

October–November Report 2008 – ZOA Serenje

TYPICAL LIFE OF AN ORPHAN AT SERENJE ORPHAN SCHOOL HOME



OPHARNS

After a long sleep of about ten (10) hours, the kids start their day at around 6:00hrs, in the morning. For those who go to school in the morning, wake up even earlier to prepare themselves for school. They take a bath, brushing their teeth and comb. The carers assist them where they can't manage on their own.

Just after dressing up in their uniforms, they head for break fast which could be rice, tea with bread, porridge or sump. Breakfast is around 07:00hrs.

Since the children are in different grades, they go to school at different times. Some go in the morning, mid-morning and others in the afternoon.

For those who don't go to school in the morning, they stay at the orphanage doing their homework. The station handyman assists them with their homework.

Those who have no homework just play around. They can play at the swings, play ground or play chess, football/ netball etc.





Kid playing before and after School

At around 09:00hrs, the mid-morning group to go to school. They wear their uniforms, comb their hair take up their school bags and head for school.

Around 12:30hrs the kids have their lunch. This is a convenient time for lunch because those who to school in the morning will be back and those going in the afternoon will have their lunch before going to school.

Below are children charting waiting for their lunch.



By 17:00hrs, all the kids are at the centre enjoying themselves with some activities mentioned in paragraph 3.

This time around, I conducted an interview from children to hear how they spend their day and if they enjoy being at the centre.

What is your name?

Ans: Grace Mambwe

What time do you wake up?

Ans: 6:00hrs

What do you do after waking up?

Ans: I wash my face and wait for breakfast

What do you eat for Breakfast?

Ans: Rice and at times tea with buns

What time do you go to school?

Ans: At 13:00hrs after having lunch

What do you eat for lunch?

Ans: We eat nshima with kapenta, beans, soya pieces with vegetables etc

What do you do when you knock off from school?

Ans: I play around with friends

Where would you prefer to be home or at the orphanage?

Ans: Here at the orphanage

Why?

Ans: Because of school



What is your name?

Ans: Wellington Kasama

What time do you wake up?

Ans: 05:30hrs

What do you do after waking up?

Ans: Take a shower and wait for breakfast

What grade are you?

ANS: I'm at Nursery

What time do you go to school?

Ans: Just after breakfast

What do you do when you knock off from school?

Ans: Swinging

Where would you prefer to be home or here at the orphanage?

Ans: Both at the orphanage and Home

Why?

Ans: They are both good



DAILY RUNNING OF THE ORPHANAGE

Daily running of this of this institution is done by volunteers. They do different job at the centre as can be seen below:



“I Mr Sinyangwe (station handyman) do come early in the morning. I come early to see how the kids slept; whether there were problems in the night or not.”

“I check I the carers have reported, if the dormitories are clean and if the beds are properly made.”

“I check if food has been issued out and if all the kids have taken breakfast.”

Mr Sinyangwe said that he likes being at the orphanage because that’s the way he can assist the vulnerable and orphans.

The orphanage has also two ladies also. They work both as cooks and as carers.. Below are their picture clips.



Maggret



Angela

Below are photos showing the ladies in the temporary kitchen, in action



At 18:00hrs in the evening, the children usually have their supper which is mainly nshima. This is the staple food for Zambia. The nshima is either taken with Kapetna, meat, chicken, beans, vegetables or Soya chunks. Shown below are kids having supper.



In addition to these volunteer workers, the institution has two Guards or Watchmen. These are Mr Simwanza David and Mr Chibuye Samson.

These make sure that the kids are protected and the institution's infrastructure and equipments is not vandalised.

They work in shifts; one at night and the other one during the day. Below here are there portraits. They always move around making sure that every child and every property is safe.




Samson Chibuye



David Simwanza

Its dark now, the people I mentioned above have gone back to their respective homes except one watchman to guard the kids. What if a child got sick at night or anything? Will the guard take the child to hospital? These questions and more others have been answered by allowing Beatrice Kunda, Hilda Kunda, Kulula Mary and Felistus Mulonga who are guardians to some of these children to spend nights with them. Two ladies spend their nights in each dormitory.

On Friday each week, after having a busy schedule, the kids go back to their homes for the week-end. They leave at around 16:00hrs. They report back to the orphanage on Monday at 07:00hrs to begin another week at the orphanage.



The children closed schools on 28th November 2008. They have gone back home for holiday until next year. Zambian government schools will re-open on 5th January 2009 and this is when the kids will come back.

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