



TLC & HAPO December 2011 and January 2012 in Tabora Tanzania

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Christmas came a bit early in Tabora. The tree was up and the presents sorted out for 63 youngsters, and Santa (aka Trustee Siobhan) arrived in mid December. Siobhan and her friend Vikky brought presents with them, donated by kind friends of Tabora's children. The staff helped to make Santa's visit super special and a good time was had by all. On Christmas eve the children has a special feast funded by Sarah's work colleagues.



The 50 families of the children got their presents just before Christmas, rice, beans and a live chicken to cook, when they were ready. A big thank you to the donors who made this distribution possible. This was the final of four food distributions in 2011. Gradually we hope to get families involved in income generation activities and in growing their own food on the HAPO land, so that disasterous weather and rising prices can be dealt with through money and food gained from their gardening and jobs. This year's rains have been better and the crops grown on the HAPO land were doing very well in December.





Four of our teenagers, returned from boarding school for the holiday and lived with staff and volunteers in the staff house, as no one in their extended families is able to care for them currently. They are now back at school after a happy holiday.

Many of the children are individually sponsored to attend private school, and the day school children all come for lunch at the Day Centre, along with all the children not sponsored and attending government schools.

The Volunteer House is progressing nicely, looking splendid with its new roof. Trustee Dave has just arrived back in Tabora to try and get the house finished, a tall order in just a month, but great progress will be made for sure. We are indebted to a donor who has given us funds to get the house finished. No funds collected for the children or their families are used for work on the House. George, seen left, the Volunteer House caretaker, is working on getting water from the well up to the tank you see high in the air beside the house.

TLC looks forward to welcoming volunteers to come and get involved in the work we and partners are doing in Tabora



The young girl in the red top is ready to start boarding school. The list of items necessary is a bit different from schools in other countries, but the new jembe (hoe) will no doubt soon be put to work in the school grounds. She certainly needs her team of helpers to carry all her things. Boarders all have to take their own mattress, as well as their bedding.

Beatrice, the Children's Coordinator, is looking happy to see one of her charges getting this wonderful chance of a good education.

All the children get daily tuition, especially in English, which is a great help to them when they start Secondary school as everything then is taught through the medium of English.

Miranda and Nikki have just arrived from the UK with Dave. Penny will join them shortly. We look forward to welcoming Alison and Jen from North America in early April, and Marion, Carolyn and Alison from the UK in mid April. Anna hopes to return in the summer. All are friends of TLC and keen to visit or revisit.



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