



TLC November & December 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: Isevy, Ng'ambo and Chem Chem all within the Tabora Municipality.

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Wishing you and yours and all the TLC community a most happy, healthy and harmonious 2017. Thank you all for all your contributions that have made the successes of 2016 possible.

We now have 145 children enrolled in our community between our three centres, and we are doing all we can to ensure that they are educated and do not slip back into hunger and poverty.

The children have worked hard at school. Most have been promoted to the next class. Well done all.

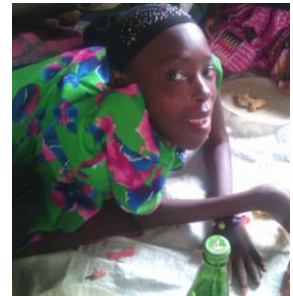


5 (shown right above) graduated from Form 4 Secondary.
2 (shown left) graduated from Standard 7 Primary.

The staff have worked hard to accommodate the opening of the Chem Chem Centre and the starting of the Youth Development work, helping those leaving education to find a job or a way to generate income for themselves. Deus, our Executive Director, has started a University Course. And the other staff have taken on some of his work so that he can give full attention to his accounting course. Thank you all.



The current holiday season was enhanced by the arrival of Santa from Northern Ireland. Siobhan, gem that she is, arrived with 35 kg of hold luggage which was all presents, £500 collected to start a chicken enterprise, her Santa suit, and a wheelchair which has given a new lease of life to our 16-year-old new girl, paralysed from the middle of her very curved spine. She has never had the chance to go to school but is keen to learn, so one of our Form 4 graduates has undertaken to teach her to read.



The party, with chips omelette, ice-cream, soda and a little bag of gifts from Santa, took place on Siobhan's last day in Tabora. It was a get together of all the centres with the older children helping.



Waiting for Santa

Chips omelette...delicious

Santa gave me this



We now have 92 wonderful childrens' sponsors and want to thank them all for their continuing support of the children. Some of them are supporting more than one! Most of the sponsors write a letter each year to their child, who as you can see left, are delighted to get it. Staff and older children are on hand to translate and help write the replies. The child on the far left only eats what she is given at our centre. Her family time their one meal a day for when she is at TLC. Her baby sister died of starvation related illness 18 months ago. There are always children waiting for sponsors, so if you feel you can contribute £15 a month, please let us know and we will match you up with a child that really needs to join TLC and get enough to eat.

That wonderful group of supporters who give regularly or occasionally or both, those who help, those who organize or attend fundraising events, all have the very grateful thanks of the team in Tabora and a big thumbs up from the children. They would love to meet any of you or the children's sponsors if you would like to spend some days in the sunshine of Tabora. Just email us tlctanzania@gmail.com if you want to come.



Food parcels of 5kg beans and 10kg rice were given out to 91 families at the year end. Some children take the parcels home themselves if their guardians are sick. We have more than one child from some families, though usually we try to limit it to one child to spread the effect further in the community.



The home situations of 5 children deteriorated during the year, and they have been placed with foster families. One has been placed with George, who is the caretaker of the Visitor House, and his family. Every morning I stayed at the house last month I awoke to this child's chirpy voice as she ran to get washing water from the well, and I was greeted by her huge smile as soon as I put my head out of my door. She is beyond delighted with her new home.

2017 will see 11 children graduate from Primary school, swelling our numbers of children at secondary School. Currently we are providing money for extra tuition for the children at secondary schools. 10 will graduate from Form 4 Secondary, and most seem to want to go on to study up to Form 6. One of our girls joined Form 5 this year and is very disappointed with the study opportunities at her new school and feels she needs extra help if she is to achieve good marks at the end of Form 6 which will entitle her to a place at university and a Government loan. She wants to be a doctor. We feel that a Resource Centre is needed for these students and are trying to see what can be done to help provide the materials for study that the students need.