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# TLC News: February 2026

## Christmas 2025



The Christmas parties were great fun - especially with Father Christmas attending.



And of course, the new school year starts in January, so the children are given school uniform and supplies to set them up properly.



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*Ready for the new school year*



### Report from Trustee visit

*A personal highlight is probably the Saturday I spent at Ng'ambo making small tote bags with the younger children who have to carry several small exercise books to and from school. I was so impressed by the diligence and engagement the children showed. It was great fun and a welcome relief from policies and procedures. Miranda Holmes. Trustee*



To keep the children healthy the families need food supplies too.



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### Student Achievements

Look what a difference your sponsorship and donations have made to young people in TLC. You are feeding them and providing a safe place where they are nurtured and protected. You are equipping them to develop skills that will help them to make their way in the world. You are providing joy at festival times and a helping hand when times are difficult for them. Thank you.

These 2 cool dudes, Juma and Joseph, are now apprentices at Morogorro VETA (Vocational Education and Training Authority) Training Centre.



Hamisa visited with a gift of sweets for her 'brothers and sisters.



### Asante Sana Thank you

Zena, a past student, wrote a lovely letter of thanks to TLC.

*I am currently happy and doing well. I have successfully completed my Diploma in Hospitality and Tourism in Arusha. I am now in Dar es Salaam, volunteering at a restaurant as I prepare for the next steps in my career life. Your help has been very important in my life. May God bless you always.*

Zena Juma

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### Centre Updates



Isevya's new kitchen. A welcome improvement from the former – 6 tree trunks and a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand corrugated roof, open on all sides.



Staff came out to greet the visitors – Robina the Chair of Trustees and her husband and fellow volunteer, Terry.



A new tarmac road with drainage and streetlights helps with security on the site.

Ng'ambo -looking good. Such an improvement on the crumbling old mud and stick building.

Mama Joyce, the cook at Ng'ambo, in the new kitchen.



#### Comments from a visiting Trustee

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*Miranda*

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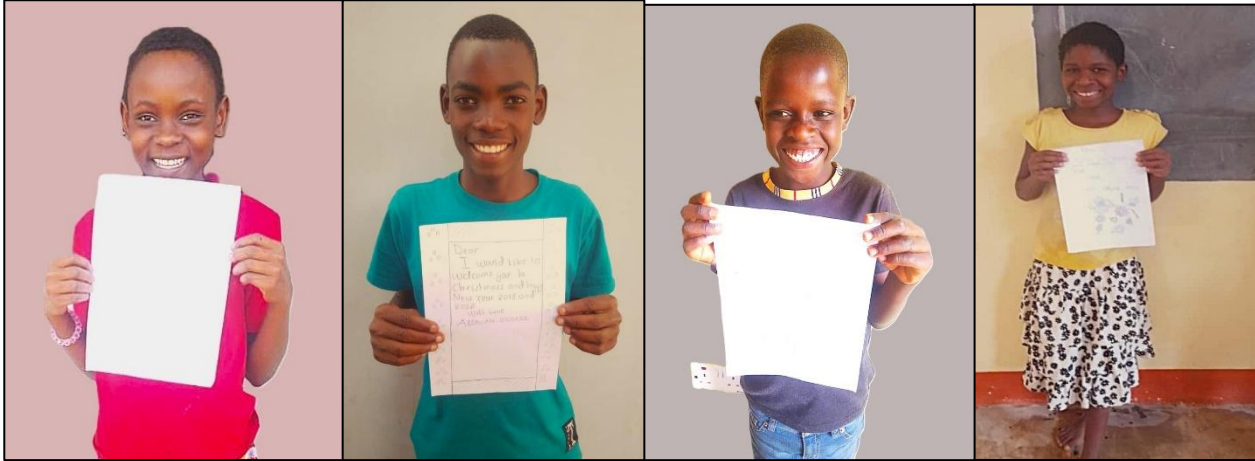


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### Letters to Sponsors



The children enjoy receiving the letters from their sponsors, which were brought across by the Trustees who have recently visited Tabora. Their responses include their thanks and Christmas greetings. The trustees take these back to the UK and then send them out to sponsors in the various countries who are providing such generous support to these children. It's also good practice for their writing and use of English.

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### Trustees Visit February 2026

While online communication has vastly improved in the past few years (despite on-going network connection, power difficulties in Tabora), the UK Trustees try to make a visit to Tabora every year.

