



TLC December 2013 and January 2014 in Tabora, Tanzania

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

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The spirit of Christmas was alive in Tabora in mid-December as Trustee Siobhan arrived with fresh decorations for the elderly tree and some Santa hats like the one modeled here by our youngest lad, now three years old. Orphaned very young, he enjoyed living with his lovely Grandma until she sadly passed away last year. Beatrice has been working with his extended family and the care they provide for him has now improved and he is looking bright and cheerful and smartly dressed. Many thanks to his sponsor and others who have given to TLC to help all the children. Siobhan took presents for all the children and wore her Santa costume once again and brought relief into the lives of many when she helped distribute our parcels of rice, beans and bars of soap to all the TLC families, some of whom are seen below. Later in the day the children received their presents and a meaty lunch with great glee.



Bernadetta, standing, starts her new work of **teaching others to knit** very soon. She is honing her teaching skills by working with our TWIGA sewing ladies, Mama Sita, Mama Hamida and in the foreground Mama Agatha the sewing Project Leader. In the background is Adela, also now a knitter, with her baby son Eman. The sewing ladies will take on all the knitting requirements for the children.

We intend to run training courses for people wishing to set up their own knitting businesses and cooperatives. Bursaries will be available on a means tested basis.

We hope to be able to supply second hand kitting machines to those who want to buy them though hire purchase and allow those who have learned to knit to work on our premises until they have finished paying for the machines and have a good

place ready where they will be able to knit and house their machine.

Water Tank

The rain water collection tank built for one of our families is now finished and working well in the continuing rains. Many thanks to Wilmslow Wells for Africa and especially to WWA supporter Vivienne Blackburn for bringing this wonderful amenity to a very poor family.

Our three most **recent recruits** posing for the camera, already looking much healthier since joining the programme and enjoying a good daily lunch. Many thanks to their sponsors. The two older ones started primary school in January kitted out with new school clothes and shoes and a bag for their exercise books. Children start primary school aged 7 here in Tanzania and already these two are past the usual starting age. The government also runs some nursery schools and the younger child in the centre is now attending one of those. She is our first and, so far, only child to be supported at nursery school.

If you would like to sponsor a child for £13 a month, and give him or her the chance to go to school and enjoy a daily nutritious lunch please email us at tlctanzania@gmail.com



Staff member George, actually the Visitor House Care Taker, is often called into the TLC Centre to help out and is seen here gently providing some **fun** for a young lad. This particular boy was mentioned in the last home visits report :

He is doing well. He is so lovely and nowadays he attend to school and center everyday also the family is happy, apart from that he is so clever at school.

It is hoped that there will be enough money in the donation provided for the new TLC Isevyva Centre to erect a few swings and perhaps a roundabout so that all the children can all play and they don't have to wait in turn for George to twirl them around!



Fund Raising

Trustee Josh Lewis ran a gig in Camden in London on Valentines Day in aid of TLC. He is a member of a band and there were support acts, musicians and stand-up comedians. It was a musical comedy show themed (very loosely) around love and Valentines day and raised £263.50 for TLC funds. Many thanks to Josh and the band members as well as all the others who gave their time and talents freely for this event.

Do let us know at tlctanzania@gmail.com if you would like to run an event to help raise money for the work of TLC and we will support you as best we can.

Open Meeting/Trustees meeting, 30th March.

Preceding the next UK Trustees meeting there will be an Open Meeting where a recent visitor will give an update on Tabora, to include a Q&A session. If you would like to attend this, from 11 am until 12.30 in Oxford, please email us on tlctanzania@gmail.com for details. Email early as bookings must be made and places are limited due to space restrictions.

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The children are all now back at school with new uniforms and school kit. Some of the primary school graduates have moved on to government secondary schools. One of the TLC girls who was at a government primary school was accepted into the secondary part of a private school for which her sponsors are supporting her. She had to work hard for this and they are proud of her. The picture shows her at the TLC graduation party being given a present by volunteer Lindsay. All in all, it's been a very busy time especially for Mama Haule who will soon take a well deserved holiday!

