spring, children at the Waterbury School in Chicago fundraised to buy more books for the library! Huge thanks to all the children and teachers for this international support. We try to ensure all school age children attend school and monitor their school reports. Having Swahili books to read is a great encouragement for the children's literacy. Volunteer Crissy has made a short film about the children and their books see: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B66TkWR39IO-ZVdhY3oyeUF1SUE>



Our children went back to start the new school year in January in their new uniforms. Shown are two 3 year olds starting preschool and two secondary girls going back to their second year at Government boarding school.



Some of the primary school children from Isevyu are seen below with their school supplies. Buying and making uniforms for a hundred and twenty children is a big job for our three Centre Coordinators.










Children at a get together of all three TLC centres in March when all enjoyed a meal and games together

We urgently seek new sponsors for these children and need your help. Please pass on these two pages to anyone you think could help

We have taken a chance, faced with these children's difficulties, and allowed them to attend and eat temporarily at our Centres, supported by a special fund, but this is unsustainable. They each need a person who will support them at £15 per month. The children will write a letter once a year, via our Sponsorships Trustee, and sponsors will get updated with photos whenever possible so you can see their progress. If you can possibly help these children as they grow up, or know someone who can, do email us at tlctanzania@gmail.com. You will give them a chance to be educated healthy wage earners and get out of poverty.

 <p>He was born in 2011. He lives with his mother and attends nursery school. They rent a room and Mum earns money for food by breaking stones with a hammer.</p>	  <p>This 7-year-old girl and her 5 year brother live with their mother, 2 sisters and 3 other brothers in one room without furniture, mattress or mosquito net. The mother is separated from father and the family situation is dire. These children are very malnourished with swollen stomachs but they are improving daily at our TLC centre.</p>	 <p>He's 5 years old. His mum sometimes breaks stones. The family is vulnerable and sometimes they sleep without any food. Mum comes to the TLC Centre to ask if she can help to cut the heads off the small fish that we are having for lunch and take the heads as their food.</p>
<p>1</p> <p>This sister and brother live very close to TLC Chem Chem centre. Their very sick father is unable to work. They have no mother. Dad has been getting help and some food from the TLC centre as he has been unable to walk for over a</p>   <p>year and everyone thought he was dying. The TLC coordinator and a UK visitor took him to a clinic and got treatment for him. He is still very weak but is now recovering and can just about walk again and manages to get to the centre each day. His recovery is regarded as a miracle. All three will need continuing care until one become a wage earner.</p>	<p>2 & 3</p> <p>5 years old, lives with mum and 2 sisters – oldest sister is 14 and does not go to school. Mother separated from father. They live with an elderly aunt in one rented room for all 5 of them. Mother tries to work but that is not always successful and they are not always able to eat.</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>5 years old. Lives with her grandmother since she was 2. Mother ran away and father left her with grandmother. Granny walks the streets to find jobs like washing clothes. Also goes to meal mill machine to collect swarm (corn bran or rice bran) for food. This is what she depends on for food to feed the family.</p> 
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<p>Seven year old girl. She lives with her mother and her young sister and her older brother. Her parents are separated and the father is sick and lives far away. The mother does any casual work she can get.</p> 	 <p>This girl is four years old and living with her mum who has difficulty in walking. The father left them. They are living with the grandmother who is taking care of them both. The child is not yet registered for school.</p>	<p>4 years old. Orphan. Has lived with an aunt and her family since 2015. This aunt also looks after her very sick father who cannot move, and her sister is very sick so all depend on the aunt. They rent 2 rooms for the whole family of 8 people. She sells mangoes or maize during their season</p> 	 <p>Aged 9 and lives in Isevyia with his Grandfather (76) . After eviction, they were taken in by a neighbour, who says that they can stay indefinitely but their position is very precarious. The old man seems really frail and the only income they have is from begging.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>She is five years old, Father is dead and mother is a casual worker especially in breaking stones, and any work around the street. She has 3 brothers.</p> 	<p>10</p>  <p>He is 3 years old. His mother is a widow. Her husband died 4 years ago. She was pregnant at the time. After her husband's death, she could not pay the rent so a relative took in the family. She works hard to feed the children. The mother depended on selling food in the street but she had to stop because of inflation due to the drought and rice crop failure. She now asks people if they need someone to wash their clothes.</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>She is 9 years old and lives with her mother who is divorced. She has one older sister, one young sister and one brother. She is in class one, her house is rented 5000 (£2.50) per month.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>He is 9 years old. His mother rents a room in small house in Chem Chem and tries to sell porridge in the evenings to pay the rent but she can't always do this so they don't always eat. Whereabouts of father is unknown. He moved away when mother was pregnant with this lad.</p> 
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A word about stone breaking: a small lorry tips a ton of large stones outside the homes of registered stone breakers. The family then sets to work and over weeks, turns the large stones into very small stones suitable for building work. No eye protection, no gloves, usually no shoes, no sick pay. You will be paid when the stones are uniformly small enough. No unemployment benefit or child allowance. Nothing unless it is earned or begged for.

Sponsors allow TLC to offer food, health, education and happiness to individual children. These children are the ones who can bring a change to the family situation. It's a long process, not always successful, but so worth doing. The child lives with their family or foster carers and comes to TLC daily.

