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END OF YEAR (1994) REPORT ON BATLAGAE TRUST BURSARY HOLDERS

PREAMBLE

This happens to be the last report on the bursary holders. I feel sad that this is the last one that I am going to write. I am also sad because for a year and a half, I was part of the Batlagae Trust family of Stalf members, part of Liivha school and above all I was part of a very strong relationship with the Sibiya family. This relationship has never been experienced in all my eight years of teaching. It is partly because of my involvement with the students on the ground that gives me confidence to declare these one and a half years as the most colourful time for me and the students educationally.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

SAM SIBIYA (GRADE 1)

The final result on Sam's report card says "Congratulations", I also say the same. Considering the "age" factor, Sam is doing pretty well. Earlier this year I drew to your attention the fact that Sam is one of the youngest boys in the class. This may have played a role in the mid year exams when the teacher commented "sometimes makes careless mistakes due to lack of concentration..." Psychologically The attention/concentration span of children is not much. I have known Sam to be a young gentleman. This view is also shared by his teacher. As far as psychological adjustment is concerned, with both parents at home, Sam seems to be very stable.

He should be encouraged to work harder and take his work seriously as he is doing now.

LILLIAN SIBIYA (STD. 1)

Lillian's report is perfect in that it contains all the lovely adjectives describing how immaculate her work has been this year. Not all children enjoy reading and to have a teacher commenting that Lillian enjoys reading is very impressive and shows commitment at an early age.

Lillian has passed and I think next year she will maintain this good show.

GILLIAN SIBIYA (STD. 2)

This term Gillian has 2 A's, 3 B's, and one D. This is a distinction student. There is no question about that. Gillian got a school award for being the best reader in the class. This is not a mean achievement considering that the assessment covered the whole year. The class teacher has indicated that.... "it was a pleasure to have you in the class, careful worker, neat work..." This has really impressed me. Gillian has been so consistent. She is a pleasure to work with.

AARON SIBIYA (STD. 8)

Aaron's marks have been a cause of concern for some time. I find him to be very inconsistent as far as work is concerned. Behaviour, for a long time has never been an issue before, but now some teachers have raised their dissatisfaction with his conduct. His academic performance this year has left a lot to be desired. He has failed his final examination and as a result he has to repeat Std 8 next year. Arrangements will be made with the principal to ensure that next year, the same problems should not be there. He needs to work extra hard and he needs lots of supervision.

MILDRED SIBIYA (STD. 9)

Mildred has passed the Std 9 examination very well. She is hardworking as is indicated a

by her subject teachers. Mildred got an award for being the most well behaved student in Std. 9.

I have always found Mildred to be very mature and hard working, Her attitude towards work is

very positive too. I have no doubts about her making it in Std. 10.

DOREEN SIBIYA (STD. 10)

Doreen has written her matric examinations. Chichewa/Nyanja was one of the subjects she wrote. She complained to me about the way Tshivenda 3rd. language was taught in general but the

blow came during the examination. The setwork were not the ones she used when studying, I hope

she is going to make it, but if she does not I would like the Batlagae Trust Executive Director to

give her another chance in Std. She has been such a good girl during the time she was here.

CONCLUSION

The school progress report cards have partly said it all. The teacher's comments too pinpoint the same issue. The attitude of the children is more than inspiring I believe they deserve

the bursary and that the money is spent where it is clearly evident.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the students, thank the Batlagae Trust for their wonderful gesture. Personally I believe the Euits are worth it

As an individual I would like in my personal capacity as a teacher and a worker thank the Batlagae Trust for being so good to me. Giving me the opportunity of teaching this new subject and

giving me the responsibility that went with the job was wonderful. Thank you so much for the

experience. I shall never forget you.

AUSTIN LEBURU (ACADEMIC SUPPORT TEACHER)

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