

Sakeji Mission School



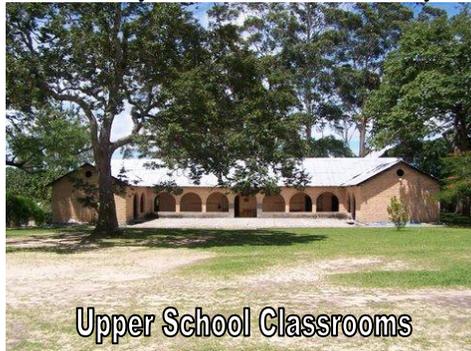
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Dear praying friends

Greetings to you, in the worthy Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We do trust that you are well.

Many thanks for your



Upper School Classrooms

prayerful interest in Sakeji and the work of the Lord in the area. Please continue to remember the needs here. We thank the Lord for strength for each day, and look to Him to supply for the future.

Kindly remember the needs for next term. As far as we can see it, from our limited human viewpoint, we will need at least one more teacher, to replace Julie Stephenson our grade 1 & 2 teacher. She came to Sakeji to help on her sabbatical year, and we have appreciated this very much. Pray with us that the Lord will send us more teachers and assistant teachers. We also have many applications to Sakeji for next year that we will not be able to accept without more teachers.

The work with the children gives us much cause for thanksgiving. We are half



End Of School Program

way through the second term of the year here. We began the year with 13 new

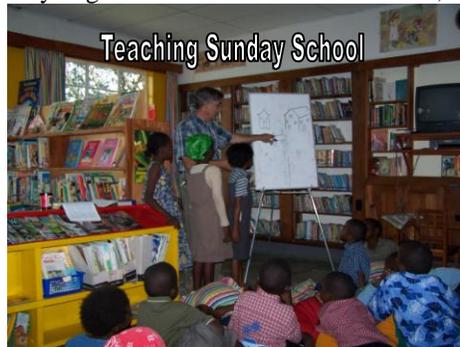
pupils—new lives to win for the Saviour. Children are often quite a handful when



Giving Awards at Friday Assembly

they first arrive. But we thank the Lord for steady progress as they learn to obey, sit still and listen and get along with other children. It is only then that they begin to pay attention to what they are being taught and to spiritual truths.

What gives us the most joy is when they begin to listen to the Word of God, as



Teaching Sunday School

we read and pray with them and teach them God's way of salvation. Young people eager to learn and ask questions, make Sunday School a special time for the teacher to be sure, and hopefully for the pupils as well! With daily devotions and Scripture classes, there are many



Easter Gardens - three Crosses & the Tomb

opportunities for the Holy Spirit to apply the truths of God to their hearts.

Sakeji School also was invited to the Mwinilunga agricultural fair, and put on a display about the school and the value of education based on the Bible. They had the opportunity to give away many tracts,



Sakeji Fair Display

booklets and Scripture portions.

We value prayer as well for the Sunday Schools in the area connected with assemblies of the Lord's people. Mark Ronald and Tom Robertson have been conducting a monthly Sunday school Teacher's conference where the teachers from the 16 assemblies in the area are taught how to teach Bible lessons. They are then provided with written materials and teaching aids to help them in the lessons for the next month. It is so encouraging to see the number of teachers holding steady each month, and the real interest of all in being taught. In fact perhaps the teachers are learning a lot more than the students! But we do trust that God will reach many children through His Word as a result.

During the school break, it was a



Piano Recital

busy time reaching out to the people in the area. Tom Robertson and a number of keen

believers from Zambia made a trip into Angola to help assemblies there. They were warmly welcomed and the time spent was profitable in the light of eternity.

The elders' conference was well attended. I appreciated the prayer support of so many for this conference held at Kalene. With four meetings a day that I was responsible for, it was a real opportunity to encourage and challenge the elders and their wives who had come. They prayed that the Lord would help them go back to their home assemblies and put the truths of Scripture into practice. We trust that



Elders' Conference at Kalene

assemblies will be built up and honour brought to that precious Name of the Lord Jesus.

Last week was the annual general conference for the area assemblies. Believers walked and biked in from all over the district. The guest speaker was Timothy Beer from Loloma, and we trust the ministry was an encouragement and help to all. Being as school is in session, we



General Conference

from Sakeji took turns going out to the conference.

It is encouraging to see assemblies of the Lord's people seeking to go on for God in a very difficult day and age. Eunice and I visit two assemblies (Kahokola and Sahandu) each Friday, and have found good interest in the Word again this past weekend. Pray that the young men who are soaking in the teaching of the Word will grow in the things of God and that the work of Lord will go on well in these assemblies.

And please continue to pray for the school here. Sakeji is in its eighty-fourth year of operation. We are very conscious that all that has been accomplished here at



Junior Boys' and their Craft Display

Sakeji is only in the strength that the Lord supplies. We are still short staffed this year, but are grateful for wisdom and help from the Lord for each day.

We thank the Lord for young people who have come to help for this term: Kaleigh from Saskatchewan, Jisca from Ontario, and Lizu for Lusaka, Zambia. Each is fitting in well, and being a real help. We also have a short-term grade 1 &



Julie Stephenson at Birthday Party

2 teacher, Julie Stephenson, from Pennsylvania. She will be returning to her job in the USA at the end of the term.

A few prayer pointers, and notes of thanksgiving are as follows:

- The new curriculum is working out well, a help to all the teachers, and a blessing to the students. We are thankful for the textbooks and workbooks that have arrived in for this
- We had major problems in our hydro power at the school, with both the turbine and the water wheel breaking down. We are thankful that the Lord provided at just the right time, the funds, and the right type of alternator to get both systems back and running again.



Water Wheel For Electrical Power

- We have almost completed the internal rewiring of the school, and are thankful for fewer problems with lightning as a result. We are now purchasing underground cable to connect us to hydro electric power that should be coming into the area early next year.
- We have been able to purchase solar powered water heaters, and are thankful for the benefits seen each day in less firewood needed, and "free" hot water from the sun! We are now hoping to upgrade the dormitories as well to a more efficient solar system.



Staff House With Solar Water Heater

- Pray that God would send us more teachers and teaching assistants, plus help for maintenance and building.

Sales of the new Lunda Bible at the bookshop are continuing steadily. As well, we have a system of 'working for a Bible' to help those who want one, but can't afford it. Continue to pray that the new Bible will be a blessing to all who read it.

Finally, continue to pray for Sakeji,



Fun on tubes at the Cottage

especially for the need for more workers. We are asking the Lord for believers to help both for short and long term service—for almost every area of the work here at Sakeji, but especially for teachers. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth workers... truly the opportunities are great here, and the fields ripe to harvest!

Thanks again for your encouragement, help and prayers for us and for the Lord's work at Sakeji.

Yours by Grace

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