



Scholar Update- Final Term 2010

The scholars are currently completing their final school term of the year. The school hosted family visiting day October 31st. While the children in the US celebrated Halloween, the scholars celebrated the confirmation ceremony of Susan and Harriet and the joy of visiting with family and friends at their school. John always enjoys the visiting day and he reported the following:

It is always a day of joy and happiness for the Scholars and their parents and some friends from home and, yes, food and sodas. Dancing was also part of the special day. Yesterday was one of those great days with the Engeye Scholars and the parents and guardians. It brings lots of excitement for everyone. It's also the same day that I get to talk to the Scholars about their achievements and challenges at school and in class.

On this day we had a party for the two scholars who finished their Catholic bible studies after a year. Susan and Harriet were the celebrants for this. The preparation for celebration was like a wedding day to the Scholars. We purchased clothes, shoes and also visited a hair salon so that everybody feels special.

Each Scholar's family was presented by three people including two children (friends of the Scholar) and one individual from each family. We had a total of 33 people from the families and 11 Scholars. Therefore it was a big family of 44 people to support our students. We also had more three friends from Engeye Health Clinic (Elliot and Sarah, the Union College Fellows) and me.

I have had to pay a small fee for some special tutoring for the coming three weeks for some of the scholars so they can pass their end of year exams and be promoted to another class. All of the Scholars have been healthy this term. We have not had any serious issues of illness or sicknesses and I feel this has contributed greatly to their class room performance. The school term will close on 23rd Nov 2010. We are so appreciative all the sponsors of the Engeye Scholars.

John Kalule

At the end of each school year the scholars also have an opportunity to go on a school field trip. Last year the scholars went to the city of Kampala. This year the scholars took a trip to see Uganda's Ssesse Island. The Ssesse islands are an archipelago of 84 islands found in the northwest area of Lake Victoria. It is an area of incredible natural beauty with beaches and natural rain forests. The scholars were able to enjoy time at the islands and see an area of Uganda that they didn't even know existed. Without your support our scholars would never have been able to have an opportunity to see and learn about the world beyond Ddegeya village. Whenever you have any doubt that you are making a difference, just visit our website and look at the pictures of your sponsored scholar. You are opening them to a world beyond anything they could have even imagined before your sponsorship made it a reality.

Thank you so much for supporting our program. We hope you will continue to support your scholar and forward payment for next year as stated on the enclosed invoice by November 30th. Your payment should be sent to Engeye Scholars, P.O. Box 11613, Albany, NY 12211-1613. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Please also visit our website for pictures, updates and more information at www.engeyescholars.org.

Thank You (Webale),

Elaine Hickey and Theresa Weinman

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