



TLC October and November 2012 in Tabora Tanzania

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in informal partnership with TCET*

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

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Party to mark the move to the new Day Centre



On 31st October there was a meeting to sign the Handover Agreement. We are very grateful to all who worked with us throughout the Separation of TLC and HAPO. The guardians had all been kept informed about the process. The children went with staff to the new Day Centre in the afternoon of the 31st. The next day there was a party, see pictures, with



presents for children and bibis (grannies). It was good to get everyone together in our new place. Great fun was had by all.

Settling in to the New Day Centre

The sewing ladies had already been in residence for a month and the place had been thoroughly cleaned, some new furniture bought, and more tables and benches ordered. Joyce took over the kitchen and set to work to produce a party lunch for all on 1st November, ably assisted by Adela who is accompanied each day by her new baby son. There is a water tap, and this has been moved nearer to the kitchen. Repairs on the roof have been completed, and the blocked toilet restored to working order. The children are at home in their new Day Centre. Because the new day centre is in the grounds of an Indian temple we need to respect their vegetarianism and not cook



or eat any meat on the premises. The children were treated to a meat meal on 1st December in a nearby hotel by a visiting trustee, and will in a few weeks be able to meet at our Isevy premises on Saturdays for a meat meal cooked by Joyce and Adela. (The hole in the Isevy roof has to be mended before we can assemble the children there.) The new Day Centre seems to suit staff and children, and all have settled in and are eating, learning and caring for each other happily there.

Secondary School Children

We have managed to ensure that most of our primary school graduates, 16 children so far, have moved on to secondary school or vocational training college. Our sister organization TCET* has arranged for most of these to go to private secondary schools. In order to create space to take on new orphans, we are asking the Secondary school children to come only on a Saturday, as all get lunch at school Monday to Friday. Each Saturday during the school holidays they will be given a bag of rice and beans sufficient for them to cook at home. Children start their 7 year primary education aged 7, and so are 14 years old before starting secondary school, and are proud to contribute their rice and beans each week to the family provisions.

New Children

We are in the process of selecting 10 new children to join us, and hope to have pictures soon. They will be selected slowly and with great care, and we need to ensure that we have financial support for each one we take on. There are many that would like to join us, and so a rigorous selection process is in place, sometimes heartbreaking for the selectors. We heard this week that a new little girl, presented to us by her granny, living in great poverty, was not in fact an orphan as stipulated. Her mother, who is deaf and dumb, was concealed from the selectors. I think there may have to be some exceptions to the criteria laid out! As we are still supporting the older secondary school children, and because of rising food prices, we are appealing for people to cover costs for the new children, at £12 per month, as they join us. This £12 would be to cover a portion of all the costs involved in running the Day Centre, as well as individual costs like school uniforms and shoes. Please email us at tlctanzania@gmail.com if you would like to make it possible for one of these very needy children to join us.

Our **TWIGA Sewing Ladies** have been making church vestments for local clergymen as well as men's shirts. They recently made oven gloves and computer bags to meet orders from overseas. In the next few weeks they will be engaged on school uniforms as the children are prepared for a new school year in January. If you have any suggestions for sewn items that could be sold in your locality, we would be very pleased to hear from you. The ladies are enjoying their spacious clean room in the new Day Centre. Our buildings are well away from any dirt roads and the dust levels are insignificant. Dust is a big problem in most of Tabora, coming from the unmade roads.



Our **TWIGA Knitting ladies** are busy selling the jumpers they have produced, to be able to buy new wool to fill the orders for school jumpers.

TLC Trustee visits & Volunteer House: Siobhan, who oversaw the handover along with Kim of TCET, met up with Marg in Mwanza. Marg was on her way to Tabora in early November. Josh arrived in mid November and is currently doing great work. Penny and Siwan expect to visit early in the New Year. These visits are all funded personally by the trustees, at no cost to TLC or TCET. Siobhan, Kim, Marg and Josh have all enjoyed staying at the volunteer house. Photos below: The bathroom and kitchen are still a bit basic; young neighbour Margie is a delight; the solar power system lights only a table lamp but a new inverter that travelled to Tabora with Josh should soon improve power output.



***TCET / TCEF (Tanzanian Children's Education Trust / Fund, UK/NZ sister charities)** have been working for several years to deliver and maintain private school sponsorship of orphaned and vulnerable children in Tabora, to help enhance their future possibilities in life. Founders Sarah and Kim have now been joined by Amy, Elizabeth and Sandy to support this work and Mama Haule (shown below with Kim) coordinates all in Tabora. The children sponsored through TCET all attend the TLC Day Centre, and many of the sponsors are TLC volunteers and friends. We look forward to working even more closely with TLC to monitor the progress of the children already sponsored, and to find varied forms of targeted and sustainable educational opportunities for new children, so that vocational as well as academic choices can be offered. Currently we are contacting existing sponsors about next year. If you haven't heard from us, or would like more information about sponsoring one of the new children, do email Amy, tcetuk@hotmail.com, or Kim at kim_j_wilson@hotmail.com. Find us on Facebook at Tanzanian Children and at www.tcet.org.uk



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