



TLC & HAPO June and July 2011 in Tabora Tanzania

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It's that time of year again! Most of the children are back at the day center for their winter holiday (excluding the Themis Hill children, who are on a trimester schedule and will be back at HAPO/TLC in August). Karly Gould, an ex-HAPO volunteer from 2008, is back in Tabora and reports that all the children look happy and healthy, with many of them being at the top of their respective classes at school. Mama Esther has been cooking for the kids for the month of June as Adela and Adina are away on holiday. The kids continue to enjoy meat twice a week, and the usual assortment of rice, beans, ugali, and mchicha spread throughout the remaining days. They also continue to receive chai and juice every day they are at the day center.



On Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, the boys head to the football field and the girls make their way to the netball court, while Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays are reserved for either lessons taught by Beatrice or arts and crafts. Also, many

of the children were surprised at the beginning of June with new shirts, purses, or skirts donated by Emily Rubinstein and Igor Zilberman. The kids were extremely appreciative and wore their new clothes quite often while on their break.

TWIGA programme is becoming an increasingly successful business venture. Sister Bernadetta (manager), Bibi Amina, and Christina are currently the only members, but that will hopefully change soon when knitting machines that are being held in Dar es Salaam finally reach Tabora. Presently, TWIGA has contracts to make jumpers for two local schools and, at the time of writing, is looking to sell eighty-two jumpers individually at TSH9,000 each. A package was recently received from Siobhan (an ex-HAPO volunteer, who is in Ireland now, but will be returning to Tabora in September) with materials for the knitting center. Also, the toilet that is being built on the TWIGA compound has been drilled and is in the process of having walls put in place.





The new TLC volunteer house is coming along. George and family are faithfully watching over the building process. Thanks to TLC, volunteers will be able to stay in the house free of charge and only need to pay their transportation and daily living costs. The house will boast a living room, a kitchen, bathrooms, and bedrooms for volunteers to

make their own. The house is within walking distance of HAPO/TLC and is not very far from town and the market.

Anna and Sophie, two new volunteers from the UK, have arrived to help with the daily matters at HAPO/TLC. They are very popular with the children and get along well with the staff. Their first order of business was to teach the children how to make paper chains to decorate the classroom with. They are also assisting Deus and Beatrice with their English by providing them with written assignments and reading out loud exercises. They are currently reading The BFG by Roald Dahl.

Anna and Sophie are on their way back home as this is written. They did home visits with Magdalena and were able to give gifts of food to families with no food in their houses. They sorted out another bed for one granny after finding the family of four all sleeping in one badly broken bed. They were helped by the staff to give a sex education lesson to the kids with an emphasis on protection from STDs.

The children and volunteers set to and gave the classroom a badly needed coat of paint.

