



TLC April and May 2013 in Tabora, Tanzania

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in informal partnership with [Tanzanian Children's Education Trust](#) (TCET)

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

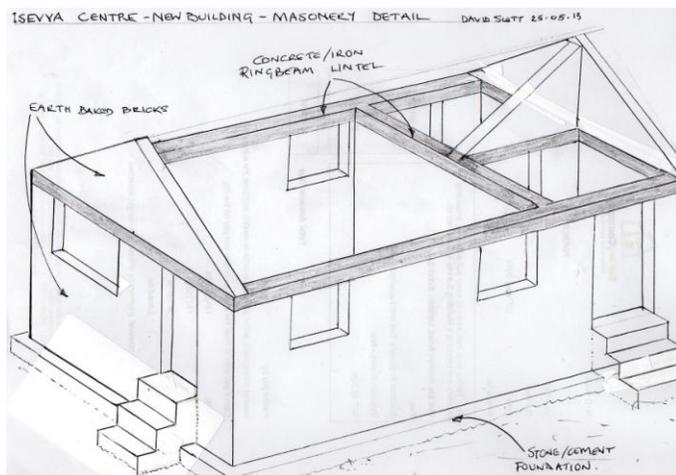
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We are pleased to welcome new children into TLC and pictures of these new children are set out below. The first four new children chosen were photographed for the Dec/Jan newsletter. This has been possible through the generosity of recent new sponsors for the children and through continued generosity of regular donors and fundraising efforts. Currently only three attend the Centre daily for meals. The journey to the Centre is too difficult for the rest of the children and so they attend with their guardians once per month and are given parcels of food for the month. Thanks to some donations, most of them have now received school uniforms and shoes as well as mattresses and mosquito nets. We hope we will be able to help all of them this way soon. The first lad is unusually young for us but he, his big sister and his granny were in grave need of help, and are already looking better for having our help over the last few months.



A new Centre is to be built in Isevyia and many of the new children live near the new site and so will be able to safely come and go to get their meals at the TLC Isevyia Centre.

The land has been purchased and the building, see drawing right, is being costed out currently. We have applied to Kitchen Table Charities and the University of Durham for help with costs of the corrugated iron for the roof and for the locally made mud bricks that will form the walls. If anyone would like to help with some bags of cement at £8 per bag, the priciest part of any building, we would greatly appreciate it. We have funding for a toilet and will build that separately, a little way from the class/dining room.



The sewing ladies have been hard at work getting the school uniforms made for the new children and the knitting ladies have produced all the school sweaters. Primary schooling in Tanzania is free and compulsory, though children cannot attend if they are not wearing school uniforms. The new children of primary school age are now equipped and ready to join their classes in July. The mattresses make the mosquito nets more effective, as well as providing a more comfortable night's sleep than they would get on the hard floor, and will be shared with their grannies and siblings.



Fundraising

Grateful thanks to all who give:

***Our regular donors** continue to give so generously.

***Emma's** attempt at the London Marathon resulted in an injury for her that still prevents her running but raised over £600.

***Siobhan** walked the Walk at the Belfast Marathon and raised over £200 and became friends with the Kenyan Three who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the May 6th Belfast Marathon Run.



***Quaker Peace and Social Witness** renewed our grant to sustain the Sewing project.

Fundraising Event soon in Central London organised by our TLC Chairperson: Siwan. Please come along for a great evening :

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT AT THE PUNCH TAVERN ON FLEET ST

SATURDAY 6 JULY 2013 AT 7.30PM

£10 per person.

Everyone welcome!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO TLC



This 20,000 litre **rain water collection tank** built for one of our families dwarfs Deus as he stands by it. He has project managed its construction and is clearly pleased with the result of his labours, as are the family we have sought to assist. This family will have its own store of water long into the dry season.

Clean water is a very scarce commodity in Tabora, where no rain at all falls for half the year. Families use a standpipe in the street that they share with 100 other families. The water coming from the taps is not clean and needs to be filtered or boiled. The rainwater collected is pure and good.

The standpipe taps only work for 4 hours in every 48 hours, as water is rationed, with different parts of the city being served in turn. The water does not get turned on at a specific time, but as soon as it is heard gurgling in the pipes by those nearest the tap, all else is forgotten as the dash for the tap becomes each family's highest priority. Despite the water being so precious, those rushing

for the tap are courteous and friendly as always.

Wilmslow Wells for Africa funded this tank, and TLC and the family are very grateful to them for this gift of life.

News from our sister organization **Tanzania Children's Education Trust.**

All children are now starting their summer holidays after completing the first half of the school year. School reports should therefore be available soon, and we hope that the children have performed well. Feedback from the schools is that they have been working hard and behaving well. Some children who are standards 4 or 7 will be remaining at school throughout the holiday to get extra tuition ahead of their national exams, and the Standard 7s will hopefully graduate from primary school later this year. For these children TCET are now planning their secondary education. On the right is a serious looking lad, whose face is more usually wreathed in smiles, doing well at boarding school, but as always looking forward to getting back to Tabora.



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