

HEADMASTER'S REPORT, SECOND TERM, 2008

Dear Parents and friends of Sakeji,
Greetings from Sakeji! It is a cold morning, and the sun is not up yet. The Sakeji children are stirring though, getting ready for breakfast. This term in the cold season has had its special joys, and many things for which to thank our Lord and Saviour.

Thankful for:

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

- Even the new students are well settled now. We see good effort is being put into learning, and much progress has been made.
- New character qualities have been introduced including enthusiasm, flexibility, discernment and cautiousness.
- Many new lessons from God's Word have been learned, in Sunday School and Scripture classes, plus the devotions mornings and evenings. It is so good to see some of the younger ones now able to answer questions and show that they have been listening well.
- The pianos are all being used for diligent practice today, since there is a piano recital tomorrow. Recitals are always special times to display progress in musical ability.

Special times

There are many special features of second term:

- The first day of Half term was warm enough to enjoy the pool, tubing, the water-slide and the Flying-Fox. The second day saw the seniors on bicycles, pedalling to the cottage, and then cooling off in the river. It was another wonderful day!
- Sports Day was competition at its best, with personal and team competition in all the events. Congratulations to the yellow team for placing first!
- The Camp-outs at the cottage will be treasured memories for many years. These special time for grade seven students are remembered well for the good food, fun and games, and also the times to chat through problems and spiritual concerns.
- The Rally Cook-outs were special times too, roasting supper over an open fire, and enjoying the special treats.

Help from the Lord

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

- o Mr. Lizu Chinyama, a Sakeji graduate resident in Lusaka, has been a real encouragement to the senior boys, and assists in computer classes and throughout the school.
- o Miss Kaleigh Wendelborg, a final year nursing student from Saskatchewan, Canada, has been helping at the clinic, teaching health and assisting in the senior classroom.
- o Miss Jisca Wichers, a high school graduate from Ontario, Canada, has been a great help in PE, in lower school, and has impressed us with her excellent piano playing.
- o Misses Laura Steele, from Northern Ireland, and Rachel Johnston, from Scotland, have joined us for the last part of the term. They are willingly helping in every place they can.

Projects Completed

Quite a few projects have been finished and are working well:

- o New Solar water heaters in every house, and also the kitchen!
- o More night lights throughout the school.
- o The cold room is now repaired and working well, with an insulating wall added.
- o The new alternator is working very well, and gives us constant power each day.
- o The Sakeji river bridge was completed this term. It looks great and is a real help to all coming to 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 September 9th!
May the Lord richly bless you all.
Yours sincerely, *Paul Poidevin*

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Sakeji Bush Talk



We went to the Children's home. It was nice speaking with them. Chijika got a child that would not cry when she held her. When I tried to hold the baby, she would cry for me. She was a nice little baby. I liked her too. I really thanked God for not taking my parents away. But I also thanked God for providing people to take care of the orphans.
~ Beatrice Kamalamba, Gr. 4

Above:
Miss
Young's
class at
the farm
bridge

SOME CINQUAIN POEMS ABOUT OUR TRIP TO THE FARM

Horses
Run fast
Big and strong
Look beautiful and handsome
Wonderful
~Comfort Chishimba, Gr. 2

Piglets
Cute small
Running squeaking noisy
Smelly they like mud
Dirty
~Lucky Nyirongo, Gr. 2

Horses
Run around
Running at us
I sat on one
Dangerous
~Yahia Chongo-Olembe, Gr. 2

Sheep
Woolly small
Can make noise
Bleeting all the time
Talking
~Kudakwashe Zulu, Gr. 2

Horses
Run fast
Jump so high
Are so very tall
Kick
~Donex Kamalamba, Gr.2

Sheep
Eating grass
Moving and jumping
The sheep are playing
Baa
~Tehillah Mahamba, Gr.1

Right: Some students
petting one of the farm
sheep

FUN AT THE FISHER FARM AND HILLWOOD CHILDREN'S HOME

I went to the farm. At the farm I saw a fat cow. He mooed at me. I think he wanted to be my friend. When I saw the sheep, they said, "baaaa" to me. I thought they wanted to be my friends. Then I saw piglets. They oinked at me. They maybe wanted to be my friends too! The horses were scary! They were so mean! I don't want to be friends with them, but they looked pretty. The dogs were better than the horses. Poor dog! People said he was deaf, but I like him still. The orphans were cute. One girl's name was Wana. I liked her, and her grandma was nice. She was not mean. I loved her grandma so much! ~ Ntshenisi Ndlovu, Gr. 3



SAKEJI SKYWAY'S BIRTHDAY BASH!

