



## TLC August and September 2012 in Tabora Tanzania

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in informal partnership with HAPO and TCET\*

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

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### Changes Ahead

The work of the HAPO/TLC Day Centre continues to be run as it has been for the last 6 years but there are changes ahead. On 31<sup>st</sup> October the Day Centre will be run just by TLC and we will move with the staff and children to the New Day Centre premises. TCET who organize the sponsorships of individual children will continue their work with the children they currently support and will be helping a new group of the Day Centre children to benefit from private education in January 2013. HAPO will continue to work at the current site on its programmes for the reduction of the impact of AIDS.

To the right, a child arriving from school, sweater on her head to keep the sun off, strides into a welcoming hug from Children's Coordinator, Beatrice. A member of the TWIGA sewing project has left her wheelchair, locally constructed from bicycle parts, neatly parked with the Volunteer's bike.



### Olympics with a difference

In early September our Maths Graduate volunteer Peter, right, organized a Maths Olympics for the children and they loved this unique combination of mathematical puzzles and sport. The children were in groups and had to tackle maths problems before racing down the field to present the right answers to Staff. If they got the answer wrong they had to return to their group and continue to struggle to find the right answers. It was a great occasion, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.



### Congratulations to our Primary School Graduates

In September the National Standard Seven exams were held and 3 children from Government schools and 2 from private school sat the exams. This exam marks the end of primary school, and these five children will be taking entrance exams for secondary schools and Vocational Training College. Thanks to your continuing support these children will remain in education.

The children study hard (left) with their teachers, after their hot lunch every weekday. The extra tuition they get will help them to get higher scores when it is their turn to sit the national exams.

### On the road to good health

Our part-time staff member Magdalena, on her break from College, took to her bicycle once more and was able to visit all the families and check on the status of the Water Filter buckets in each family. Most families obtain their water from a mains supply to a street tap near their house. The water, which flows only for a few hours every second or third day, is not safe to drink and needs to be filtered. Each family has been given a water filter bucket like the one shown on the right. These plastic buckets are lined with a clay pot which contains a central layer of chemicals which filter the water and render it potable. These liners are made at a pottery in Tabora by blind workers. The taps are inserted into the buckets at the pottery. Where filter buckets have been found broken or faulty, Deus and Magdalena are arranging for replacements.

On her home visits Magdalena also checked out the families' mosquito nets and bought 51 new nets that she found were needed. It is 2 years since she last did this check on nets and is now satisfied that the families and children have this protection from Malaria, a disease which is still the principal killer of children in this region.





Our **TWIGA Sewing Ladies** moved out of the current site to their temporary home at the New Day Centre at the beginning of September with all their machines and materials. They are well set up there now in their big room and working hard to fill the orders they have had. The last visitors there brought home some bags, shirts and some snazzy coffee pot warmers (above) which are a new line in their range.



**TLC Trustee visits:** Siobhan will be back in Tabora for Moving Day, as will Kim of TCET. Josh will be visiting before the end of the year. Siwan expects to visit early in the New Year. These visits are all funded personally by the trustees at no cost to TLC.

**Volunteers Welcome**



Volunteers are always welcome to apply to us. An email to [tlctanzania@gmail.com](mailto:tlctanzania@gmail.com) will start the process of informing you about us and our projects and letting our Volunteer Team get to know about you. There is an information pack about Volunteering with TLC in Tabora. The Volunteer House is open now for guests. George is seen left at the back toasting (with fruit juice) the opening of the House; he and his young family live in the caretaker's house next to the Volunteer House, ready to help Volunteers settle into life in Tabora. Miranda, on the far left of the picture, slept at the house and said it was "heavenly." Another recent volunteer, seen left, said her goodbyes to Tabora friends in September after spending two months with the project. She had been getting to know the children and staff, helping the children with their schoolwork and visiting



the families. Family visits often show up a problem, and then the Volunteers work with staff and Trustees to see if solutions can be found.



**Bicycles**

Our bigger lads are now proficient at fixing bikes, and our Volunteers mostly use bikes to get around Tabora. The sandy roads and pot holes are challenging and the bikes need a lot of care to keep them on the road. In this picture the boys are working on the Coordinator's bike which is available along with other bikes for the Volunteers to use. The journeys around the city are just a few miles and bicycles are used as the main means of transport of everything from live chickens and goats to crates of bottled drinks, and are used as taxis, with the passenger sitting on the back carrier.



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