



TLC May, June and July 2014 in Tabora, Tanzania

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Children

As you can see from the photo on the right, the TLC children have just been kitted out with new school uniforms, where needed in readiness for the new term. As Beatrice, the TLC Children's Coordinator, wrote about this photo: Thanks everybody for their contribution, the children are very happy and clean and look nice as you can see.



The young girl on the left has been reaping the benefits of a teacher working at the Centre with the children every afternoon after lunch. English is so important to the children, as all their secondary education is conducted in English. The more English

they can learn while still at primary school the better equipped they are to learn when they move on their secondary education.



However, some of our children are exceptionally vulnerable and need every ounce of Beatrice's energy to help them. The boy shown left struggles to get to school regularly due to a very difficult family situation so has missed a lot of education. He has also had a severe injury to his knee. Our staff are working closely with him to try and find creative ways to help, and it may be that one of his family members can be added to the TWIGA or carpentry projects to help relieve the pressures at home.

The new boy, right, is in a similar situation, and is fortunate that a sponsor has just been found for him so that he can join the TLC family and be given regular food and help with school uniform and other essentials. Several of our children are extremely vulnerable due to their home circumstances, and TLC wants to thank the sponsors of the two lads shown here, and all sponsors and donors for enabling us to offer support in various ways to enhance their life experience and opportunities. The Tabora staff are now in the process of identifying more young children who would benefit from coming to the Centre. So, if you might like to be a sponsor of one of them, do let us know. All the children always need extra help with items like mattresses (many sleep on the floor) and mosquito nets and school items, so we also thank those who generously support our general fund and help make this possible.



One of the girls is becoming disabled and needs some treatment in Dar es Salaam, over 500 miles away. We are unsure yet if she is well enough to travel. If she is then one of our trustees, who will be in Tabora in the autumn, will travel with her. Fortunately an earlier visitor to TLC, who works in the health industry, was able to identify a surgeon in Dar who can help with the treatment needed. It is a big decision for a family to make, as the aftercare will need to be followed to the letter for the benefits to be ensured.

Bibi Startup Loans: One of the new projects, managed by Beatrice, involves small loans being given to Bibis (grandmothers) to help them start a business. These loans are repayable over an agreed time, and the money is then reinvested into the project to support other women requesting loans, and who are approved. So far the system is working well and helps generate greater independence as well as the dignity of improved self-sufficiency. There have been two cases though where the repayments have not yet started, as the money was used to cope with family emergencies. Efforts are being made to get these two grandmothers into a position to start earning some money.



Carpentry: The Carpentry Income Generation Project finally started in June in the grounds of the Day Centre. Sadly the Landlord objected and the project had to be moved to a new temporary location, see left, while the staff look for a more permanent site. The startup of this project was funded by UK Quakers in April 2012. They have kindly allowed us to hold the funds until now. The experienced carpentry project leader will use the tools donated to TLC by WorkAid to teach the older children and hopefully, over time, develop a self-sustaining income generating business. One of our older boys is already working on this programme after being sponsored through a 2 year apprenticeship with a local carpenter.

New Visitor

On 16th July our latest visitor to Tabora, Jonti, a student at Durham University, arrived in Dar es Salaam. He was up before dawn the next day to catch his 6.30 flight to Tabora and was met by Deus just before 7am. An email sent on 18th July showed he was already well embedded in TLC. We are grateful to Jonti for all he has done during

his 6 weeks in Tabora. If you would like to visit TLC in Tabora do let us know.

New Staff Member



Magdalena (on left with Beatrice), has now graduated from College and joined the TLC staff in Tabora on a full time basis. During her training she spent the vacations at the Centre and was especially engaged in home visits to ensure the families had undamaged mosquito nets and working water filters. She will now place her energies on helping the adult projects, as well as working with the children and visiting the families. She is currently working to help the TWIGA income generating activities (knitting and sewing) to find a sustainable way for them to both develop and become self-sufficient.

TCET (Our sister charity working with some of the TLC children through private school sponsorship)

The children have all now finished their summer holidays and are back at school.

The photo to the right shows 4 of our students graduating from St Francis Primary School. They are pictured here by Beatrice with Magdalena, George, Jonti and three of their TLC friends. A happy day for all. School reports were, overall, very promising with some children doing exceptionally well academically. All those in years 4 and 7 in primary school will now be taking part in national examinations. So, a busy time for them. Also, there are 5 children who graduate from secondary school at the end of this year.