On Birthday party we eat special food. We go to bed late. We get prizes. The staff dress up. We sing songs. I like cake best.
~Nonde Kaniki, Gr. 2

For birthday party, the theme was about things that fly. Mr. Lizu was the policeman who checked us at the security check. When it was my turn he started to check my body. He felt something in my pocket. He asked me what it was. So I removed it out of my pocket. It was Vaseline and my hankie. He looked at my Vasiline and asked, "Is this a liquid?" I opened up my Vaseline and inside was my Vaseline. I was free from security check. They stamped my passport. I was free to go to the plane. Inside the plane the stewardesses were Miss Katrina and Miss Kayla. Miss Avery was the last passenger.
~ Chileleko Sibayumba, Gr. 4



Left: Mr. Lizu the security guard ensures the safety of the passengers boarding the flight.

This week was birthday party. We sang a song called "Oh Big Old Jet Airliner". It was interesting. Birthday party was about flying machines. The dining hall was like a plane. I was amazed! Mr. Poidevin was the captain. Miss Katrina was the stewardess. The flight was Sakeji Skyways. It was fun! Miss Young was the sky. ~ Patience Machayi, Gr. 3

WHEN I WAS YOUNG

When I was young
I hated school,
But now it is quite cool!
When I was young
I loved to play,
But now there's
No time anyway!
When I was young
I loved making mud cakes,
But now hearing about it
Gives me headaches!
When I was young
I loved to suck my thumb,
But now I think
It is quite dumb!
When I was young
I bit the dentist's finger,
But now when I go there
I always linger!
~Lombe Changala, Gr. 7

HALF TERM AT 'Z' COTTAGE

I enjoyed my time at the cottage. Most of the seniors went on a bike. It was a nice place to be on a wonderful day. We swam in the water that was there, but it was cold. On our way back, we were all thirsty and there was a little water left in the bottle. It was a little tiring. It was very nice to be there! ~ Priscilla Mwale, Gr. 5

OUR DAY AT THE AGRICULTURAL FAIR IN MWINILUNGA

We woke up at 5:30 am...We made sure we had everything we needed. Then the journey began...The girls sat at the back of Mr. Ronald's car...We eventually got bored of "Uno" and so we sang the rest of the way... When we arrived, we set up our stand, cleaned our surroundings, and made sure our stand looked attractive...Some secondary girls asked a lot of questions which was good because we wanted people to know about our school. We were also handing out some books, so I think that's why most of the people were coming...A guy won the raffle and he got a Sakeji hat...We decided to go...When we arrived back to school we went to the Ronald's house to have supper, but unfortunately, we were so tired, we didn't even really want any supper. What a big day it was! ~ Womba Musumali, Gr. 7



Chigo! "Do your best!" the team members encourage each other. Cross, shuffle, shuffle, and throw! Yes it is javelin throw. "Wooo!" cheers the team members. Jump your highest! Up you go and have a safe landing. Time to wrap up the events. One, two, three, PULL. We won! It was tug-of-war. On Saturday, the results were out. If you want to know them, check the dining room. ~Julius Mwale, Gr. 7

Above: Senior boys on Sports Day
Below: Tubing at the cottage



SPORTS DAY

It was a cold, chilly, and windy morning as we headed for the field with a huge tug-of-war rope. "On your marks, get ready!" "Prrrr", went the whistle. The one kilometer race had begun. People got tired in the middle of the race. "Keep going!" the crowd shouted. "Just one more lap!" In comes the winner of the race. It is

PRAYERFUL POEMS

Give me listening ears
That I may hear
The songs of the birds
That I may hear their song.

Give me moving hands
That I may make things
For Thy glory and Thy praise.
Give me moving hands.

Give me feet
That I may walk
To tell Your love.
Give me feet.
~Caleb Ronald, Gr. 5

Give me eyes Lord
That I may look
In awe at Your creation.

Give me ears
That I may hear the birds sing
And the oceans roar.

Give me feeling
That I may touch
The wonders of nature.

Give me a nose
That I may smell
The scents of Your world.
Give me eyes Lord
That I may see.
~Benjamin Ferguson, Gr. 5

Give to us eyes
That we may truly see
Busyness that we may not
Be useless in later life,
That we may be helpful
To others and to You.

Give to us ears
That we may hear Your voice
And we may do Your will
According to Your voice.

Give to us feet
That we may keep
In step with You.
Also to walk on the right path :
Leading to heaven.
~Maiinga Mweetwa, Gr. 5

A VISIT WITH JAMES



Dear Mrs. Robertson and James,
Thank you for coming to visit us in Room 6. James helped us learn how babies move. Also, we observed James exploring. He crawled to the book shelf. He tried to pull out books. Mrs. Robertson called him. James looked at her. That helped us understand caring. Mrs. Robertson stopped James from hurting himself and from making a mess. We appreciate that you came to our class to help us with our Science lesson.
Sincerely, Gr. 1-2

GOING TO VISIT THE CHIEF

When we went to visit the chief, we drove to Ikelenge in three cars. We sat on grass mats. Her father was the chief before her, and her mother died recently. She has four children: Giff, Michael, Tina and Diana. We didn't go into the palace but sat outside. We gave her dress material, pictures, and a Sakeji hat and jumper. She has to look after any drunk or mad people. When we were about to go, she came out wearing her Sakeji hat. It was very hot in the cars on the way home.
~Natalia Reed, Gr. 4