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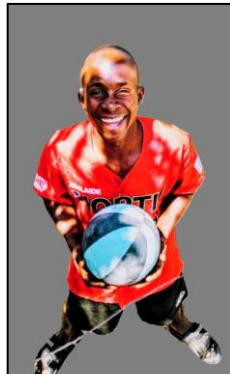
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Student Achievements

Graduation from Form 4 is the end of formal schooling and students can move on to work or to further education. Your generous support over the years has helped them to make their own way in life and to provide support for their own families.



Hadija, left, is starting a Community Development Course in Dodoma

These 2 boys will be attending the Institute of Heavy Equipment and Technology in Dar es Salaam, learning to drive HGVs, excavators and forklift trucks.

Celebrations for the students graduating from Standard 7. That cake looks yummy!



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At the Centres

The big news is the new Ng'ambo centre, which is being greatly enjoyed by students and staff. Thank you, Ashley, for your magnificent fund-raising, including that epic walk, which paid for the site and the refurbishment of the building. We are also very grateful to Katherine and Alfredo Prelat for their generous donation of the new classroom, the building to the left.



The plaque commemorates Andrea Sofia Prelat who spent a happy time at Tabora as a volunteer.



More room to learn, play, develop...

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Volunteering

We have been lucky to have the help of several volunteers at the centres lately. Dan Holmes (pictured here with Beatrice and Paschal Matondo (Exec Director)) has provided a wonderful description of his recent visit.

I'm a trainee primary school teacher in the UK and was interested in volunteering for TLC to meet and talk to children, families and educators in a part of the world totally new to me. The TLC team were incredibly welcoming when I arrived, showing me around the wonderful centres at Ngambo, Isevyva and Chem Chem and drip-feeding me some very handy Swahili vocabulary. They were super supportive and I managed to connect with the kids through some simple phrases, nursery rhymes, and endless football matches in the blazing afternoons.



My daily routine was quite varied. Generally, I would take a boda boda (motorbike) to one of the three centres in the morning and work on some admin with one of the coordinators: Beatrice, Jenipher and Magdalena. We discussed the running of the centres and the exciting new developments in the charity – our new Ngambo site and the new Executive Director, Paschal Matondo – and sometimes went on home visits of some TLC families. These visits are conducted when needed to check if children's supplies of mattress, mosquito net and water filter are in good condition etc. Though the support we're currently offering was evident, it was clear to see that there is still work to be done to ensure these supplies are available for all our families, and there are still children we're unable to find sponsors for.

We would then have lunch back at the centres: huge piles of rice or ugali with beans and vegetables, which are rapidly and totally demolished. In the afternoons, I'd hang out with the kids, read stories, and play games. Some evenings I would explore Tabora, taking part in Nane Nane (Farmer's Day) celebrations with Beatrice, visiting Tabora Zoo with Paschal, or just wandering around the markets, stopping and chatting with locals.

It was an incredible opportunity to learn about TLC and connect with many of the families it helps. I've got so many happy memories from my visit and hope my connection with the organisation can continue for many more years.

Dan Holmes



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Amina is a former student at TLC who returned this summer, to work, along with Flora, with the children in Isevyva. Here she is developing on the essential academic skills of reading, listening, questioning and understanding. Amina is now a social work undergraduate, returning to university in Dar for her second year.



A Gift from an Ex-Student

Ex-student, Said Juma, called in with a gift of fruit juices for his 'young brothers and sisters'. He spoke with some of the children in Std 7, telling them he is proud to have been a TLC child because without TLC he would never have achieved what he has. He encouraged them to behave well and study hard.

He left his nursing job in Dar to concentrate on his fruit and veg business to earn sufficient money. He returns to visit Tabora to see his sisters and is determined to return one day and open either a laboratory or small pharmacy.



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Fund-Raising



A relaxed get-together

Robina and Terry's beautiful garden was the venue for a coffee morning to raise funds for TLC, attended by 70 people. This has raised £1102 which will go towards basic hygiene equipment to support the health of the 150 TLC children.

