



TLC February and March 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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The children are well settled into the new Centre and enjoy fun and games outside after their lunch each day. They are mainly strong and growing well and enjoying life, thanks to your generosity in providing good food.

When the children are sick there is a fund for medicines and treatment. One of our boys has been very sick but is improving slowly now.

Each Saturday the children have breakfast and lunch and they each get a bar of soap as well as a boiled egg.

The children have had their Easter holidays and enjoyed the gift from Maisie who belongs to the Arboretum Club in Worcester. She ensured that they had a special meal, which included pilaf rice and extra fruit and vegetables. The meal was cooked inside because rain made it difficult to use charcoal stoves. Pictured right, the meal is for over 70, being dished by Joyce the cook in the foreground, helped by the older girls. The children especially enjoyed the luxury of a soft drink.



TLC's New Children



We have found sponsors for two more new children. We now have eight new children and room for 2 more once we get two additional sponsors at £12 a month for each. Email back to us on tlctanzania@gmail.com if you would like to sponsor a child or would like to help in other ways.

One of our new children is an eight year old girl (photo left) who lives with six other members of her family in one very small rented room. The little girl is in the second year of primary school, and is pictured here with her mother, who is 25 years old, and was divorced when her daughter was 2. The mother sells charcoal to provide for the family. She will buy a sack of charcoal for about £4 then divide it up into portions that will cook one dinner. These portions are set

out in little piles on the ground, and the purchaser will bring her own receptacle to take the single portion away. The charcoal is made in the forests around Tabora and carried into town by the makers, with six or eight sacks on their bicycle, usually at dawn. Those who want to purchase a sack of charcoal have to go out onto the road from the forest, wave down one of the charcoal makers, make their wholesale purchase, and carry the sack back home to divide up and sell.

After months of planning we were finally able to cook and serve meals to the new children in Isevy, at the beginning of March. Adela cooked and cared for the children in this second Day Centre, and Beatrice, seen on the right, went over to Isevy to get to know the little ones and teach them as she played with them. All

was going well for the first two weeks until an incident beyond our control and completely unexpected happened and we knew we would not be able to continue feeding the children there. We are consequently in the process of buying a plot of land nearby, and will build a shelter and resume this little meals group for the very poor children of Isevy as soon as possible. Meanwhile these children stay at home and George visits each family each month with a supply of maize and beans.





TWIGA The sewing project has been producing some very nice shirts for the local market and recently diversified into embroidery using a machine donated by WorkAid. A young Volunteer going out this summer will be trying to get a few products made for marketing via the internet. If that works well it will be a terrific boost to the incomes of



those recruited and taught to sew.

The machine knitting project produces solely for the local market in school jumpers, with just a few special commissions locally. Right, see Tabu working on a blue school jumper.

The carpentry project – we are hoping to get this started in the near future.



Volunteer House



George, the caretaker, has planted up the garden at the volunteer house, and this lovely pawpaw on the left was provided for the Volunteers' breakfast. He has trees of most varieties of fruit that grow locally.

On the right, Jane, who comes by bicycle each weekday, is drawing water from the well. She keeps the house nice and clean and also does the laundry for the Volunteers using buckets of water and plenty of rubbing. There is no washing machine! (No piped water or mains electricity



either actually). We are slowly making progress with solar power to the house and have some light; we hope to get the fridge going in the near future.

Volunteers wanting an African experience are always welcome. Send us an email with a brief CV and we will set the process going. Currently we could really use a person knowledgeable about solar power, as it is not much used in Tabora yet. But whatever your skills or qualifications, people who want to be here and want to help are what we need. Do come and join us.

Water and Sanitation Projects – work is progressing well on the rain water catchment tank for one of our families. This tank has been funded by Wilmslow Wells for Africa.

Tanzanian Children's Education Trust (TCET)

All 64 TCET and TLC children were sent a letter from their sponsors and these were delivered by TLC Chair, Siwan, on her recent visit to Tabora. Now we are waiting to receive end of term school reports for some of our children. More about both of these in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, a new sponsor is urgently needed for one of the girls who is in her last year of private primary boarding school tcetuk@hotmail.com

