



# TLC Jan Feb March 2016 in Tabora, Tanzania

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**Tabora League for Children: Working with orphans and vulnerable children and their families in 3 TLC Centres: Isevya, Ng'ambo and Chem Chem all within the Tabora Municipality.**

If you would like to help please make a donation to: "Tabora League for Children" Barclays Bank, Sort code: 209748 A/C No: 63693430 or by Paypal on our website [www.tictanzania.org](http://www.tictanzania.org) or [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TLC Tanzania)

**Happy children enjoying their Easter treats.** Despite an outbreak of cholera in Tabora, which the authorities are containing, the children were permitted to come to the centres to eat, and so received their sodas and biscuits as well as their usual nourishing meal. They loved it and say "thank you" to the generous donors. Beatrice hoped to take them all on an outing to a dam a few miles from the city but it hasn't proved possible yet. For most of them it will be the first time they travel outside Tabora, a city 10 miles in diameter and home to 250,000 people.



Marg arrived in early March with **toys** for Ng'ambo centre. If anyone has spare "Mega Blocks", seen left, please let us know. They are light and easy to transport. The wooden railway is also popular and extra parts for this are very welcome, any brand joins with this Ikea one.



The building of the **TLC Chem Chem Centre** is progressing well and we hope to open next month. The building needs the windows and doors and a few more finishing touches. After that the Chem Chem children can eat, learn and play in their own centre instead of travelling to Ng'ambo every day. The builders have done a wonderful job. Thank you to our wonderful donors who made this Centre possible.



**Sponsors** came forward for this little girl, seen left in the last newsletter. She is now happy and well-nourished, see right. She has forgotten that she was hungry every day. Her little brother, who was also sponsored by the same family, needs some medical treatment before he does much smiling. Hopefully this can



happen soon, as he has now been taken to see the specialist at the hospital. Since this little girl and her brother were sponsored 10 more children have found generous sponsors and joined TLC. Many, many thanks to all you wonderful sponsors. If you know of anyone who would like to sponsor a child at £15 per month, please let us know. The Chem Chem Centre will be taking on new children very soon.



The **rain water collection tank** in Isevyia, donated by Wilmslow Wells for Africa (WWFA), is complete. The classroom building will be fitted with gutters which will lead into the tank. There is an access hatch at the top and staff members George and Issa are checking it out. We will have plenty of clean, free water through future rainy seasons and well into the dry seasons. Thank you WWFA for the money to build this tank and the one for the family, and for your great patience as we took so long to build it.

**Charcoal reduction** is driving our small team in Worcester UK who are busy experimenting with cooking rice and beans in less expensive ways, both in cash and ecological terms. Miranda sets out for Tabora on 21<sup>st</sup> April with an induction hob, and a large induction saucepan in her luggage and money to purchase pressure cookers locally. Research has been carried out by Jay in Tabora to check availability. Stage 1 in Charcoal Reduction is about to be rolled out as the Centre cooks become familiar with cooking with pressure cookers on the usual round metal charcoal stoves, like the one Joyce is getting ready to light, see right, in our Ng'ambo kitchen.



Mama Haule, seen left, reports that our TLC **Private Education** students are now at school except the 5 at Westlands who are on holiday until 24<sup>th</sup> April. We have four 1<sup>st</sup> year college students, one doing agriculture, one teacher training and two at the Local Government College. They are all enjoying their studies, and soon will be benefiting from their sponsor's help when they will be able to get their jobs and help their families. In November 2015 we had only one Form Four leaver. She is helping out at the Ng'ambo Centre whilst she awaits the allocation of college places. She is hoping to be a doctor.

In October/November 2016, there will be one Private Education student graduating from primary school and three from secondary Form Four. The Tabora community would like to thank all the sponsors for their generosity and tolerance for many challenges.



These **prize winners** on the left were the children at the TLC Isevyia Centre who came near the top of their Government primary school classes. This is no small achievement in classes of at least 100, more for many. One of our children is in a class of over 200. There was a similar group of 6 stars at TLC Ng'ambo. We do all we can to encourage the children at school, with uniforms, food, and teachers at each Centre to give extra tuition.

Three of five Government Primary School **2015 graduates** have started Secondary school, and two have now started as apprentice motor bike mechanics.

In October/November 2016 there will be three Government Primary School graduates and two Government Secondary Form Four leaver. We hope that they, and our private school leavers, all study hard this year and do very well in the exams which will determine their future.

As some get ready to leave school others like this little girl, right, who has recently joined TLC, are getting ready to start school.





**Education Grant:** We have received a substantial gift from the Morgans which will allow us to employ more teachers, and pay the existing ones for more hours. We are also able to buy more books and the cupboards to put them in. Beatrice has already made the purchases for Ng'ambo and was keen to show Marg the new books she has purchased. Similar purchases, together with more tables and benches are happening this month in the other centres.

**Our Creche** is at the TLC Ng'ambo Centre and has expanded since this picture was taken in March. Bibi Iddi is loved by all her little charges. She keeps them all clean and dry and fed daily until 6 pm. Ng'ambo now has a cold water tap which is helpful. One toddler has a heart condition; another has a hernia. The little girl in the grey top, beside her 9-year-old big brother, has had very poor health but is slowly improving with nutritious food. The big brother departed for school soon after this picture was taken, where he is doing so brilliantly that he is being moved up two classes. He had not been to school before he joined TLC a year ago. He needs a "World's Best Big Brother Award" as he takes such wonderful care of his 3 younger siblings 24/7. And, unasked, he had washed all the floors at the centre, just before this picture was taken!



Some of the Isevy Children

**Happiness is being dry**

The rainy season is difficult as all the children get soaked on their way to and from school and the TLC Centres and so Beatrice asked for raincoats for everyone.

A wonderful donation, from students and parents in Alberta, Canada, paid for the raincoats as well as some Christmas treats. They have a Bake Sale each year for TLC children.

The raincoats were ordered and arrived recently. They will be kept at the Centres in the dry season ready to be handed out again when the rains begin.



Ng'ambo Children



Tots get raincoats too!

The Exhibit in Balham **TLC London Charity Quiz Round 2!** Thurs 23rd June  
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