



TLC February and March 2012 in Tabora Tanzania

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Beatrice, Mama Devota and Nikki helped the kids to make friendship bracelets for some children from Langenhoe, in Essex, who had already sent theirs over. The project was initiated by some London based graphic design students as a part of their course work. Their lecturer, related to one of TLC UK's trustees, was pleased to assist the students with this cross cultural element to their work. Here's a picture of three of the girls making some great bracelets by attaching them to their schoolbags with paperclips.



Two of last year's primary school leavers are now enrolled in the local Vocational Training College. The boy on the left has started a four year course on automobile repair and welding. He has been provided with a bike by Quakers in Bewdley, to travel the 4 miles from home to college daily. The boy on the right is undertaking a course in computing, before he embarks on his 4 year course next January, as he has only just returned to the Day Centre, feeling free enough from family responsibilities to enable him to return to education. His sister has joined a boarding school, and his younger brother now attends the Day Centre for his daily food.



The kitchen where the meals are cooked to feed the staff and all the children (and sometimes all their guardians as well) has been improved to keep out the rain water that collects during torrential storms, but the new barricades failed during a long and very heavy storm in March. More work is needed before the next rainy season to prevent flood water flowing in and quenching the fires that cook the food.



The Market Gardening Income Generation project on the HAPO land is going well, though some of the early planting of maize failed, and the rain was not good earlier in the growing season. Those who planted maize later in the season are likely to get a good crop. The rice planted to the right is growing well in the abundant late rains. The price of rice has doubled to almost one GBPound per kilo after last years very poor crop.



The TWIGA sewing group is working hard and completed an order for 20 beach bags. Margaret had collected a zigzag sewing machine from www.workaid.org on her way out to Tabora. Project Leader Mama Agatha is seen on the left trying out this machine. A local expert in this type of machine will teach Agatha, who will then teach the others.



Beatrice and Nikki visited one of our girls at boarding school locally. When it came to say goodbye Beatrice gave her a hug from the other kids at TLC, then a hug from each of the trustees, then a hug from each of the sponsors, then a hug from... each of the hugs became funnier and funnier and the little girl had such a big grin by the end it wasn't sad to say goodbye again for a while. Beatrice is the Children's Coordinator in charge of the Day Centre Programme.



A Round Table Meeting took place in Tabora on 7th April with HAPO Board members and representatives from TLC UK, TCET, and the newly registered TLC TZ to pave the way forward for a harmonius future for the work of all the groups.



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