

## TLC February and March 2011 at HAPO Tabora, Tanzania. <http://www.tlctanzania.org>

*TLC – Tabora League for Children - feeds a group of vulnerable and orphaned children in Tabora, Tanzania who attend a day centre called HAPO. Each day the children are provided with a hot meal, health care, school necessities, tuition or sports & TLC! The programme is reliant on kind donations. Therefore, if you would like to help please make a donation to “Tabora Meals for Children Trust” Barclays Bank, UK, Sort code: 209748 A/C No. 03224031 and contact Margaret*

### Saturdays

On Saturdays there is no school and the children come before 10 am and have breakfast of bread and sweet black tea. Most go down to the sports field and have a game of football or netball. Some of the girls, in the picture on the left, have stayed behind and are enjoying a game of cards before their lunch.



On some Saturdays we tackle a few tasks about the place and the children on the right are washing the walls. A new coat of paint is needed and hopefully will be affordable soon.



### It's not raining enough.

Despite this picture taken in a downpour there have been weeks of very little rain and the crops are not doing well. One Mum usually gets 18 sacks of rice from her patch but this year has harvested only 2.

There is more news daily of families with no food in the house and some of our children having no food except the meal we provide for them. We are trying to help out too with some younger brothers and sisters who are not growing properly due to lack of nourishment.



### Volunteers:



We currently house volunteers in our rented house but when the landlord said that he wanted his house back for himself, & the chance of purchasing a plot (left) came up, & a special earmarked donation was given, we decided to build a new volunteer house. Dave, below with Deus, offered to come and project manage the build.



We will have a caretaker's house, a volunteer house and an office eventually. Dave arrived at the beginning of March, submitted plans and had the foundations in place very quickly. The walls of the caretaker's house and the office are up and work has started on the roof. There have been 12 workers on site some days.



The builder above with the fancy yellow boots is unable to afford conventional wellingtons and so has made his boots out of old cement bags turned inside out. They protect his feet as he mixes the cement. Men with no jobs come to the site in the hope of work and often get a few days work, with a lunch provided by local women.

**HAPO Aids Project** see <http://hapotabora.net/Projects/Projects.html>

Preparation work is almost complete and the project will be going into action to reduce Aids.



**TWIGA (Tabora Women's Income Generation Activities)**

The Brother Knitting Machine donated to us being used to knit a nice cheery jumper for sale. Bernadette, left, and one of the girls work each day to complete the garments that have been ordered.

The move of TWIGA to a larger premises will allow for more people to learn knitting and start earning incomes. The new premises needs some work!, see right, before the move. The corrugated iron roof is leaking., the dividing wall needs finishing and there is a bit of sweeping and cleaning to be done.



**Tabora League for Children** is now registered in the UK as a Company and as a Charity. This means that donations can now attract Gift Aid an important bonus paid to the Charity by the UK Government in response to donations by its tax paying citizens. We have put a GIFT AID form on the website for you to download, fill in, and send to us and have also attached one following this newsletter. If your help is not in the form of a donation please forgive us sending this form to you.



**Keeping Healthy**

When we come to HAPO we sometimes see a child lying on the floor, as this girl is pictured left. This is the sign that something is wrong and we investigate. It is most likely to be malaria but first a trip to the clinic is needed for testing. If the test shows that it is malaria, we have a stock of the pills to cure it. If it is not malaria then further medical investigations are needed. The children rarely receive any medical treatment from their families and so walk to HAPO however bad they feel, and they know that their illness will receive attention.



Julie, our Volunteer from San Francisco is seen here with Margaret in Dar es Salaam where they met at the end of Julie's stay in Tabora. She had enjoyed helping the children with their lessons and visiting their families. Her work was greatly appreciated by staff and children and she is missed by all.

We are in need of more volunteers who would like to spend time with the children. If you are interested in coming please fill out a message box on <http://tlctanzania.org/ContactUs.php>

