



SERENJE ORPHANS SCHOOL HOME

JANUARY 2009 REPORT

ORPHANS

The orphanage has entered the New Year with new hope and plans. The orphans opened school on 12th January 2009 and came back to the institution from their respective guardians.

Below are children playing at the orphanage



We have begun with a full capacity of 20 boys and 20 girls. We have 40 orphans now and the orphanage is now to its full capacity. Two boys who are double orphans have been recruited. These boys are replacing those who were expelled due to unacceptable behaviors. Our daily readers of this news letter know about this issue. The names of the boys who have been taken on are Gift Kunda and Benson Nkandu.

HEALTH

All the orphans including the new ones are in good health. Neither did we receive a report of anyone being sick during their holidays while home.

FOOD

Enough food stuffs were bought for the orphans for the term. They will be closing school in April for the first term in this year. In Zambia, we have three School terms from January to early April (1st term), May to early August (2nd term) and September to early December (3rd term). Hence, they only rest for a month before they begin another term.



THREE BELGIUN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

Serenje Orphanage School Home received three (3) Occupational Therapist students who are expected to assist the children and the orphanage wherever possible, but particularly with the following:

- 1) Assessing the health of the children by measuring their heights and weights, etc.
- 2) Use their occupational therapy expertise to help improve the fine motor skills of the children (particularly with regard to computers and also handwriting).
- 3) Target hand-eye coordination of the children (e.g. to improve copying from the blackboard),
- 4) Help those children who may have noticeable developmental delays or behavioral disorders.
- 5) Play with the children to improve self-esteem.
- 6) Assist the orphanage staff to establish realistic routines for the children (e.g. homework sessions) so that their academic progress will improve significantly.
- 7) Implement HIV-AIDS education for the older children in the orphanage; this will include personal health education (especially for those girls entering puberty).
- 8) Assist at the local hospital where practical



These students will be at the orphanage for 8 weeks starting 5th February 2009. More of their work so far will be shown in the next report.

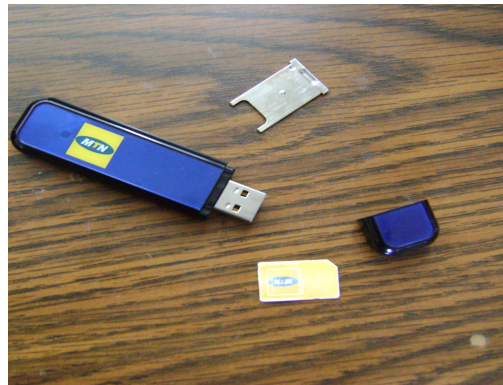
Below is a picture for the three occupational therapists a hours after arriving



COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENT

To improve communication between Serenje Orphans School Home and its sponsors particularly Zambia Orphans Appeal, a wireless internet modem has been purchased to be used by the Communication Facilitator in Zambia. This will assist the Communication Facilitator and the Manager at the institution to inform ZOA on any incidents that is happening at the orphanage and other related issues.

Below are the pictures of the modem fro wire less internet



Look forward to February 2009 New Letter for more developmental and other issues at the orphanage.

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