

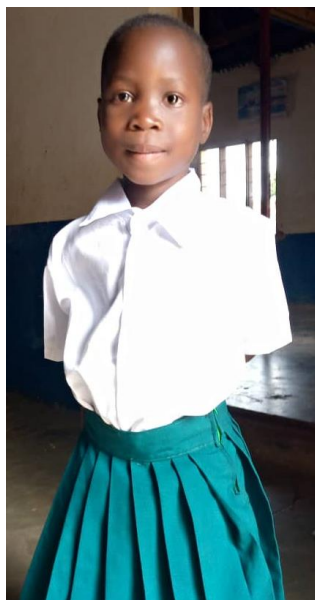


Tabora League for Children: Working with orphans and vulnerable children and their families in 3 TLC Centres: Isevya, Ng'ambo and Chem Chem all within the Tabora Municipality.

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 Card/Paypal on our website www.tlctanzania.org

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Happy new Year to all our readers and an especially big **thank you** to all our supporters for making all these smiles.



Off to big school

These two TLC girls have left nursery and have now started in Standard 1, each in a school near their home. The government primary schools have a standard uniform of green skirts for the girls and kahki shorts for the boys, both with white shirts. They have new shoes and socks, a jumper, usually blue or green, and a bag to carry their new books and pencils in. There are over 100 pupils and one teacher in most government school primary classes. School starts early and the children come to their TLC centre for lunch and play and extra tuition. Primary schools go up to Standard 7 when the children have a national exam and are then selected for secondary school if they reach the a high enough acadmic standard. (All seventeen of our Standard 7 leavers in 2022 were allocated a place in secondary school.)



All the children get new school supplies at the start of the school year in January. It's has been a very busy time for the coordinators getting them all ready to start school at the beginning of this month



Primary girls from Chem Chem



Three of Isevya's primary children



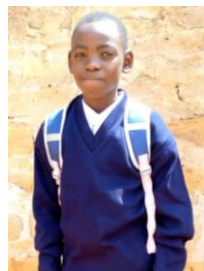
Some of Ngambo's primary scholars

Featuring 7 of the 17 TLC children who are starting secondary school



Local secondary for some Ngambo children

This young lady is doing very well at school



This clever lad is off to boarding school

Secondary education runs from Form 1 to Form 4 and is taught in English. Primary school is taught in Swahili so their first year is very difficult. We try to help by sending them to 3 month English courses after they have completed their standard 7 exams in September each year.

Where allocated Secondary schools are not close to children's homes bikes are a necessity.

New bike and uniform for this young lady on the right. She came to TLC in a difficult period for her family after their home was demolished and all their possessions lost.



Two brothers, right, who are just starting secondary school together. These brothers live together with their younger brother in a room rented by TLC. This rent is kindly covered by a sponsor. They take their meals at our Isevy Centre. The 4th and oldest brother is in Dar es Salaam now, and is shown on page 5.



Our six Form 4 final year secondary students.

Two boys, below, returning to their boarding schools, both have moved school in the past year and are doing well in their new schools.



Our four girls, centre and right are starting form 4. One seen here with her Dad, a friendly chap often seen wheeling himself around Tabora's sandy streets.

The Form 4 national exam in November determines the future options for the young people. If they do very well they are allocated to a fifth and sixth form school, if not quite such high results then they get a place at college. If no further education place is allocated then TLC encourages them to find an apprenticeship.



Students are all encouraged to work at various enterprises so that starting their own business, alone or with others, may be the way forward for them.



Ngambo Centre is thriving in a rented house nextdoor to the old mud and stick building which is being demolished. The old building was unsafe and had held together for longer than we had thought. Though it did leak in the rains! We have a rental agreement for 3 years and will assess the future housing of this Centre after the demolition and building of the perimeter wall is complete.

Ngambo is currently getting some help from Selemani, during his visit to Tabora



Christmas was great. Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to make Christmas special. Below delicious food and Chem Chem's little ones pleased with their gifts.



Ngambo's little one get their gifts



Thank you all for our presents, our delicious meal and the family food parcels

Christmas Joy





Four New Children

The two on the left are now at Chem Chem Centre. They are a brother and sister, and have found wonderful sponsors who will support them as



they grow and learn. The girl in the blue dress, is nine and started school early and is now ready for Std 4 but her Mum cannot afford to let her stay at school any longer. She is now sponsored and joined Isevyva Centre and is back at school. The lad on the far right is also very keen on learning and has been slipping in daily to the lessons at Ngambo. He now has his sponsor and has started school as well as being tutored at the Centre.

We have more new children **waiting for sponsors** so that they can officially join TLC.