This year Robina (chair of UK Trustees), Miranda (long term volunteer and recent Trustee) and Terry (active volunteer, data base developer...) visited. Robina and Terry for 3 weeks, Miranda for 2 weeks. In June 2025 a new Executive Director was appointed (for a probationary period of 6 months) Mr Paschal Matondo. While his interview had been conducted online and many communications and conversations have occurred since he joined us none of the UK Trustees had met him in person. It was felt that this was important before a formal appointment was made.

It was with great pleasure then that the three of us have now met him, worked with him, discussed issues together, clarified roles and responsibilities and got to know one another on a personal level.



A formal appraisal /probation review meeting took place, and we are happy to confirm his permanent appointment as Executive Director of TLC TZ.

For the ongoing good of the charity and to ensure that we comply with both Tanzanian and UK law many formal and administrative tasks must be completed. This was becoming an ever-increasing burden to our centre coordinators whose focus, as always, is the health, well-being and happiness of the children in their care.

We are all very excited that his appointment will support the work going on, the staff and children.

During our time here we have been working with Paschal on matters pertaining to the TZ Board of Trustees, advancing our registration with RITA (Registration Insolvency & Trusteeship Agency) now a requirement of all NPOs ( nonprofit organisations), updating staff job descriptions, holding staff meetings, discussing training requirements, visiting children and families with complex needs, keeping daily contact with the UK regarding extra resources where needed, reviewing maintenance needs of the children's centres, meeting formally and informally with staff and spending time with the children. We haven't been bored!!

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Personally, having not visited for several years it has been a great pleasure to re connect with our wonderful staff team here, to observe the changes in the children I remember and to meet new ones. They bring it all to life and negate the challenges (and frustrations) we sometimes feel back in the UK. We made home visits to families with specific needs (like not having a toilet), took sick children to a good local hospital where they can be properly assessed, followed up with families whose children have behavioural issues and visited a school where several of the children attend.

I had the great pleasure of visiting two TLC alumni in Dar Es Salaam where they are both living independent lives with families of their own.

Miranda (Trustee)

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### Sponsors Needed

**Ashura:** This delightful, but shy young lady needs a new sponsor. She has to help a lot at home and likes being at Isevy centre when she can meet her friends. The picture shows her wearing her new clothes bought for Eid. She is waiting for National exam results and hopes to start equivalent of A levels in July.

She is an only child living with her disabled mother, and grandmother who is the main carer. The family are poor. Her mum has her leg in a splint with one leg shorter than the other and can only walk a few steps using a crutch.

Sponsorship of £30 a month is needed.



**Zulfa** has just completed her Form 4 when she achieved a Division 3. She is now awaiting confirmation of a place in Form 5 to take A levels or a place at College. Meanwhile she is helping her family to plant maize.

Her long-term sponsors are no longer able to continue to support her. So we are desperately looking to find support for her to complete her studies. She is likely to need £60 a month to cover her study over the next 2 years. Maybe there are 2 friends who can cover this between them.

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This young child came to Ng'ambo centre as an emergency 6 months ago, following of the death of her mother. TLC already help her siblings to go to school but now they have no home or guardian. TLC is their family Please can you help her by sponsoring her for £26 a month?



**Juma Abdullah** needs sponsorship to pursue his ambition to learn to drive and become a qualified car mechanic. He has 3 younger siblings and before joining TLC they lived on their own and had to scavenge for food. Juma is a passionate footballer who spent 2 years at football academy in Dar -Es-Salaam but unfortunately was not chosen for the senior team. He would like support for one year of £60 per month, or 2 sponsors to cover £30/month each. Can you help Juma to obtain his qualification to allow him to support his siblings.?

### Gift-Aid

A huge thank-you to all our wonderful sponsors and donors. Together we really are making a difference to the lives and prospects of these children and their families.

If you are a UK tax payer, and are willing, please consider Gift Aiding your donation; this brings the charity an additional 25% on the value of your donation at no additional cost to you, which is an added bonus. Please get in touch if you would like to receive a Gift Aid form. If you have moved home, or your UK tax-payer status has changed, please contact us so we can update your details for our Gift Aid return. Contact: [janethomas@tlctanzania.org](mailto:janethomas@tlctanzania.org)

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