



## TLC & HAPO October and November 2011 in Tabora Tanzania

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**Tabora League for Children - Working with orphans and vulnerable children and their families.**

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News received on 3<sup>rd</sup> December: *the centre is full of all sponsored children from Rocken Hill, Ujenzi and Them Hill boarding schools as well as all those who come daily. Four boarders, orphans who have no home, are staying with staff members on the compound. Other children went to their homes today. The Christmas/end of year holidays have started. Grateful thanks to those who have donated small gifts for the children and for family food parcels*

There are now 62 children on the register, 20 of them are individually sponsored to attend boarding school, and so are only with us for 3 months a year, during school holidays. The rest come **daily for lunch and lessons or sport.**



Daily lessons in the classroom after lunch with Devota and Beatrice.



The daily pep talk at home time, to keep staff in touch with the health and welfare of the children's guardians

**A Graduation Party was held on November 5<sup>th</sup> for Standard 7 leavers** who were very happy to have finished with primary school and look forward to starting Secondary School. There were five leavers this year, but one was too busy earning an income to feed his family to attend the party.

**The party also celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of TLC. A million thanks to all our wonderful supporters who have kept this project going.**

Early on the morning of the party there was a torrential downpour, just as Joyce got the fires going for the beans, and hot water for tea for all. The water found a hole in the kitchen wall and poured through, and quenched the fires, and produced a big puddle. There were 50 for lunch that day, as the staff and guardians of the Standard 7 leavers had come to celebrate. Fortunately, as with most storms, it



stopped after an hour, and Joyce was able to reposition her fires until the puddle subsided, and continued to cook lunch and provide hot tea for all the children that had raced through the storm and got soaked.

Joyce, seen above left, has been helping out, as Adela is still sick. She is great with the children, and also an excellent cook.

Deus got to work on the problem since, and now has the wall patched up, and reports that the kitchen is dry.

The Sekasuas are renting the whole compound, including their house, to TLC while Mama is away. The residential house is now providing accommodation for local staff, international volunteers, & temporarily homeless children. Margaret stayed there earlier this month, and Siobhan will be there shortly. It is a very useful addition to the facilities, and can be used by international volunteers until the Volunteer House in Ipuli is finished.



At Isevyia the **TWIGA Knitting Project** is strengthened by the older sister of one of our children, seen in the centre of the picture on the left. She is proud to be able to help the family finances. Another big sister is also joining soon, bringing the number of knitters to five. They have orders for school jumpers and are working hard to complete them before the school year starts in January. The toilet, seen right, is now in use by those who at work at Isevyia. Many thanks to those who donated funds for its



construction.

We hope to start a sewing project at Isevyia in the New Year, with sewing machines donated by WorkAid UK.

The **market gardening project** on the HAPO land is producing crops and incomes for the families that use it. An older sister of one of our children, seen left, is watering her beans to ensure a good start for them, to grow on during the rainy season. Tomatoes, pumpkins, spinach, carrots are all growing well and being harvested. The gardeners have elected a chair person and will purchase fertilizers and seeds communally. More land will be brought under cultivation during the next few months, taking advantage of the rains. The gardeners intend to build a shelter so that they can stay dry when heavy rain starts suddenly while they work. The land is a long walk from their homes.



### International Harmony

A recording of our children singing "Down to the river to pray" was played to some school children during their African Arts week in England earlier this year. The English children learnt the song and sang along with the recording of the Tabora children. A video of them singing was taken back to Tabora. Pictured here are our children enthralled as they watch the English singing "their" song.



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