



TLC December 2018 to April 2019 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

Many thanks to all who keep TLC working in Tanzania and an especial thanks to all those who made the Christmas season so special with gifts for children and families, a party and the lovely cards.

Help needed

We need volunteers with fundraising skills or educational trust links to help us raise funds through our Norah Brohan College Fund. This will enable our children to go to college and gain qualifications. Please contact us for further information by emailing tlctanzania@gmail.com. Each college student needs £800 per year for the 3 years it takes to get a certificate or diploma.



The sad news that our teacher **Anneth Msimba passed away** during the night of 30th May 2019 reached us as we gathered at Isevy for a staff meeting on Monday morning. Beth and Marg were visiting from the UK. We were very fortunate to have had Mwalimu Msimba working with our children. Her funeral took place on Wednesday in the suburb of Kiloleni, where she had been a headmistress. A thousand people came to pay their last respects to a wonderful teacher and promoter of education. She was laid to rest in Tabora's beautiful hillside cemetery, green with frangipani trees, as the mourners sang.

Three of our young ladies who all did very well in their Form Four exams are **preparing to go to**



Form 5 and 6 during July. During their wait, for results and allocation of places, Halima, left, has been earning money cooking and selling snacks. Twins Shela and Kagoli, centre and right, are helping with TLC's children and helping their guardian who makes porridge to sell. Our three young men graduates are busy working and 2 of them hope to take VETA Courses, one plumbing, one electrician, in January.

Also helping the children with their English is Charles Simon, **our new volunteer**. He is in the last year of his B.Ed degree and proving very useful to TLC, helping in administration as well as in the classroom. As a student himself he understands the progress between school and university and is helping our older children register their choices of advanced subjects



The mother of one of our young girls, **expecting twins**, was very seriously ill in hospital during our stay and our TLC girl could not attend school or TLC as she had to care for her siblings and try to get money by begging to buy food for the family. Mum was safely delivered once we visitors paid for a caesarian.

Some of our children and guardians incur extra costs that we need to recoup if possible as they all add up to quite a lot. Can you help? Please email us at tlctanzania@gmail.com if you can.

1-4: Some of our children have been locally **fostered** to keep them safe or because they have no family. If you can help by becoming a co-



sponsor, please do. Here are the children needing additional support at £18pm each.



5. One of our girls (far left) with **special needs** has to have transport to and from her school. This costs £15 a month. Can you donate this for her?

6. This **cheeky young fella** (left) needs a co-sponsor at £10pm.

7-8. > These **two siblings** (aged six



and seven) are hoping for sponsors. Their home was bulldozed and the family lost everything except what they were wearing. The mother is resourceful and trying to rebuild their lives but needs some help. £19pm each.



9. This **college student** < needs extra support for her 2 Diploma years. College costs are high as she cannot live at home. Can you help support her for **just 2 years**? She needs an extra £50pm or £600pa for the 2 years so would need several helpers. She is reliable and helpful and is doing her best to improve her future.

10. Our 3 Centres close on Sundays but TLC adults go in to feed the 28 children (some in the photo right) who would

otherwise not get any food that day. A day guard is also at each centre. Can you **Fund a Sunday** at £20?



11-12. We have **two elders** who are especially unwell and poor.



This disabled father of 2 of our children eats at one of our centres every day. He tells stories and does illustrations to amuse the children.

This granny cannot feed all her grandchildren. She does her best but doesn't get any pension.

We have three other elders supported by wonderful sponsors and it would be just great if these two could

also get their sponsor pension of £18pm each. It would help us provide a lunch or give them money to buy food for their families.

Thank you so much to all our existing sponsors who make a big difference to our children's lives.

If anyone is able to increase their sponsorship donation please do!

We **measure height and weight** and the 7 year old lad on the far right and below, was well under the correct BMI for his age. He has been walking 18 kilometres daily from home to school and his



TLC centre. We looked at various options that would give him a chance to grow and decided to send him by motorcycle taxi each day. His helmet is coming with visitors from Australia shortly.



Best of friends, our newest recruit on the right playing with our Chem Chem day guard's daughter. Our little lad was extremely sick and yellow with a huge stomach when he first came to us.

Malnourishment was only part of the problem. The Chem Chem cook was soon plying him with good food. He needs some follow up checks on his

liver, but now looks bonny and well. He will go to nursery and start his education as soon as possible. More toys needed!!

Chem Chem is **self sufficient in Chinese cabbage**, (though another year we might need to use



locally made terracota pots instead of the plastic bags). Well done to the Chem Chem gardeners, They also have a good crop of passionfruit growing up the front wall. Ngambo too is starting to grow its own vegetables.

One of our Mums has been given a loan to rent some land to grow

vegetables for the family and hopefully have some left over to sell.

Thanks to donors we have a good collection of **Swahili story books** that are much enjoyed by the children. Reading in their own language helps to stimulate their interest and two teachers from the local Teacher Training College come in weekly to stir their imaginations even more. They read to each other as well as alone and this builds confidence.



Hadija, left, was still in Ethiopia in hospital when her hero Adrian had to leave her to begin his Pharmacy studies. He has just been doing a work placement in the far south of the country and so called in to Tabora to see his young friend. He also picked up one of the tablets that has been given to TLC



as he needs it for his course work. These tablets are proving very useful tools for our students, so many thanks to our Canadian friends who have passed them to us.

The **TLC TZ Board** below, with Chairman Dr Gaspar Kauzeni on the far left, met on 2nd April and are hoping to help us raise some much needed funds from Tanzanian Aid allocations .



TLC UK Board met on 23rd March also working to find sufficient funds for Seniors' Education.

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