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News Update at 85

As we being the 85th year of teaching at Sakeji, we lift our hearts heaven-ward to thank the Lord for His goodness to us. It has only been through the strength that He gives, that the school has been able to continue. Please continue to pray for us. Join us for a few moments to trace the working of God here at Sakeji.



Sakeji began in 1925 with only one student, as a school for missionary children, to enable those serving the Lord to remain on the field with their children. Now with over 70 students, Sakeji is happy to welcome not only children of overseas missionaries, but is thankful to be able to support Zambian commended workers who have been called to serve the Lord in Angola.



We also have students from families of believers who see

the quality, Bible based education that Sakeji is providing and have joined the Sakeji family.



Sakeji staff

Commended to the work of the Lord at Sakeji are:

Mark & Pam Ronald—
Mark, teacher for the upper



grades; Pam, school nurse and managing Sakeji's finances. Mark is acting headmaster as well for the next two terms.

Karen Loudon, on loan from Kalene Flight Service will be co-teaching with Mark Ronald the senior grades. Karen specializes in English,



and John will be commuting daily to Kalene.

Janette Young is dorm

mother for the girls' dorm and also teaches the core subjects for grades 1&2.



Margie Young is teaching grade 3&4 again this year. She and her sister Janette were students at Sakeji so give us the benefit of their experience.

Jill Avery teaches Art and Music, compiles Bush Talk, and directs our end of term programs.



Bethany Fuller keeps things running smoothly in the Administrative office, as well as teaching English and News for the senior grades.

Tom & Lana Robertson and family—Tom is in charge of maintenance, and together they look after the boys dorm, as



well as teaching. Tom teaches Scripture, and Lana instructs in French, and English grammar. Katrina, Kayla and Hanna have been teaching swimming and PE lessons.

Kim Kaulback, a student

teacher from Halifax, will be co-teaching with Margie Young.

Tara-Jo Deagle, assisting for a second term will be helping in junior school.

Lizu Chinyama, assisting for his third term, is also a former student. He will be



teaching computers, and assisting in upper school.

James & Florence Ronald—parents of Mark, are there for the term, taking special meetings with the school, teaching Scripture, and assisting in the classroom.

Vickie Saunders is the



school caterer, and delights us with tasty food from the old wood-fired stove.

Special Events

The New Year begins with new students enrolled at Sakeji. There are always lots of adjustments to take place, both in the classroom and in the dorm. Even sitting still for daily devotions, learning to listen, ask and answer questions, all take time. But

when the child begins to listen to God speaking to him through His Word, that is a special event. Pray for the salvation of



little ones as they hear the Gospel.

Birthday parties each term are special times for the children, looked forward to



eagerly by all. The food is wonderful, the cakes are delicious, the entertainment provided by children and staff is delightful.

Half term, the break away



from regular schooling and time to have fun at the pool or at the playground. Sometimes there are bike rides or a chance



to drive the go-cart. What fun!

The grade seven and eights put on an interesting display for residents of Mwinilunga, and had many visitors to their booth at the agricultural fair.

During the term the grade sevens are able to join the adults for the evening sing and message. The singing is chosen by the students and accompanied by their guitars.

At the end of each term is the piano recital, an opportunity to try to play your best while



nervously seated at the piano in front of the whole school.

The first week of July finds Sakeji in the throes of track and field competition. The hopes



are high among the students for first place, so successful races and high jumps are inundated with much cheering.

End of term is often a special program of singing, acting and recitation by the



children. It takes most of the term to prepare for, but delights the parents for sure! That comes after parent-teacher interviews, and then supper for all.

Independence day is also



special with swimming races, and a bonfire at the end of the day.

Some Improvements

Sakeji started the year with real problems in the electrical system. We thank the Lord for



His provision of a new alternator, and help to get the water wheel working as well.

Solar water heaters too have come to Sakeji, meaning we



have only three fires to light for hot water now, rather than 14 last year!

The cold room now has extra insulation and new



swinging doors into the room. We also thank the Lord for a more powerful cooling unit, keeping things the right temperature.

Spiritually Speaking

Sakeji begins with a special set of children's meetings in the first term. We call it the spiritual emphasis week. Last year and this year we have



James Ronald to speak to the children and staff. We are thankful for children who have come to trust the Lord Jesus as a result of the teaching of God's Word.

Special meetings for Sunday School teachers are

held near Sakeji at the Ikelenge hall each month. Mark & Tom have the privilege of leading these meetings, and the children of the area have benefited.

Kalene assembly hosted a conference for elders and their wives, and Paul was privileged to teach the Scriptures. We trust that assemblies will be



blessed as men put into practise the eternal truths of God. Tom travelled by bike with elders to a conference in Angola. What a privilege to find believers eager to be taught the Word.

In June was the annual conference at the Zambezi rapids for area assemblies. July



was a conference in Lusaka at which Paul spoke on "gathering to the Name of the Lord Jesus."

September and October were busy months reaching out to assemblies in the district with the truths of God, and seeking to help them stand against the inroads of denominationalism.

Prayer

- ✓ For help from the Lord for the Spiritual and physical needs.
- ✓ That the Lord would send teachers, teaching assistants, and care givers to Sakeji.
- ✓ We are praying that as you read this page, you will be willing to pray for us daily, and perhaps to come over and help too!

We wish you every blessing for this New Year.

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