



TLC December 2019 to March 2020 in Tabora, Tanzania

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Thanks to everyone who keeps TLC going in Tabora.



In February the rains in Tabora became too heavy and **many areas were flooded.**

8 of the children had their homes collapse or become dangerously damaged and had to move to rooms on higher land. Thanks to the generous help from you TLC provided a small financial package to help them to repair their houses or to start renting somewhere where they will stay dry.



The **Corona Virus pandemic** has caused all schools and colleges in Tanzania to close and so our 10 boarding school children, along with 8 of our college and university students, will be returning to Tabora for a month. The local TLC Board is asking, in line with Government directives, that the children should stay close to their homes during the day. Our Coordinators are finding ways to ensure all the children get enough nutritious food to keep them all healthy and help to combat the disease. Below, some of the girls have been collecting food from the TLC Ngambo centre to cook and eat at home.





Rising above challenges.

The lad in the red trousers lost his home in the floods and then his sole carer, his granny, died a few days after that. He has been moved by our Coordinator, Magdalena, to live with the two brothers one behind him and the other in the centre, who have also recently been made homeless. The lads now share a rented room, have their lunch at Isevy Centre and take home another meal each, (in the new plastic boxes). A fourth boy, whose mother was hospitalised last year and moved to a village with him, has returned to Tabora to start an apprenticeship in motorbike mechanics and live with the other 3.

The lad in purple in the big picture and alone right, started secondary school in January. He has cared for 3 years for his 3 younger brothers, not pictured here. He and his brothers live in a room rented for them by their primary school and they depend on TLC for food, clothes etc

The two smaller boys share a wonderful foster Mum. They are not related and exhausted all family support by the age of 4. Both have experienced grave problems since being orphaned as babies.

All these boys above have all faced great challenges in their lives and none of them has a family member looking out for them. Our thanks to their sponsors who support them and make such a difference.



Thanks to all the sponsors who help make life enhancing educational opportunities possible.

Maganga finishes his BEd studies this year and will be TLC's first university graduate. We have 2 others students at university, Tunda in her 2nd year and Kelvin in his first. Chiku, Joseph and Sitta graduate from 6th form this year.

At the end of **December**, the children received gifts, their families were given big bags of food to take home and share and the celebration meals, in each centre, were delicious and appreciated. Christmas was enjoyed by all.



Thank you for making Christmas and Eid celebrations happen for our Children and their families this year. The delicious meals and fun gatherings were greatly enjoyed by all the children - a bottle of pop is a rare treat. The families really appreciated the food parcels and send their thanks to you all.





In January 130 children were kitted out for **school** or nursery. Thank you to those who made this possible. They looked so smart and were ready to go back to school and start their new classes. We had our best ever primary school leaver national results after the 2019 Standard 7 exams which the children sat in September at the end of their primary schooling. So we need to say a big



thank you for the encouragement from the Coordinators, Beatrice, Magdalena, Jenesta and Charles for making sure everyone could get to school and was healthy and well fed enough to work hard. A thank you too to their TLC tutors Mr Lukala, Mwalimu Esta and Mwalimu Maulidi. An especially big thank you to Mama Esta who has played such an important role in the lives of the Ngambo children teaching them every day after their lunches. Mama Esta is retiring for medical reasons but we hope that she will be well enough to return in the future. Many of the older children have also lent a hand with teaching and work daily with the little ones.

Several of our secondary students now have bikes to whizz them between home, school and TLC centre. We are trying to equip them with helmets and high viz jackets to keep them safe on the new tarmac roads that have speeded up the traffic in and around Tabora.

It is time for TLC to celebrate career successes.



Adelina, right, who recently graduated from college, had an interview in Mwanza and was selected for a Government job in Sumbawanga, some 500 miles south of Tabora between Lake Tanganika and Lake Rukwa. Charles, who coordinates the activities of the post secondary school young adults, has been keeping in touch with her as she settles in. We are delighted with our first Government employee.



Motorbike and Balaji maintenance is popular with our lads. One has been offered a job after his apprenticeship, and another, pictured left, has also started an apprenticeship. A third boy hopes to start soon.



Our newest children.

Left: the 5 year old twins of a single mother who has since died, along with our new 3 year old whose mum became disabled at her birth. She has 2 older siblings in primary school that we helped with school uniform.

Right: the toddler whose mother abandoned her, and whose dad is trying to find work daily, is loving being at TLC. All 4 are sponsored.



Needing sponsorship This boy on the left was with TLC before, living with his frail grandfather. His mother reappeared and took him away, hoping she could look after him on her own. That didn't work out and he is back with us now, needing help of £20pm.

The 10-year-old boy in the right picture does not have a sponsor yet. He, his Mum and one-year old sibling are all malnourished (Mum weighs 35 kg) and are all getting intensive high nutrition at TLC

Ngambo for 3 months, so that they can return to health. We have had a generous donation to cover this period but we need a long term sponsor at £20 per month for our new boy. Contact us at :

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Medical Careers. Hamisa, who has been with TLC for 10 years, central left, in her pink dress, has started her training as a Medical Officer and was out with her colleagues and fellow students on a field trip.

Twaha, above right, returned to higher education

after 2 years of working and supporting himself. We were able to fund his 1st year at college studying Pharmacy and he continues to be part self-supporting. A very kind new sponsor will help him finish his studies.

Adrian is in his second year studying Pharmacy in Moshi. Saidi has completed his certificate course in Nursing and Midwifery and awaits registration. Kagoli has just started her certificate course in Nursing and Midwifery at Tanga.



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