



TABORA LEAGUE FOR CHILDREN (TLC)

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Iseyya, Ngambo and Chem Chem in Tabora

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Christmas was celebrated in style at each of the TLC centres in Tabora: Iseyya, Chem Chem and Ngambo; with Santa emerging at each Centre to get the parties going and give the little ones their presents. This was all possible due to everyone who donated to our Seasonal Appeal and helped the children and their families so much. **Thank you to all contributors who helped make this time special for everyone.**



The families were given rice and beans, the children carried the goods home.



All the children enjoyed their now traditional chip omlettes and bottle of pop.





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Our wonderful sponsors sent greetings to all the children in December, and these were much enjoyed. Where needed, some of our older students translated for the younger children. Reading the messages together is such a lovely way to share and help each other too. **Thank you sponsors**, for this and everything.



Ngambo



Iseyya



Chem Chem



The children all have new school clothes and shoes and the books and items they need for returning to school this week. **Thanks to you all for kitting out all these children so smartly.** Thank you too to the coordinators who have managed to get these clothes made or bought and the books etc assembled according to the requirements of each school.



Our smallest child, see left, has her new kit for nursery school in her new rucksack. She is standing close to her friend who is well used to having pictures taken with the new school goods. This is a mammoth achievement to get all the children equipped for school. Thank you for making it possible.



Starting Secondary school

Two children take possession of their bikes, needed to get them to secondary school, to the centre for their lunch and back to school and home. They are just starting in secondary school aged 14 and 15 respectively, after 7 years of primary education being taught in Swahili. They will be learning all their lessons through the medium of English. And they will spend 4 years at these schools.





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We are so proud of our college girls:



Helena: Certificate level in Tourism



Mwamvitha: Certificate level in Hospitality



Mwanaidi: Certificate Level in Hotel Management



Zainabu H: Certificate Level in Catering



Hamisa: Diploma level Community Development



Zena graduated at Certificate level in Tour Guide Operations and has now started on her Diploma.



Shela: Diploma student in Electrical Engineering



Zainabu I: returning to College to complete her diploma in Human Resources Management

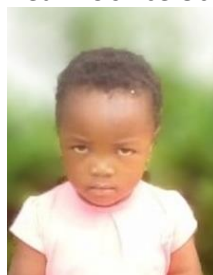
The boys are not currently so well represented in Higher Education, they being more likely to enjoy apprenticeships in their chosen field. But we are delighted with our most recent graduate:



Joseph has Graduated at degree level, with a First in IT and hopes to get a scholarship for Masters level study overseas.

As the older ones set off for college we begin to say “yes” to the Grannies, Mums and neighbours coming to the centres with children that they cannot feed and clothe. The children will come to one of our centres for day care and all go home each evening to their families or carers. Five are now starting nursery, 2 are heading for school and all coming back for their lunches. Lets hope they all settle in well.

Our 7 new children have all joined TLC since October 23.





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TLC children went on an outing to the Tabora Zoo. They set off after lunch and met all sorts of animals and birds they had not seen before. Even a lion! Lions were still being seen in Tabora, and stealing domesticated animals 50 years ago, says our oldest Trustee, from personal experience. This outing was kindly funded by Ashley who recently visited the TLC centres.



Bibi Iddi, works for TLC Ngambo Centre and is an unsung heroine. Five of her adult children have mental health issues

which prevents them from working or living independently. She also houses 4 grandchildren, 3 of whom are TLC children. The eldest grandson, Iddi, is working and helping his grandmother. Bibi



and Iddi earn the money to feed the family of 10. Our recent visitor and donor agreed that she needed an extra room at her two room house and provided the money needed. It was built very quickly, see the right hand room on the left. See some of the family delightedly admiring the new room on the right.



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Growing Maize

A local land owner gave permission for a group of our children to grow maize on his land. Thanks to a donation, TLC equipped the 5 original applicants with jembes (hoes), seeds and fertiliser.

More children joined



this holiday project, and so some sharing of jembes is happening. They have worked hard on the project and all are hopeful of a good harvest.



Mwalimu Esta

Esta Lumelezi, our wonderful teacher at Ngambo centre for 10 years passed away in Kitete Hospital on 31st December 2023. She had retired only last year and was greatly missed then. Ngambo has lost a dear friend who had been furthering its children's educational achievements. She took on all ages and kept them learning everyday after they had attended their government schools in the mornings. Their government school classes had well over one hundred children



and so Esta was able to gently reinforce all the syllabus topics on an individual basis. She had time and patience to explain until children had understood. She was not daunted by the very wide range of intelligence in her Ngambo students. The children and families held her in high esteem. May she rest in Peace.



Child's home collapses in heavy rain.

This small TLC girl, left, was living with her family in a single room of a multi occupancy mud and stick house. The recent very heavy rains washed away the part of the house that they were renting. She came to the Iseyya centre to report the disaster to Magdalena, who runs the Iseyya TLC Centre.

Magdalena worked out that they would need £10 per month for 3 months to rent a room in a house that was better built. Soon the family moved into a dry secure room, the little lass could get on with her schooling and the family could sort themselves out and get ready to take over their rental once again in April. The child's sponsors generously sent funds to cover these costs and help replace essential items destroyed by the collapse. Our grateful thanks to them.

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