



## TLC February, March & April 2015 in Tabora, Tanzania

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**Tabora League for Children: Working with orphans and vulnerable children and their families.**

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Isevya above Chem Chem below



This year TLC moved from its rented premises in the Tabora city centre to 2 new centres in the suburbs of **Isevya** and **Ng'ambo**, nearer to the childrens' homes. **Chem Chem**: pictured left, was not part of the original grand plan. Most of our current children live near the Isevya and Ng'ambo centres. However, 7 children live too far from either centre. We found a lady with a property in Chem Chem that was accessible for 6 of them, and she was willing to cook for these children and accommodate them in her back yard while they eat, play and have some lessons. And so the Chem Chem centre, in it's temporary shelter, came into existence. The 7<sup>th</sup> child, right, lives too far in the other direction, so a bicycle has solved the distance problem for him. He will eat a great meal everyday now. **Isevya**: For the last two years we have been purchasing the land in Isevya and building the classroom there, see above left. The children have a big space to play in.



Ng'ambo above



As you can see from this ancient map of Tabora, above, TLC's Children's Centres are well spread out. Population density has greatly increased since this map was drawn in the 1960's. However, it is clear that Chem Chem, placed close to the city centre market, is in an ideal position for the many vulnerable children who live in that area and would qualify to join TLC. We need to raise the funds to both buy land and cover the building costs. We estimate the costs to be £10,000. See [Chem Chem Appeal](#) on our website.





When the purchase of Isevyia was nearly complete, the house in **Ng'ambo**, see left and right, became available, was bought and renovation started there. It still needs some work on the main house. The toilets, seen in the picture to the left, have been newly built on the site of some mud and stick rooms which were demolished. The kitchen in the front of the same picture is currently a temporary construction of stick and old corrugated iron.



**The kitchens** in Ng'ambo and Isevyia may need new corrugated iron roofs to see them through the next rainy season, but are OK for the present. All cooking is done on an open fire, so the kitchens need to be very airy so that the smoke can escape. We need a way of cooking that does not involve charcoal. Any ideas?? It needs to be possible to cater for 50 to 100 people in Isevyia and up to 50 at Ng'ambo. Isevyia has a tap with mains water now and Ng'ambo will soon have this also, though water is rationed, so it doesn't flow all the time. Both will have rain water catchment tanks in time for the start of the rains in October. Joyce, seen right, produced a lovely rice, meat and spinach meal for 20 a few hours after this picture was taken.



**The Visitor house and caretaker house:** see left, were built 5 years ago with funds specially raised for that purpose. This is where you can stay if you want to visit TLC Tabora! George and family live in the caretaker house and look after TLC's visitors. The blue "T" at the front of the picture to the right is a step pump, equivalent to an exercise machine! If residents want a shower then they need to pump some water from the well into a tank high on the metal platform using the step pump. Electricity is available from the panels that can just be seen on the roof. Fruit of all kinds are grown in the garden that surrounds the house.

#### **TWIGA:**

Anna, one of our UK TLC trustees, ran a 5 day Business Enterprise course, see right, for those interested in our Income Generation Projects. The course took them through marketing and accounts and will be a great help as TWIGA, Tabora Women's Income Generation Activities, becomes financially independent from TLC. Anna was ably assisted by staff member, Magdalena and also Rehema, our new staff member who will be helping Deus with TLC's accounts. One of the children that left school last year also helped with translation and is thinking of setting up her own business now that her work experience with Care International has finished.



#### **Health checks:**

Just before Easter 75 of our children and their guardians presented themselves for HIV AIDs tests given by a motorcycle riding doctor.

On the same day toothbrushes and toothpaste were distributed to 50 children. They were extremely popular and will be renewed quarterly from now on. Tabora's dentist only does extractions. Fillings are not an option.







#### **Sponsorship:**

All of our children are individually sponsored and Marg, TLC Coordinator, and Anna, brought out with them to Tabora, letters for each of the children from their sponsors. Children don't learn much English until they start Secondary school, so the older children were on hand to help translate letters for all the younger children and then assist them in writing back to their sponsor.



Sponsorship is £15 per month and provides a nutritious cooked lunch 6 days a week. The children are also kitted out with school uniforms & school necessities which sometimes are almost too much to carry, see middle right.

The small girl on the left of this picture of our latest recruits, had a sponsor contact us on Easter Sunday. Now she is going to school, her life has changed. TLC will do its best to help her and all the children lift themselves out of poverty permanently.

Children are taken on by TLC:

- as they come to the attention of the staff
- and after a thorough investigation of their circumstances
- and finally when a sponsor has been found for them.

If we are successful in building a centre in Chem Chem then we will have capacity for many more children to join TLC. This is also true for Ng'ambo as soon as the renovation works are complete.

We thank all our current sponsors, and all our donors, who help make all of TLC's work for vulnerable children possible.



**Greatful thanks** also go to our athletic fundraisers: Kate, who walked 55 miles in one go and raised over £700, and to Jim, our wonderful runner for the London Marathon. Just a few more days of training! Make sure you don't miss him coming over the finishing line on 26th April. His sponsorship currently stands at over £1300 and it's not too late to add to [Jim's total](#).

Greatful thanks also to Sam for the educational equipment for Ng'ambo and to our Worcester Arboretum Seniors for Easter treats and text books. Four of the text books, seen right, seem to be getting a serious reception. They are maths books, and sooooo necessary.



The Themi Hill and Westlands students are now back at TLC on their end of term holiday, and students of other schools have just finished their Easter/mid term break. They have all been busy replying to letters from their sponsors which made them all very happy. Under 16s were also busy helping at the new TLC centres, while over 16s were mainly at home. In the primary schools, two of our children again did exceptionally well in their end of term exams and were awarded Certificates of Excellence. 4 of the 5 graduates are busy finding and applying to suitable colleges, while the 5th is waiting to know which government school will accept him for Form 5. The college courses will be starting between August and September this year. One of the graduates, seen left, has been helping with the children at Chem Chem. We are grateful to Dr Ruth of St Phillip's Clinic, Donna of the Orion Hotel, and Rosie of Care International who gave the graduates wonderful work experience opportunities.



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