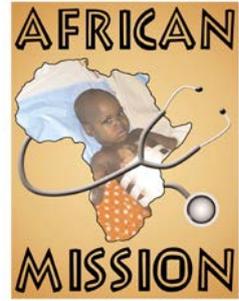


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Fr Jeya's update regarding the 25 children we have been able to offer one year's secondary school education to – 20th March 2013.

Greetings of love, peace and joy of St. Francis from Fatima Mission. Hope you are doing fine, we are all well over here. I thank you for your support and help to the poor children of our area. Please find below the information you have asked for regarding the 25 secondary school children sponsored by the African Mission. I met them individually and asked them about their progress and their family situation.

FATIMA HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

1. Pupil number (PN) 1

He has no father and mother and stays with his old and sickly grandmother. The grandmother is struggling for survival and has no support from anybody. He is staying in the bush-boarding accommodation at the mission. He was brought up in a difficult to survive situation and he did not have a good foundation in the primary school. He was asked to repeat the same class i.e. form 1. The mission tries to help him in other areas also.

2. PN2

He has no father and mother. There is nobody to support him and help him. He is also in the bush-boarding accommodation. Because of the loss of his parents especially his mother he could not concentrate on his studies. He had a fear of " where to go and to whom to go to", even though he has grandparents who are sickly and very poor. He failed in form 4. He has registered to write two subjects in May and three subjects in November this year. At present he is staying in the Mission with other boys; preparing privately for the examination. The mission tries to help him with his other needs also.

3. PN3

She has no father and her mother is searching for a job in a neighbouring country. She stays with her grandmother. She is at present in form 2. She is average in her class. At present she is staying at the mission.

4. PN4

He has no father and mother. His home is 30 kms away from the mission. He has a grandmother who is very old. He is staying in Fatima bush-boarding accommodation. He is an intelligent student. If you had not supported him he would not have continued to go school. Now he is form 4. He has one other brother who could not go to school because of poverty. The mission tries to help him with his other needs also.

5. PN 5

He has no father and his mother often goes to Bulawayo which is 220 kms away in search of work. She comes back to her home very rarely. His home is 10 kms away from Fatima mission. He is also staying in the bush-boarding accommodation. He is average in his studies. Since he has nowhere to go he is also staying in Fatima mission. He has been helped for the past five years for his education by the mission. Now he is form 6.

6. PN6

He is from a very poor family. His home is 30 kms away from the Mission. His father is 72 years old. He is average in his studies. He has passed four subjects and has registered to write two subjects in May. At present he is studying to enter form 5. He is also staying in the mission.

7. PN7

She has no father and mother; her home is 10 kms away from the school. She is staying at the bush-boarding accommodation. Since she did not have good foundation in the primary level she did not do well and she was asked to repeat.

8. PN8

He has no father and mother. His home is 10 kms away from the school. He was in the bush-boarding accommodation. This year he did not want to continue his studies.

LUBIMBI SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS

9. PN9

She is 14 years old. She has no father. Her widowed mother has seven children. She is the last but one. She lives 22 kms away from the school. Because of the distance she is staying in the bush-boarding accommodation. Due to the poverty and family atmosphere at home she could not study there. Now she is repeating form 1.

10. PN10

She is 14 years old. She has no father. There are six children in her family. She lives 22 kms away from the school. She is staying in the bush-boarding accommodation.

11. PN11

She is 17 years old. The nearest school is 12 kms away from home. She has to cross a wild river and a forest to get to school. Due to these reasons she was not going to school. She was persuaded to come and stay at the Lubimbi bush-boarding accommodation. She is repeating form 2 this year. This year her sister also came to stay at the bush-boarding accommodation and is studying in form 1. If you had not assisted certainly they would not continue to go to school.

12. PN12

Both her parents are alive but very sickly. They have no means of supporting their children. Because of sickness they are unable to do any hard work. She is 17 years old. She discontinued her studies because of her family situation. Because of your assistance she continued her studies and now she is in form 2.

13. PN13

She is 17 years old and lives 12 kms away from the school. It took two and a half hours to come to school and the same time to return home. She has no father and mother. She was staying with her very old and sickly and poor grandmother who had no means of educating her. No one else lives with her grandmother. She is the only child of her parents. Because of not going to school regularly she could not cope with the lessons. She is repeating form 2. At present she is staying in the bush-boarding accommodation.

14. PN14

She lives 12 kms away from the school. It takes two and a half hours to go and the same time to come back. She is 18 years old. She has no father. The mother is living with another man and has abandoned her only child. The step father did not accept the child. The child has been with her very old, sickly and poor grandmother. After completing the primary school she could not continue her studies because of poverty. For two years she did not go to school. She is repeating form 2. She is staying in the bush-boarding accommodation.

15. PN15

He is 16 years old and lives 11 kms away from the school. His father divorced his mother and is living with another woman. The mother went to her mother's home. Both the parents abandoned the boy. The mother has taken the youngest child with her. The boy has been staying with his paternal grandmother for the past 11 years. After his primary education he could not go to school because of poverty. He is really good at his studies. He is studying form 3. He is staying in the bush-boarding accommodation.

16. PN16

She is a 16 year old and lives 11 kms away from the school and has no father. There are 11 children in her family and her widowed mother is struggling to make ends meet.

17. PN17

She is 17 years of age and lives 11 kms away from the school. Her father is unable to walk and her mother is very sick. The girl herself was also very sick and I took her to the hospital. She was kept in the hospital for three months. Now she is little better. Because of her ill health and family situation she could only pass three subjects. She tried her level best. Now she is in form 3. She is an intelligent girl.

18. PN18

He is 19 years old. He has no father and his mother is poor and sickly. For two years he did not go to school after his primary education because of poverty. There are five children in his family. He was staying in the bush-boarding accommodation. Now he is in form 4. He is average in his studies.

19. PN19

His father died and his mother abandoned her children. They stay with their grandmother. His mother is living with another man and they receive no support from her. The step-father did not accept the children. He is a clever student and now he is form 4. He lives 11 kms away from the school. He was staying in the bush-boarding accommodation.

20. PN20

He is the brother of PN19 above. He is an intelligent boy. Now he is in form 3.

21. PN21

She is a 19 year old and lives 8 kms away from the school. Her father has died. Her widowed mother has five children and is very poor. She is slightly below average in her class. She was staying in the bush-boarding accommodation.

22. PN22

She is 17 years old and lives 6 kms away from the school. She has no father. She is also an average student. She is doing form 3. Her family is very poor.

23. PN23

Her father is in prison and her mother's whereabouts is unknown. Her eldest sister is disabled and in a wheelchair. She lives 6 kms away from the school. Now she is studying form 2.

24. PN24

She is 12 years old. She stays 5 kms away from the school. Her father is unknown. She is an average student. Now she is in form 2.

25. PN25

Her father has taken another wife and her mother has taken another man. She was abandoned by both and left with her grandmother who lives 11 kms away from the school. She is also an average student. She is in form 3.

Thank you too to all the members of Africa Mission for all your good works. May the Risen Lord bless all of you with showers of blessings. Remember me in your prayers.

Yours in Christ Jesus

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