

Zambia School Sponsorship Program 2016



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SSAAP has sponsored fourteen children grades one to seven (primary school) to attend school in the 2016 school year (Zambian school year is three terms, beginning January and ending December of each calendar year). Thank you to your family to have made that possible. Pictured above are the children your family has generously sponsored. Please note uniform colors vary depending upon schools. SSAAP is currently accepting applications for the 2017 school year in Zambia, and has funding for twenty primary-school children to attend school in Zambia in 2017 and sixty-two primary-school children to attend school in Sierra Leone in 2017. They thank you! SSAAP thanks you!

SSAAP also has a secondary school sponsorship program for young mothers to continue school in Sierra Leone and is attempting to open a similar program in Zambia, beginning in 2017. In Sierra Leone, it is widely-accepted within the culture for girls aged 14-17 to become pregnant, leave school, give birth, and return to school while their mothers take care of the infants. There is no stigma attached to this in Sierra Leone. However, in Zambia, much shame was associated with returning to school as a young mother and it was quite uncommon for a young mother to continue school with a newborn at home. At this time, things have changed a bit and a few girls who are young mothers (age 15) have approached SSAAP requesting help to continue school as their parents refuse to support them and the fathers of their children are too young to have funds in which to educate.

SSAAP is currently assessing whether a program similar to the one it runs in Sierra Leone for secondary school-aged mothers could be implemented in Zambia, in an effort to combat the violence of poverty as well as resist the creative and mischievous methods in which child slavery and prostitution attempt to disclose themselves in these parts of the world.

I am in the process of gathering receipts for uniforms and three terms of school fees, letters of thanks for the sponsorship, report cards, attendance reports, and other information from the schools. For reasons unknown to me, this has been very challenging for me in Zambia, versus in Sierra Leone, participants provide me with the necessary documents/receipts within days of my asking. Here in Zambia, I have been asking for these things from them since November. If I am unable to collect the necessary information, would you prefer that in 2017 the donation Nalani provided would be used in Sierra Leone for the sponsorship program instead? I wrote a long letter (and my friend mailed it from either Namibia or India – don't ask!) to your family concerning this issue. Failure to provide feedback from the students/schools in Zambia caused me to close the program from 2014-2016. I have only now re-opened it but am frustrated that these beneficiaries cannot provide documentation – they don't understand why it is important to me, to the project, and to the donor (you).

Let me know.

Much love,

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Students you have sponsored (2016 school year):

- *Ian Milonga*
- *Clive Munkombwe*
- *Chileleko Manjimela*
- *Lubeta Siamabwe*
- *Rick Siachendo*
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