



TLC September 21 to January 2022 in Tabora, Tanzania

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Tabora League for Children: Working with orphans and vulnerable children and their families in 3 TLC Centres: Isevyia, 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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Thank you for your amazing response to the **Christmas Appeal**. £6221 came into our bank account over the 3 months from Nov to Jan and all went out to Tabora to create an enjoyable Christmas party, food parcels for all the families, replacement mosquito nets and family water filter buckets for everyone whose nets or buckets were no longer protecting them, solar lamps so that those over 10 years could get on with their homework after dark, and everything that was needed to get the children ready to start the new school year on 17th January.

A little Christmas gift brings great happiness



The Ngambo Centre Christmas Tree was much admired.



Below children enjoying their Christmas lunch (Chip omlette) and sodas in their own day centres. There are 50 children at Isevyia, 50 at Ngambo, and 38 at Chem Chem. The 10 Seniors help out with the festivities if they are home for holidays



The families were all given a sack of rice and dried beans. This has always been a Christmas tradition with TLC and helps the families while food prices are high before the new harvests come in.



National Exam results

Standard 7 at the end of primary school: 15 candidates and 14 passes. 1 grade A and 2 Bs.
Form 2 Secondary National results: 4 candidates, 4 passes. Two of them at Division 1.
Form 4 results: 4 candidates, 4 passes. One Division 2, one Division 3, two Division 4.
Our most recent graduate, Tunda, right, got her university degree in December 2021.
Well done to all.



After the exams

Iseya Centre is temporarily running sewing sessions for the two girls below, with the sewing teacher in the red headscarf, instructing. These two girls preferred to learn to sew rather than go on to secondary school.



The girls to the right above, 3 of the Form 4 leavers, have joined the sewing group while they await their allocation of college or Form 5 places. They have been creating clothes for themselves and school uniforms.

Apprenticeships

The lad below has now finished his apprenticeship, got himself a job as a mechanic and is living independently.



The two apprentices above, centre and right will complete their apprenticeships in June. One is learning to be a mechanic and the other is learning to make sofas.

The start of the new school year on 17th January 2022

Each centre has been working to get all the supplies and school uniforms ready for all the children for the start of the new school year.



The students below, just starting at secondary school, live too far from school or the centre and need to visit the Centres daily for their lunches and then get back to school. A bike enables them to be in the right place at the right time. The girl on the right only came to TLC after her primary exam results were out and she knew she had been allocated a place at secondary school. She came and asked for help as her Mum could not afford to pay for her to get all the things she needed for school. She came every day to see how her application for help was progressing and indeed seems very happy with her lovely bike and new school uniform.





The children at the Ngambo Centre pose with some of the things they have received. The mattresses and brooms are needed by new boarders, they must also take gardening equipment as all must help to keep their schools looking neat and tidy. Some children are clutching their new mosquito nets. During their home visits the state of their nets was assessed and some of the children needed new ones. The green boxes contain solar lamps, so there can be no excuses about having insufficient light to do their homework.

TLC students attend various **Tabora secondary schools**. Their places are allocated by the Government



She joined us after primary school and is about to start secondary school as a day student so has been given a solar lamp to enable homework during the dark evenings.



Starting 2nd year of secondary school, an orphan, who shares a rented room with a pair of brothers also both secondary students and also orphaned.



Starting her second year at boarding school, two of her siblings (twins) have joined TLC so that her Mum is getting some extra help.



Just completed her 2nd at secondary school and her family needed a water filter.



Completing secondary school this year, a long year with no holidays as she studies hard for her Form 4 exams in November 22

Thanks a million to all our sponsors. Each of our children is sponsored. Sometimes more than one sponsor is needed for a child who has extra requirements e.g. a place at boarding school, fostering, extra health care or further education which is costly.



Above are our four new children **beginning their TLC life in 2022**. The first three have already been matched with their kind sponsors. The last little one is **hoping her sponsor** at £22 per month will be forthcoming soon. Could it be you? She hopes so! Please let us know at tlctanzania@gmail.com



Sponsors replied to a message sent to them by their sponsored children. The older children help the younger ones to translate the letters and understand a little bit about their sponsor and life in the countries where they live. We



have a most marvellous group of people sponsoring TLC children and we can only offer them our and their children's heartfelt thanks.



We were happy to have some fundraisers this winter. These fundraisers and one off donations are vital to continuing our work with our current 150 children and young adults in Tabora. Thank you all.



Dave and Sarah, left, took part in the 2021 Virtual London Marathon and raised great funds for TLC. Well done and thank you. We have 3 places available for this year's VLM. **Let us know if you'd like to run / walk the VLM for TLC in 2022. Be part of the 2022 medal line-up!** All participants will have 23 hours, 59 minutes and 59 seconds to complete the 26.2 miles on the course of their choice on **Sunday 2 October**,

and all finishers will receive the coveted official medal and T-shirt.



The children at a school in Devon, see right, had a non-uniform day raising funds for TLC. The little ones learnt a lot about Tanzania, dressed in the colours of the Tanzanian flag and arranged themselves in its shape. The lad in the centre has the whole Tanzanian flag on his black T shirt and is part of the black diagonal line.



If you'd like to organise a fundraiser for us, do get in touch. It could be, for example, a coffee morning, a cake sale, a sponsored walk or swim, a pub quiz, a school, community, church, Eid, Diwali, or Easter event etc. We'd love to hear from you and let you know how your fundraiser can help the TLC children.



We were very sad to learn that **Prof Derek Smith**, left, who has been helping TLC since it started, has passed away.

Derek was a Trustee for a while and was always very helpful with advice, taking time to work through problems with us. He professionalised the survey we conducted in 2009 to ascertain the situation about water and sanitation in Tabora. A recent report by one of our graduates as part of her degree showed that the sanitation situation had improved slightly, and concrete sewers extend now to 6% of the 250,000 population in Tabora. Derek had received that report in late 2021. His support is sadly missed.

Thanks a million to our wonderful supporters, like Derek, who donate regularly but are not sponsoring an individual child. Your regular support is very much appreciated, so much so, that we have created a special scheme that we hope will be attractive to those wanting to support TLC without commitment to an individual child's sponsorship. For the price of a weekly coffee people can help TLC with many of the costs not covered by sponsorship. Have a look and see what you think. The £10 is a guideline but it could be less or more. Do let us know if an SO is set up so that we can thank the donor and include them on the regular e-newsletter if wanted. Most of you reading this newsletter are already giving so generously, so please do not feel that we are asking you. We merely wonder if you could interest a friend or family member in joining the new Dedicated Donors team. Thank you.

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