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Misheck Meleki in class

I am delighted to have this wonderful moment to write to you again, and share some of the developments that have taken place in SOS Children's Village Livingstone.

Double Joy

It was a wonderful moment for SOS Mother Phaise, when she was told that her two children Misheck and Titus had made her and the village very proud because of their great achievement.

Titus who wrote his grade seven examinations got the highest marks which landed him into grade eight at Hillcrest National Technical School. Misheck got the highest marks after writing his grade nine examinations which also saw him into grade ten at Terry Schwartz Secondary School. Both very prestigious schools in the province. Titus and Misheck got the highest marks in their Primary and Secondary schools, respectively.

Can you imagine for a moment the joy that was in the family house? Titus exclaimed with excitement and said 'It is awesome that I am the first boy, from the village, going to boarding school, at a prestigious school in Southern Province.' If you do remember, Priscilla was celebrated as the first girl to go into boarding school last year. Misheck was equally excited and said 'I want to work even harder and continue making the village proud and specifically my sponsor'.

Misheck is not in boarding school but day school. The two boys have really set high standards for the other children in the village because their getting high grades clearly indicates that any other child can do it. Most of the children in Examinational classes have formed study groups and spend atleast two hours of everyday studying. The SOS mothers are referring to this new found love for studying the, 'study fever'. The mothers are proud that many of the children are taking an example from the achievements of others to work hard.

The boys have already settled in their schools and are looking forward to a holiday when they will get back together and share their experiences of being at new schools.

Our Athlete!!

'I will be representing Zambia at the all Africa games' says Kerina excitedly. Kerina was picked in the athletics team to represent the province where her school is. She was very excited about this because it meant that she would be attending a training camp for youths in Lusaka, the capital city of Zambia.



Kerina Mayonda going for training

The teams from all the ten provinces converged at Olympic Youth Development Center (OYDC). It was an exciting training camp for her as she learnt many new things about sporting activities and made many new friends. Each evening, the teams would sit around a big camp fire to discuss the following day's activities.

When Kerina returned, she could not wait to share her news with the others. She had been selected to be part of the National Athletics and Chess Team representing Zambia at the 'All Africa games', to be held in a neighbouring country. Keriana looks forward to this as she will be travelling with some of her new friends. Participating in Sports activities at a national level like her friend Emma, has been her dream for a long time.

Her SOS mother is very happy that her hobby keeps her busy. When Kerina is not in the sports field practising, she usually spends time watching TV. She encourages Kerina to work hard in order to achieve her dreams.

'Look at me I am alone on the jumping castle...'

It is wonderful to see Charity in her best of health again. She was hospitalized for a couple of months. She greatly missed her twin sister Harriet and her friends in the SOS Children's village. The children in the family greatly missed Charity and their SOS mother too. So it was a great relief when she came back to the village and to school. Friends in class could not hide their joy as they all surrounded her, asking questions about where she had gone.

However, her time away had a negative effect on both her academic work and social life. She did not want to go to school because she would always be the last to finish her work and wasn't doing very well in counting or spellings. Her teacher, Chimuka recommended remedial lessons to help her catch up, and this proved to be greatly helpful. She has now caught up with the others and no longer cries when it is time to go to school.

Last month, she went on a field trip with the rest of her class. The children in her Kindergarten (KG) went on a 'learning through play' outing. They visited a local play park for children. The children had a wonderful time interacting with each other for social and physical development. Children were happy to be able to play on the jumping castles and outdoor trampoline. Charity was excited and said 'Look at me I am alone on the jumping castle. I have it all to myself'. You can imagine the excitement she had for those few moments before others joined her. Most of her friends had gone to jump on the trampoline. She did not need to worry about hurting another child as she was the only one jumping though under a very good watchful eye of the Educator. Charity and her twin sister Harriet are both in Reception Class at KG

I thank you most sincerely for all your support. Without it, we would not be able to provide a loving home for the children here in the SOS Children's Villages. Children have a chance to grow and develop in a safe and healthy environment here. Your contributions make all this possible thus are valuable to us.

Yours sincerely,



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