

Hardie - 12/10/2025

Greetings to All,

Our trip to Sakeji proved to be very enjoyable. It was a nice time with Samuel, the other students, other parents, teachers and staff. Samuel has been growing spiritually, academically, physically developing potential life long friends.

" Celebrating One Hundred Years of God's Faithfulness. " Sakeji's theme for the end of term. It was an awesome time. They had a Sports Day . The events I partook in Were the the three legged race with Sarah. The gunny sack relay, and the Father vrs Son hundred meter race. Samuel informed me before the race, "I am the fastest at Sakeji." I stated, "Leave it on the track, I've been exercising alot. We all took our positions, One shouted Go!!!, We were off, I shot forward with everything I had. I thought, wow, I feel good, I proceeded down the stretch. I reached the finish line, Samuel greeted me with, after I finished , I turned and saw you with about fifty meters to go. Humbled and aging.

The students had an evening program including Awards, Class skits, and songs. Samuel received The Scripture Searching Award, he finished 432 chapters including a question at the end of each Chapter. It was possibly a school record. Samuel also got the highest score on an exam in Literature. In Scripture class 91%. Highest score in class. Acquiring fifty merits throughout year, having highest merit total of all of sixth grade , 64, total. Passing into Blue Seal in swimming lessons.

The Gospel by a former Parent, Martin, who we knew from Solwezi. He emphasized it's not the baby that the word celebrates that gives us eternal life through faith in his death, burial, and resurrection. Prayers for all of you who follow us here in Africa. Nice being reacquainted with Martin, who drove us to Solwezi, Saturday. We saw Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Valley Assembly, where we remembered the Lord Sunday. Many hadn't seen Samuel since he was around five years old. It was refreshing. Lived in Mumena near Solwezi a couple years before coming to Senanga.

We have now been in Lusaka since Monday Evening. We sought to renew Samuel's Passport which has brought challenges regarding needing Samuel's Uncle present to accomplish the Passport renewal because he was the one that signed his initial passport due to he is still considered as the Guardian regarding our fostering Samuel. We have more questions then answers currently. Regarding pursuing adoption first? Passport first? The Uncle will need to be present and answer questions regarding the Passport proceeding. We will update you after tomorrow after we talk to Lusaka Social Welfare Headquarters, the Passport office to determine if we should pursue passport before adoption or what?

Pray for us it is Samuel Birthday December 16th and we want it to be special for him. He will be returning to School as a seventh grader January sixteenth. So little time. Thanks again for your prayers.

Thankful for God's Word which cannot be added or taken away from. Thankful for our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word, who became flesh, and who by the power of a sinless and endless life, took upon himself our sin to cleanse us through his blood (1 John 1:7, Romans 3:25) to make us spotless in the beloved (Jesus Christ).

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11)."

Celebrating; Christ Death, Burial, and, Resurrection and his blood that cleanses us is what he calls us to remember.



