



TLC April, May, June 2016 in Tabora, Tanzania

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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.*

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Crissy has returned to Tabora from Chicago bearing all sorts of goodies including goggly eyes and glue. Rock Art, left, is now the thing of the moment! Crissy has been reunited with the little ones, completely engaged on their cup of morning porridge below.



Miranda was there in April/May and is seen right with a young Mum who was a TLC child from our early days and now has a 2-year-old child. A Young Mummy's Club has been established as there are now 4 TLC girls who have had babies. Two plan to return to education and the other two plan to set up small businesses to earn a living. One is currently having sewing lessons, the other is already a competent knitter.



During the recent school holidays the teenagers also had a workshop on **family planning and relationships**. There were as many boys as girls attending but the boys were a bit camera shy. Some of the secondary school students are shown on the right with Beatrice 4th from right standing; last year's graduate 5th from right, who is about to start government boarding school to do her A levels; and 6th from right is our Volunteer Janesta. Some of the teenagers attend local schools and some are boarders.



Isevya TLC Centre is functioning well and the children are happy. The old house was demolished as it was not cost effective to repair it. The building was made of sticks and mud. The flat area in the background shows where the old house was. A second classroom will be built in its place. A new concrete kitchen floor has been laid to give an easily washable even surface.



Chem Chem Centre is complete. It will be inspected on Monday 15th August by the Municipal Authority to insure that it is a well built, safe, construction before opening for children.

Ng'ambo Centre is also running well. The crèche there is a delight and wonderfully overseen by Bibi Iddy and now has 8 toddlers. In six months since she was last there, Miranda noticed really positive changes in some of the very small children's growth and energy. Mwalimu Ester at Ng'ambo is an energetic teacher and the daily tuition here is lively and cheerful.

The children gather at Isevyia, about once a month. These younger ones are learning a new song.



Local Volunteers *Jenesta* on the left, and *Roswitha* on the right have been offered a three-month placement with TLC with a small expenses allowance. Within that time, they will work in the centres to meet and work with all the present staff teams and get to know TLC. If positions become available within TLC they are eligible to apply for them.



Seen right with Beatrice is *Leen*, who has lived in Tabora for many years and wanted to become more involved with TLC. She has visited the centres and met the staff. She has been giving computer training to staff and the two new local volunteers 3 times a week at Visitor House.

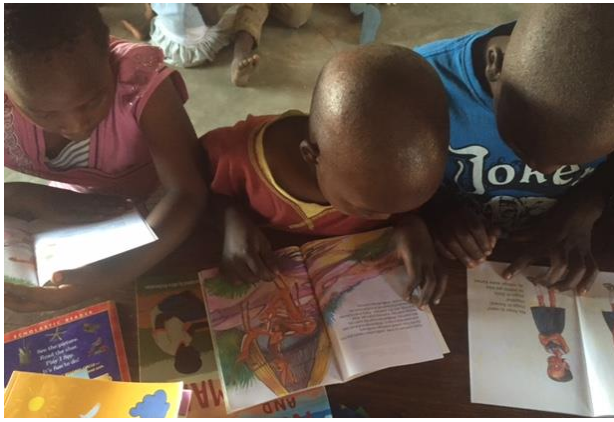


The Children have been caring for their environment and doing the daily washing up so that they learn about sharing, helping others and keeping their surroundings as nice as possible. The older children help the little ones in practical skills like getting dressed and eating. They take care of

the little ones and give them love and encouragement.



Fundraising The Second Great TLC London Pub Quiz was a huge success and enjoyed by all.



Very grateful thanks to Louisa for organising it and to all those who contributed to the magnificent total of £1500. We were glad that Trustee Josh was able to take a break from his studies in the US to join in the fun.

New story books have arrived, see left, thanks to 13 great young fundraisers in Devon. The books are loved by all the children. The fundraising included 13 of our children being filmed by Miranda as they introduced themselves to the English children in English. You



can see one of the clips on our [facebook](#) under videos. They did extremely well and were rewarded with a trip to the ice cream shop, paid for by the grandmother of one of the children at the Devon school. The children in Devon sent their individual film clips back to Tabora, which everyone enjoyed watching.



Pressure cooker demonstrations and instructions on how to use a 12 Litre pressure cooker were given at both Isevy and Ng'ambo by Margaret (a local woman). Both of our cooks are willing to try this on a bigger scale at their centres. Three 25 litre pressure cookers have been ordered from a local shop. Simple instructions for these have been written and translated.

Beatrice has suggested that the kitchen at Chem Chem should try using gas rather than charcoal to cook by, as it is cleaner and cheaper.

New brick stoves have been constructed and appear to be using considerably less charcoal. Brendan, seen right, is a good friend of TLC. He lives in Tabora and has taken a keen interest in reducing the costs of our cooking, both for us and the planet. He has sourced the heat conserver, shown right, locally. The pressure cooker is placed inside it and it concentrates the heat around the pressure cooker.



Foster Care: We already have 4 children being fostered and it costs us an extra £23 per month on top of the usual sponsorship income of £15 for this. Fostering is a very serious undertaking for TLC. We need to ensure that each child is well looked after. In financial terms, TLC needs to undertake the continuation of the foster care until each child is an independent adult, unless relatives can come and assist as their circumstances change.

These brothers, left, need to be fostered so they can stay near their school and the TLC Centre which so far is their only source of food. Their father is having great difficulty caring for their mother and is moving out of town into a very isolated place. Both boys are sponsored and one of them also has someone to pay his fostering costs. The other one needs someone to cover half of the fostering costs, £11.50 per month, as the other half has been offered. If you can help we would be very glad to hear from you and can then go ahead with permanent arrangements to get these children's lives running smoothly.

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