This little girl, left is 6 years old. She lives with her disabled granny and 2 others in 1 room, seen right. Sponsoring her means she will be able to start her education and get healthy food every day and this will help granny too. Please email us if you'd like to sponsor her or any other new children at £23pm. : tlctanzania@gmail.com. Sponsorship can be donated by Standing Order to our bank account "Tabora League for Children" Barclays Bank, UK, Sort code: 209748 A/C No: 63693430 or via Paypal or by card through the Donate button, on the newsletter or on the website: tlctanzania.org



Our grateful thanks to all our Sponsors.

Sponsors Christmas Messages

Sponsors were invited to send messages to "their" children for Christmas. The messages are collated for each centre. The older children tell the children about all the messages, translating them into Swahili.

Sponsor and child exchange letters each year, as well as the child getting this



Christmas greeting. The children love their letters and the big ones, who learn through English at secondary school, enjoy showing off their command of English. Text is removed in this newsletter to maintain sponsor privacy.





Farewell to Charles and Welcome to Ben

At the end of December we said our sad farewells to Charles, left, who moves away from Tabora.

We recruited a replacement for Charles and appointed Benedict. Ben will help our seniors with their university and college education and in finding jobs. He will also help our part time teachers working with the younger children, and take over from Centre Coordinators in their absences.



A tragic farewell

Our beautiful 4 year old Swaumu was buried last week, surrounded by her mother, brothers and her TLC family.

Swauma was hit by a speeding motorbike, near her home, and suffered head injuries. She was taken to hospital where doctors and staff tried first to help her breathe. It was decided she needed neurological surgery and so she was transferred 200 miles to Mwanza the next day, where work continued on her breathing and she was put on a ventilator in the hope of stabilising her before surgery. Sadly she developed a fever and passed away the following day.

Beatrice, her centre coordinator, is broken hearted, loved her dearly and had worked so hard to keep Swaumu safe and happy. Her fellow coordinators, Jenesta and Magdalena went to Ngambo to support Beatrice in her grief.

Moving on

Kagoli, right, is a qualified nurse and has just taken a volunteership in a local hospital maternity ward. She and her twin sister have been supported by their wonderful sponsor since they were 8. She is very proud of them both. Her sister is studying Electrical Engineering and graduates next year.



Iddy, a qualified Tourist Guide is seen right at the Rundugai Cultural Tourism centre where he is volunteering. Soon he will be doing some practical training at the Mweka Wildlife Management Institute so that he can get a Mountain Guide Certificate.



They both seem to be doing well in building up their CVs within their chosen industry. Jobs are very hard to find and volunteering is the way forward for most.



Support from one TLC young adult to another.

Boaz, right, was in Dar es Salam for another operation on his leg. This brave lad has suffered a great deal and been at times unable to walk. He has just graduated from primary school, the first child in his family to do so. Boaz was greeted on arrival by Juma, left, TLC's football genius, who is with the Tanzanian Football Federation. Juma was there for Boaz after his operation and saw him on his way back to Tabora. The whole process was watched over virtually by TLC Centre coordinator, Magdalena, from Tabora.



TLC November 2022 to January 23 in Tabora

Virtual London Marathon: TLC has 3 places available for anyone fundraising for TLC who wants to run or walk the Virtual London Marathon on Sunday 23rd April. The organisers have added this incentive: 'Every participant who enters into the virtual 2023 London Marathon will be automatically entered into a draw for a chance to win one of 24 places in the mass 2024 TCS London Marathon!' See <https://www.tcslondonmarathon.com/the-event/virtual-marathon> Let us know if you'd like to take part so we can register you.

Visits to Tabora

Supporters are warmly welcomed if they want to visit Tabora. Let us know if you are thinking of planning a trip. We have to cover some Health and Safety matters etc, so give us plenty of notice. We have a simple guest house that you can use for a small weekly fee.

Have you thought of including a **bequest to TLC in your will?** This would be a wonderful way to continue your support for the children and the work that TLC does to help them. If you'd like to remember TLC in your Will, do let us know and we can send you some details that you can use. Thank you.

We are greatly in need of more funds so warmly welcome fundraising ideas like coffee mornings, car boot sales, other preloved goods sales, sponsored walks/swims/runs, pub quizzes etc. Anyone interested may contact us tlctanzania@gmail.com for help and pictures. If you want to set up a fundraising page, help is available. We need health equipment like mosquito nets and waterfilters, which we try to renew as needed. Home visits are made to check on these items. The children are better if they have a mattress to tuck their mosquito nets under. Two kind people ran a coffee morning for mattresses last year and these mattresses were given to those who most needed one. Since then coordinators have told us of others that need a mattress and are still sleeping on the floor. Each family needs a functioning water filter as water from the shared street taps is not safe for drinking.



Raising a glass to a
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2023
TLC's 14th Year



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