

POETICE INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS
2017 REPORT



INTRODUCTION

In 2017, we provided 56 students from the Southern Province in Zambia with full school scholarships. Each student who is granted a school scholarship receives school fees, a school uniform, shoes, books, boarding expenses (when applicable), and any other school supplies required to attend school. The students also attend weekly discipleship classes and receive ongoing home-based-care visits to provide support for the whole family.

NEED

As with many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, educational opportunity is not easily accessible to every child. This is especially true for orphans and vulnerable children affected by issues such as extreme poverty or disease, such as HIV/AIDS. Children in households affected by such issues may not have adequate funding for school fees and often times must assist in running the household if parents or caretakers are physically unable.

Obstacles like these have created a 14% illiteracy rate amongst adult males and a 26% illiteracy rate amongst adult females. Poetice International believes that education and prevention are essential tools in the fight to break the strongholds of these issues at their source and to empower and equip the next generation of Zambian leaders to create positive and lasting change.

Education is powerful. Research shows that educated students live healthier lifestyles, breaking destructive cycles. This means lower child mortality rates and a reduction in the spread of HIV/AIDS and other preventable diseases. Education leads to the prevention of human trafficking and sex slavery and promotes sustainable economic stability. Higher rates of literacy lead to a generation of students equipped to be strong thinkers, communicators, and activators.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION

The students selected for scholarship were identified by our local staff. These students were selected based on their high level of need. All of our students are either a single or double orphan, or are in a very vulnerable situation. As an orphan, many students are either the primary caretaker in their home, or are cared for by their older sibling, grandparent, aunt or uncle.

Through formal education scholarships, we provide our students with resources they need in order to succeed in school, ongoing support for their whole family, and discipleship training to help them grow in their relationship with God. School scholarships remove the burden from students and their families and make it possible for these children to get an education!

WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP

All students who receive scholarships attend our weekly youth discipleship program (youth group!). Within this program the students are learning about God, the bible, core truths to their identity as Christians, and how to live a life of obedience with Godly values. This weekly program also allows our staff to build relationships with the students, to encourage them, pray for them, and provide a support system to hold students accountable at school and at home.

2017 ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2017, the majority of our scholarships were given to students in grade 7-12. Sixteen of these scholarships were given to students in grades 1-6.

Over 40% of our students have been sponsored by Poetice for three or more consecutive years. Nearly 30% of our students have been sponsored by Poetice for 2 consecutive years, and 30% of our students were sponsored for the first time by Poetice in 2017.

Every student that was given a scholarship by Poetice International advanced to the next grade. We were able to help five students complete their secondary education and graduate from high school! Our graduates are dreaming to become Agronomists, Nurses, and Doctors. We believe we have been able to play a huge role in seeing these students reach their dreams. Thank you for your contribution!

TESTIMONIES

Please visit our website to read stories of students who have been sponsored under our scholarship program!

[SELENA JUST FINISHED GRADE 11: READ SELENA'S STORY HERE](#)

[KANYANGA JUST FINISHED GRADE 9: READ KANYANGA'S STORY HERE](#)

[DRAKE JUST FINISHED GRADE 12: READ DRAKE'S STORY HERE](#)