

HEADMASTER'S REPORT, FIRST TERM, 2008

Dear Parents and Friends,
Greetings from Sakeji. The rains are almost over here, and today, the sun is shining brightly. The pool this morning looked so peaceful and inviting—yesterday afternoon it was full of students having fun in the sun!

Lots to be thankful for

We thank the Lord for His goodness to us here at Sakeji during another term.

- The thirteen new students who came to us at beginning of term, have settled in well. The few tears that might have been shed at the start are replaced by smiles, especially as they have found friends and settled into the routine.
- New character qualities are being learned including diligence, loyalty, hospitality, and sensitivity.
- The sweet strains of the recorder, strumming from guitars, and diligent practise on the piano are often heard around Sakeji—many new things being learned.
- Spiritually, the term has been a highlight for many. Mr. James Ronald challenged many during Spiritual Emphasis Week. Since then, a number of students have come to staff members with a desire to know more, and for some, to trust the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. We continue to pray for each student.
- There has been a flu bug going the rounds, with quite a few down with coughs and colds, and a few staff members at least with malaria. We thank the Lord for most feeling much better these days.

Sent of the Lord

Five people sent of the Lord, have dedicated their time to Sakeji, and given valuable input into the lives of the students:

- o Ms. Julie Stephenson, has come to us from Philadelphia, USA, with many years teaching experience. She has taken on the responsibility of most of our new students, teaching grades one and two. We pray for her daily, and are thankful for her help at Sakeji.
- o Mr. & Mrs. James Ronald, parents of senior teacher Mr. Mark Ronald, have been a real blessing to the school—teaching Scripture, helping in the junior classes, and many devotions and Sunday School lessons on top of Spiritual Emphasis Week.
- o Miss Julia Burnett, now completing eight months at Sakeji, has helped in lower school, with extra reading, phonics and spelling.
- o Miss Lori Kratzer, from Emmaus Bible College in the USA, doing her teacher's practicum at Sakeji, and teaching grades 5-8, sharing the load with Mr. Ronald.
- o The Robertson girls have been a great help with swimming lessons, P.E., and games.

Projects

A few projects have been going on this term, and we thank the Lord for safety and His help throughout.

- o New solar water heaters have meant clear hot water in the tub and shower!
- o More houses have been wired up now with the 110 VAC system.

Challenges to our faith include:

- o The cold room cooling unit stopping working—we are still trying to have it fixed.
- o The new alternator purchased at the end of last year, melting down. We thank the Lord for a new alternator for the turbine that the Lord has enabled us to purchase in a miraculous way! It is now up and running.
- o Delays in the bridge building over the Sakeji.

Holidays

We trust and pray that you will have a wonderful time with your family this term break. Enjoy your children, as we have. We look forward to seeing them again on May 13th!
May the Lord richly bless you all.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Perdevin



Sakeji Bush Talk

RIDDLES

I am silver and glittery
I shine from above.
Am part of astronomy
And declare God's love.
What am I?
~Anita Ngoma, Gr.8

I am as black as coal,
And am as smooth as silk.
I'm nice to have around,
But can be a pest sometimes...
Some people hate me.,
And some love me.
Who am I?
~Lombe Changala, Gr.7

THE MOST FUN THINGS OF HALF-TERM

Half-term is always an entertaining time, but there are some things that are more amusing than others. Early morning swim begins the fun. Next it's the flavoursome sweets laid on the tables in the chota. We're only allowed to get 40p, unless you help with the sweets and if you have a job in the dorm. Swimming is the main thing we do. The water slide is amusing too. Some people go down more quickly than others. Silver and Gold Seals are allowed to go on the flying fox. It's not a fox actually flying-it's a rope put high across the pool with bars to hold onto. You let go when you're in the deep end. The hot dogs at supper are so appetizing, mouth watering, tasty, yummy, and delicious. We also get chocolate bars. This half-term, I got a Reese's chocolate bar. These are the best things about half-term.

~Womba Musumali, Gr. 7

Below: Building an Easter Garden

A HOLIDAY ADVENTURE

Hi, my name is Yowano. I live in Kasempa. I went to Malawi and in Malawi I went to the beach. At first I got chased by a bull dog! At the beach were crocodiles. Miss Young was the first to see a crocodile. We played and played and ate and drank. I like the way it feels on the sand, do you?
~Yowano Kamwana, Gr. 3



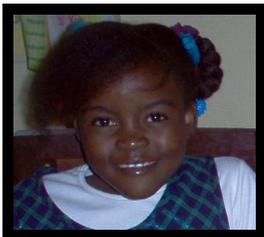


Above: A big birthday smile
 Below Right and Left: Some smiles from the girls dorm

