



TLC December 2012 and January 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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December Holiday

There was a party for the children on 24th December. On the 25th the Centre was closed, opening again on 26th. The traditional TLC December holiday lunch, served just once a



year, is an omelet with chips in it. The children never have chips, except on this one day. The chips are cooked in a big pot over an open fire. The eggs are mixed up and cooked, one per child, in a fry pan over another fire, and a portion of chips are added to the pan before the omelet is flipped. Delicious. There were games and dancing, with our 2 visitors from the US university, Columbia, joining in the fun. Everyone got a small present and send their thanks to those who made this a day to remember.



LONDON MARATHON- a runner for TLC. Emma Martin is not someone afraid to take on a challenge. Last year she walked 100 miles in 30 hours raising money for Oxfam and the Gurka Welfare Trust. Now she has agreed to run the London Marathon on April 21st and all the money she raises will go to TLC. She fits her training in around full time employment for ZenithOptimedia, and we know she is busy there because she has just been promoted to Planning Director. Therefore, we are more than grateful that she finds time to train daily, either before she goes to work in the morning, or sometimes when she comes home in the evening. We'll keep you up to date with her training on our Facebook page. If you are able to sponsor her please do so at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/emmamartin7>



Food distribution



Food prices are high due to bad harvests, which are blamed on Climate Change.

We wanted to give out a live chicken with the usual rice and beans but chicken prices at £4 each were prohibitive. The rice and beans cost far more than usual, so I hope that those who contributed towards the chickens will forgive us for using the money for rice and beans instead. The rising food prices have a long term effect on us as we are now struggling each month to cover our costs.



TLC's New Kids

We have taken on some new children, and because of prices have tried (and succeeded) in getting a person to pay £12 per month for each new child. We still don't have a picture for two of them but the other "new kids" are seen below:



We plan to take on ten children in all currently, but need 4 more sponsors at £12 a month each before we proceed. Children are selected with the help of the local government officers. There are home visits as well as interviews, and the staff have to be totally convinced of the extreme need in the family from among a great many hungry families. Only one child per family is usually selected. Each new child brought into TLC will be given a large nutritious lunch 6 days a week, and the things required for attending government primary and secondary or vocational school.

In the past most of our children have been sponsored to go to a private school, and if other sponsors come along to provide that, or new sponsors want that for their child, all well and good; but the £12 per month secures the basics of food, clothes and Government education for your chosen child. Our sponsorship programmes throw a lifeline of help to struggling families. We cannot meet all the families' needs but strive to help where we can. Currently a sick grandmother, sole carer of her grandchild, is having an x-ray to secure a diagnosis that may cure her. She could not afford the x-ray herself, and would have had no further treatment without TLC's help.

Tanzanian Children's Education Trust (TCET)

TCET works with some of the Children at the TLC Day Centre. All TCET children are individually sponsored and have places at schools again this year. In the photo are TCET's Kim and some of the sponsored students from St. Francis School.

Twaha and Dotto successfully completed primary last year, and we wish them luck in their new secondary school. TLC's three Government primary school leavers are now in the TCET scheme. Saidi and Kevin are at private secondary schools, and Halima is at a Government Secondary School. The children who were previously studying at secondary boarding school in Dar es Salaam have now found places in good secondary schools in the Tabora region.



TCET has also taken on Hamisi, who has just started as a boarder at a Vocational Training College.

As a new venture we are inviting sponsors to email us a one page letter for their sponsored child(ren), and we will get them delivered to the children at the end of this term. Information will go out to sponsors shortly.

