

## January 2010 in Tabora, Tanzania

Christmas at HAPO was happy. A special treat of chips and egg, financed by the children making and selling bead jewellery, food parcels for the families, financed by friends in Northern Ireland and other friends of HAPO, knickers for all the children from Sarah and new T shirts all round from Scotland.



*cooked by the children*



*served with soda*



*much appreciated*



*food parcels for the families*



*carried home by guardians*



*and new T shirts all round*



*Chips were left over for the next day too*



*Eating and Connect 4 for the girls*



*A comfy seat in the shade*

December saw the last two volunteers from Volunteer Africa, Zach and Noreen leaving, a sad feeling as the volunteers have been so warmly welcomed over the years and worked so hard for HAPO. However some ex volunteers are returning: Siobhan returned in November December to work at HAPO for a few weeks, Emma has returned and is joined daily by a Tabora friend Sophie, Kim returned to get the sponsored children ready for the new school year, Margaret came back in January. All raised money to continue the work of HAPO. The management and staff remain at their posts even though half no longer receive salaries, Mama Sekasua, Dr Kauzeni, the teachers Peter and Rehema, Mama Haule, Deus and Adela with Dr Sekasua still at the helm in Dar.

The New Year saw preparations for return to school first for the 20 boarding students



*Packing trunks*



*Waiting for the bus*



*Get the mattresses aboard!*

With the boarders away now the other children are settling back into their after school routine.



After lunch the children have extra lessons, games like Chinese Whispers in



English on the right here, sports, and time and help with homework. They enjoy art work especially when it involves glue and glitter. They have a drink of juice before the long walk home.

Ahamadi recovered from kwashiorkor now has TB. Emma and 5 year old Ahamadi enjoyed Christmas together. He



lost 2 kilos in November going down to 10 kilos but since Dr Dave diagnosed TB and started medication he has gained 4 kilos. He now has black curly hair and hopefully is really getting better now.



The Water and Waste survey continues with Deus planning to visit every family. He has been able to take pictures, with a donated phone, of latrines and house construction material which reveals very poor conditions. Hopefully the survey will be completed by April.

*If you would like to help finance the children's meals please make a donation to "Tabora Meals for Children Trust" Barclays Bank UK Sort code: 209748 A/C No. 03224031 and contact Margaret or Siwan. If you would like to come and visit or volunteer for a while or help other aspects of HAPO please email [hapo\\_tabora@yahoo.com](mailto:hapo_tabora@yahoo.com)*