THE NOISIEST DAY OF MY LIFE

There was a day when I made
 A six by twelve foot scrap contraption.
 At the bottom with a nail,
 My brother did subtraction.
 Now what I mean
 Is that whole contraption
 Came crashing down
 On his Lego mansion,
 And it sounded like this:
 Lash, smash, crash,
 Creaking, leaking,
 Screaming, heaving,
 Roaring, pouring,
 Wheezing, sneezing,
 Coughing, crying,
 Boom, thud,
 Crushing, hushing,
 Whirring!
 And that was the noisiest day
 Of my life,
 With my six by twelve foot contraption,
 And my brother's mansion.
 ~ Mukuka Puta, Gr.6

Answers to
 the Riddles:
 1. A star
 2. India, the
 Ronald's
 dog



A PSALM OF PRAISE

When I look at the world, I see Your
 handiwork. I see the flowers. Their
 petals are spread out to praise Your
 name O Lord. You are dressed in
 majesty and You satisfy my heart.
 You are my Friend and You are my
 Saviour. ~ Joshua Mast, Gr. 4

THE CASTLE

Early one morning, I woke up and ex-
 plored my castle. My castle was very
 big and very luxurious. I loved my
 castle. I thought no one could steal it
 from me. Well, I was wrong. That
 same morning I found monkeys in my
 castle! I was afraid and upset. Those
 flea infected, five ton animals made
 me really upset! At first I wasn't think-
 ing, so I did the dumbest thing man
 can ever do: I chased them. Never
 chase monkeys. The next thing I

knew, I was being thrown into the air by five ton, flea in-
 fested animals that wanted to kill me! After that incident, I
 was done through (finished). I checked other rooms and
 the same thing happened. I was beaten by more mon-
 keys. Even baby ones (how embarrassing!) (I know!), that
 were in the play room, playing. At one point I was trying
 to be friendly with one baby and started playing with it.
 After I took it out the door, the unimaginable happened.
 That thing got me chased by all the monkeys that were in
 my castle. Then the race began. I was running and look-
 ing back for my life. Finally we passed the stable, the bar-
 racks, the gardens, and, unwittingly, we passed the gate.
 It seemed like the monkeys found my castle exit. The mon-
 keys were so happy that they started talking about having
 a vacation! Immediately, they got my phone and made
 me call a bus to pick them up. With pleasure I did. After
 some time, the bus arrived and it took them with the most
 comfort and luxury I had ever seen. The monkeys finally
 got on and they were heading for France to see the Arc de Triomphe,
 the Tour De France cycle race, and maybe see some better and more
 fancy castles. I loved that sight. To see those moneys go was a dream
 come true...Now I feel as if there are elephants round the corner, want-
 ing to get in.
 ~ Chigomezyo Kawonga, Gr. 7



4 STORIES THAT SHOW HOSPITALITY

One week our character quality was Hospitality. Mr. Poidevin asked the students to think of stories from the Bible that showed hospitality and write them in their own words. Here are some examples:

THE LITTLE CHILDREN AND JESUS

People were bringing children and babies to Jesus so that He would heal them. The disciples chased them, but Jesus said, "Let them come unto me for the kingdom of God belongs to the children." ~ Milembo Lukama, Gr. 4

I remember when I was a disciple, and I still am. One day we were with Jesus. He was healing the sick and children came to Him so we said, "Go away," because there were plenty. James chased them too. Then Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me." We tried to argue, but we failed. So we learned how to be hospitable, James and I...From John the Disciple ~ Tahana Kaniki, Gr. 6

A KIND MAN

A man once asked Jesus a question. "How do I know when to be kind?" Then Jesus told him this story: A certain man was beaten and robbed. "Help me!" said the man. Then a priest came along, but the priest walked by. Soon a Levite came along, but the Levite walked on by. Finally a Samaritan came by. He stopped to help the poor man. The Samaritan put bandages on his cuts and let him ride on his donkey. Then he took the poor man to a place where he could stay and get well. Jesus finished His story and said, "Be kind as the Samaritan". ~Nkheke Chinyama, Gr. 2

**HOW ABRAHAM SHOWED HOSPI-
 TILITY**

When the Lord sent three angels (but they appeared to Abraham as men), he bowed down. Even though they did not ask for water, Abraham offered them some and told them to rest under a tree after they had washed their feet. Abraham also asked them to let him prepare some food before they went. The men let him do what he suggested. He got a tender calf so he could prepare it for the men. With this meal, he added butter and milk. These men had come for a purpose and Abraham didn't know it. The good news they brought was that he and Sarah were going to have a son! ~ Womba Musamba, Gr.7



MORE PSALMS OF PRAISE

O God, You made the stars that gleam in my eyes. You made the sea that I like to surf on. You made the wonderful sun that shines in the day... You are a wonderful God. So wonderful! ~ Daniel Weindt, Gr. 4

...O Lord, Your place is greater than I imagine. It is greater than all I can think of! Lord, You are everywhere. There is no house on earth like Yours, for the streets in Heaven are gold!~ Chileleko Sibayumba, Gr. 4

Be mentioned in the heavens, be praised on earth. O great, lovely Lord, pure as snow, lovely as the lily that dwells in the valley. I long for you as the deer pants for water. I long to stand by Your side. ~ Mark Ferguson, Gr.4