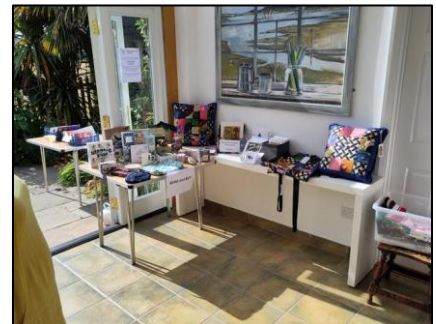


A very tempting raffle

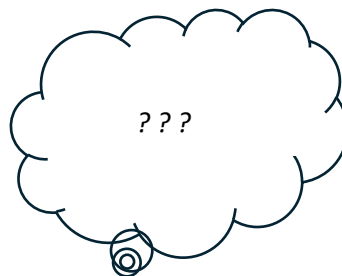


Scrumptious cake provided by Robina

Does it give **YOU** ideas...? Could you get together with friends to host a coffee morning, or ask people to sponsor you for an event?



Beautiful hand-made crafts



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Sponsors Needed

You may remember these children from the June newsletter, when a family tragedy left all five children orphaned. Thanks to your kind responses we managed to find some sponsorship for them but this little girl urgently needs sponsorship so that TLC can continue to look after her. £25 a month is needed.



Her brother is attending a boarding school because of the family circumstances. He needs more sponsorship in order to continue the next term.

Are you able to help?



Secondary Education

We potentially have 9 children from Isevya, 5 from Ngambo and 2 from Chem Chem leaving primary school and going on to Secondary Form 1. Can you help us to support them in furthering their education – and, of course, their future prospects.

Costs are:

£50 for a bicycle for the child to travel between their home, the TLC Centre for lunch, and school.

£70 for complete new uniforms and the necessary shoes, undies and sports wear.

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Seasonal Appeal



Could **you** help us to give all our TLC children a happy time at Christmas? They need:

School uniform, shoes and books – so they can continue to attend, £40 for primary £70 for Secondary

Rice and beans to feed the family over the Festive period £12 per family

Mosquito nets to keep them safe (£4 each)

New Water filters for the family if their's no longer functions £10

Two netballs/footballs for each centre (£20)

...and funding for the Christmas party, with small gifts £2 for the youngest children and refreshments £1.50 - the chip omelette and a bottle of pop is an annual favourite!

Please mark your donation "Christmas Appeal". Many thanks.

TLC party December 2024



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Shining Success

Hadija, a young girl supported through the TLC and OVC (Orphans and Vulnerable Children) program, was unable to walk. Two club feet and skin flap connecting thighs and ankles left her crippled, and unable to straighten her legs. Her family, already struggling to meet daily needs, could not afford the surgery she desperately required. She spent her days watching other children play, longing for a chance to run and laugh with them.

Everything changed when TLC intervened, with a special funding campaign for Hadija's treatment plus OVC sponsorship (Orphans and Vulnerable Children), The child received full medical support, including surgery (29 operations), hospital care for a year in Ethiopia and physiotherapy (all provided freely by Dr Tim and his Charity). TLC flew Hadija, her mother and Adrian, then a TLC Form 4 graduate, to Addis Ababa. Adrian was needed as an English translator as Mum and Hadija only spoke Swahili and very few people in Addis knew any Kiswahili. TLC paid for Adrian's stay near the hospital. With continued rehabilitation and encouragement, she gradually gained strength and confidence.



Today, she walks independently, full of joy and energy. She can join other children playing together and proudly participates with her peers. She sleeps with her legs in splints to keep them straight. Hadija will be attending CCBRT Hospital in Dar es Salaam to get new splints in the December school holidays as she has outgrown her current ones.

"I never thought I would walk, now I can run and play. TLC gave me a new life" she said with a bright smile.

This story is a shining example of what compassion can do. Every contribution to TLC helps transform pain into possibility – turning despair into hope for many vulnerable children.

(With thanks to Paschal Matondo and Marg Paton)

But payment for Hadija's next trip to hospital will cost 2 million Tanzanian Shillings (approx. \$813 or £606). Can you help?

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Why Not Get Involved?

Tabora League for Children is working hard to support and encourage children who are often in difficult circumstances. Over the years many children have benefited from TLC's support and have been able to thrive, attend school, get an education that helps them to find paying work, and live healthier lives than they perhaps would have done otherwise.

Would you like to get involved? We welcome new volunteers to help with the organisation of the day-to-day business such as liaising with sponsors. Much of the communication is online so location is not a constant issue.

Help with organising media communications and/or fund-raising would be very useful.

We also need a new trustee to help with the work of the UK Board of Trustees.

Beginning a career? This kind of work could be an interesting way of developing experience in the voluntary sector – and a useful addition to a cv.

Recently retired? This is a great way of taking up a useful and satisfying new interest to make good use of the valuable skills you have learned – and perhaps a way of learning new ones!

Why not email us at tlctanzania@gmail.com to find out more?

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