



TLC September & October 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.*

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



The bougainvillea in the garden of the Visitor House is magnificent, photographed in mid September.

Water: The rains during the last rainy season were poor, crops failed and the price of food is now high. The reservoir for Tabora's town water supply has little water left. It serves our TLC centres, some homes, but mainly hundreds of street taps each serving about 100 households, in this city of 250,000 people. The Water Board rations water by switching it off in one area at a time. The taps in Ng'ambo were dry for 5 days. Each tap was surrounded by hundreds of empty buckets waiting to be filled. Our children had to be sent home from Ng'ambo Centre one day as it proved impossible to buy water to cook for the children and give them a drink. Two centre coordinators asked for 1000 litre plastic tanks. One is shown on the left. A new donation will cover the cost of these 2 tanks and their fittings. The plastic tank will be filled when the tap is running and used when the tap is dry. A temporary solution to the water problem for the TLC children of Ng'ambo and Chem Chem.



Further Education: One of last November's 5 Secondary graduates has started Accountancy college and another one, seen right, is helping George on the computer. He has just got a place at Bagamoyo Nursing College. Another one, seen below, has applied to the Vocational College for a building course in January. Meantime he will



continue to enjoy teaching the infants at Chem Chem. A fourth has started 5th Form 400 miles from Tabora and he exemplifies the new challenge TLC is meeting. Sponsorship costs for a child are about £15. However, after secondary school some children are selected by government to go to college or Form 5&6. The cost of these options is high at about £40 per month and no scholarships are available.

If the child/young adult you sponsor is selected for post Form 4 education, TLC would like to make that possible for them, as it is the gateway to one of the few jobs available in Tabora with its 80%

unemployment. At that stage in your child's education we will discuss the future with you. We can try to bring one or two more sponsors in, or have fundraising events, or work with you in other ways to ensure that the costs are covered.

On **Sundays** we have traditionally had the centres closed. But in recent years the reports of inadequate food and/or care given to some of the children has led, first to Ngambo and now to Isevyia opening on Sundays for breakfast and lunch. The rise in numbers eating on Sunday at Isevyia in September has necessitated employing a second Sunday cook and carer. Rosalia, right, will take on the role. A TLC child in the early days, she left school before graduating to marry. Now with two small children, she is need of an extra bit of income.



Our Standard 7 primary school **leavers** have started a pre Secondary course to teach them English, as all their school work will be taught through the medium of English when they start at secondary school in January.



Tablet Talk happened with Marion in Oxford UK teaching English to the three girls shown left. They have now had 3 lessons and are progressing well. We had to use a computer rather than a tablet due to technical difficulties, now solved. Volunteer Joanna has been linking other students with teachers in Canada and the UK who have volunteered to teach or converse with students for half an hour a week. Let us know if you would like to help with this work

Younger Children. We mentioned the brothers in the last newsletter. They are aged 13, 11, 7 and 5, seen right, and were homeless and penniless, abandoned by their mother who suffers from epilepsy, and by their drink and drug using father. Their school had been sustaining them, and they slept in a corridor. The school money had run out by mid September. The Local Government officers attended a multi agency meeting with the teachers and Magdalena and Miranda to formalise the arrangements for the school to rent a room for the boys and TLC to feed and clothe them. All are sponsored now, have some clothes, and were happily settling into Isevyia centre.



4 other new children were sponsored and joined TLC during September.



The lass on the left was in Tabora, helping and looking well, after returning from her boarding school because of ill health. She transferred temporarily to a local school in Tabora where she recently was asked to translate for a visiting European dignitary talking about libraries to a whole school assembly. She received very high praise for her performance.



Ng'ambo's newly fitted kitchen with its inside tap and sink, thanks to Volunteer Brian and his TLC supporters in Australia, it's looking great, but not yet fully in use. It needs a gas hob and a pressure cooker. The gas cooking apparatus at Chem Chem, see right, is successful, especially with the addition of the metal



stand made locally to support the bigger saucepans. We hope that Ng'ambo will soon be more environmentally friendly, as well as economical, using gas and not charcoal.

Cheers for Trustee Anna who ran all the way round the course of the Royal Parks half marathon and has raised almost £800 so far <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AnnaBrohan>

Happiness is a cup of warm porridge, see below some of our Ng'ambo youngsters

