

# Sakeji Mission School

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**Sakeji Going Strong at 82!**

Yes, Sakeji is getting older, but the school and the Lord's work still continue with God's help.

"TU VERO PERMANE" is Sakeji School's motto, the Latin for "But continue thou". We do thank the Lord for His enabling as Sakeji continues—to give a Bible based quality education and reach little ones for the Saviour. Pray with us that the Lord will sustain each one involved, for His honour and glory.



Countless missionary families have been able to stay on the field, due to Sakeji. More recently, the mission of the school has been stretched to include children of Zambian commended workers, and other families whose concern has been a quality, Bible based education. The Lord has also been using the school as a venue for evangelism, and we have seen some precious young ones accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour.



## Who is here at Sakeji?

Commended to the Lord's work at Sakeji are the following:

- Mark and Pam Ronald and their family — Mark, teacher for the upper grades, trying to bring the best out of each student; Pam, school nurse and finance officer, keeping us happy and well.

- Janette Young, a Sakeji graduate is associate teacher for the upper grades, and the dorm mother for all the girls.



- Tom & Lana Robertson and family, have seen the Lord's leading to stay two more years at Sakeji. Tom is in charge of maintenance and teaches Scripture, and Lana teaches French. They are the dorm parents for the boys.
- Leah Patola, our new grade one and two teacher, is fitting in well at Sakeji, and her class is doing well.



- Margie Young, teaching grades three and four, has seen her large class make good progress this year.
- Karen Loudon, on loan from Kalene, teaching English from grades 3-8, has made the load lighter for us all.



- Jill Avery, teaching Art & Music, and coaxing beautiful music and artistic creations out of the students.



- Vickie Saunders is the school caterer, and delights us with tasty food.
- Bethany Fuller, keeps things running smoothly at the Administrative office.
- Leah Rudge, teachers' assistant from the UK, is such a help.
- Michelle & Joelle St-Laurent, Garth Alan, Candy Fuhringer, Lina Burklin, were a tremendous help to us during the year.
- Paul & Eunice Poidevin, continuing at Sakeji for yet another year, thank the Lord for help day by day.

## What do we all do?

We thank the Lord for the spirit of teamwork and co-operation among us all serving the Lord here, and pray for wisdom and help day by day. Since we are short of teachers, we all help—



- teaching or assisting the teachers to give a quality education to the children entrusted to us
- listening to reading, checking spelling, correcting math, marking work, and coaching those that are a bit behind



- teaching Scripture classes, Sunday School, and leading devotions in the dorms
- giving swimming lessons, teaching games and sports, PE classes, plus supervising free time, and outdoor activities
- teaching news and current events from a Biblical perspective
- computer lessons, including Bible study aids
- teaching singing, piano and guitar lessons; giving a listening ear to students' problems, and helping them to get better when sick
- maintaining as well as upgrading the facilities here



- feeding the staff and students in a family style dining room.
- In short, we care for the children 24 hours of the day—for their medical, emotional, physical and spiritual needs.*

## What about the village people?

As well as the school work and many responsibilities, we seek as missionaries to reach out to the people around us and help as we can.



- Bringing them the Gospel — visiting a number of villages for meetings.
- Helping nearby assemblies with ministry meetings each week—the need for teaching is great.



- Reaching out to nearby high school students, with the message of the gospel, and teaching from the Word.
- Giving out calendars and tracts to nearly one thousand people during recent national and local elections.
- Stocking and distributing Lunda Bibles, hymnbooks and books, including the New Lunda Bible.
- Operating a bookshop, making quality Christian literature available in local languages as well as English.



- Developing a reading library at the bookshop for Christians to come and study God's Word.
- Conducting Sunday schools—several of the ladies have Bible studies, and reading classes with the ladies in the villages.



- Giving ministry of the Word at conferences—several of us have been invited to help at conferences, both locally and at the centenary conference held near Kalene this year.
- Supplying medical help in the villages, with a small clinic and also medicated cream for scabies to stem the outbreak.
- Buying fruits and vegetables twice a week from the people in the area for the school.
- Providing emergency transport of patients to Kalene hospital.

*We value your prayers for all of this.*



### How are the projects going?

We thank the Lord for His help in completing a number of projects.

New text-books and work-books for all the grades are being purchased to go with the new curriculum.

New paint in the dining room, assembly hall, and some of the classrooms has made things look fresh!



The fresh water pool is completed, and being used by all. Swimming lessons take place twice a week.



The dam has been reinforced, heightened and now lengthened for flood control. More water is available for the turbine, water wheel and pool.

The turbine with the new gearbox is providing inexpensive hydro electric power to the school all day, with

careful management of electrical appliances.

The Lunda Bible has finally arrived, after many years of labour. It has been well received by the local population.



### What projects are on the go?

We have a number of major projects ongoing, and we do appreciate your prayers for these:



The water wheel is being refurbished to supplement solar panels for electrical power for computers and night lights.

We are upgrading the running water system, both at the source, and with a new water tower and tank.



We are trying to complete new housing for staff, as well as refurbishing older houses and buildings. There are many things to keep us busy!

### What about 2007?

We do thank the Lord for answered prayer for next term:

- Several short term workers will be coming to assist the teachers.
- Interest in Sakeji continues, and we have a waiting list of students wanting to come.

### Keep praying

We will value prayer that the Lord will

- Continue to ease the load on all of us here, by sending even further reinforcements.
- That the short term people will settle in well, and know the Lord's help in assisting the teachers.
- That others will be led of the Lord to come and help in second and third term.



- That all of us may know God's continued help, in teaching and training the children that have been entrusted to us.
- For the outreach into the villages around Sakeji, and the building up of local assemblies.

### What can you do to help?

*Pray for us!*

Pray for the students with whom the Lord has entrusted us.

Pray for the people in the area, who are still bound by fear, witchcraft and sin, that they may truly be set free by the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.



Consider coming over to help for a term or longer as the Lord leads.

### Greetings and love!

We send greetings from all of us at Sakeji and wish you the Lord's blessing as we give thanks for the coming of our Lord and Saviour, and embark upon a New Year.

Yours on behalf of all at Sakeji,  
Paul D. Poidevin, Headmaster

