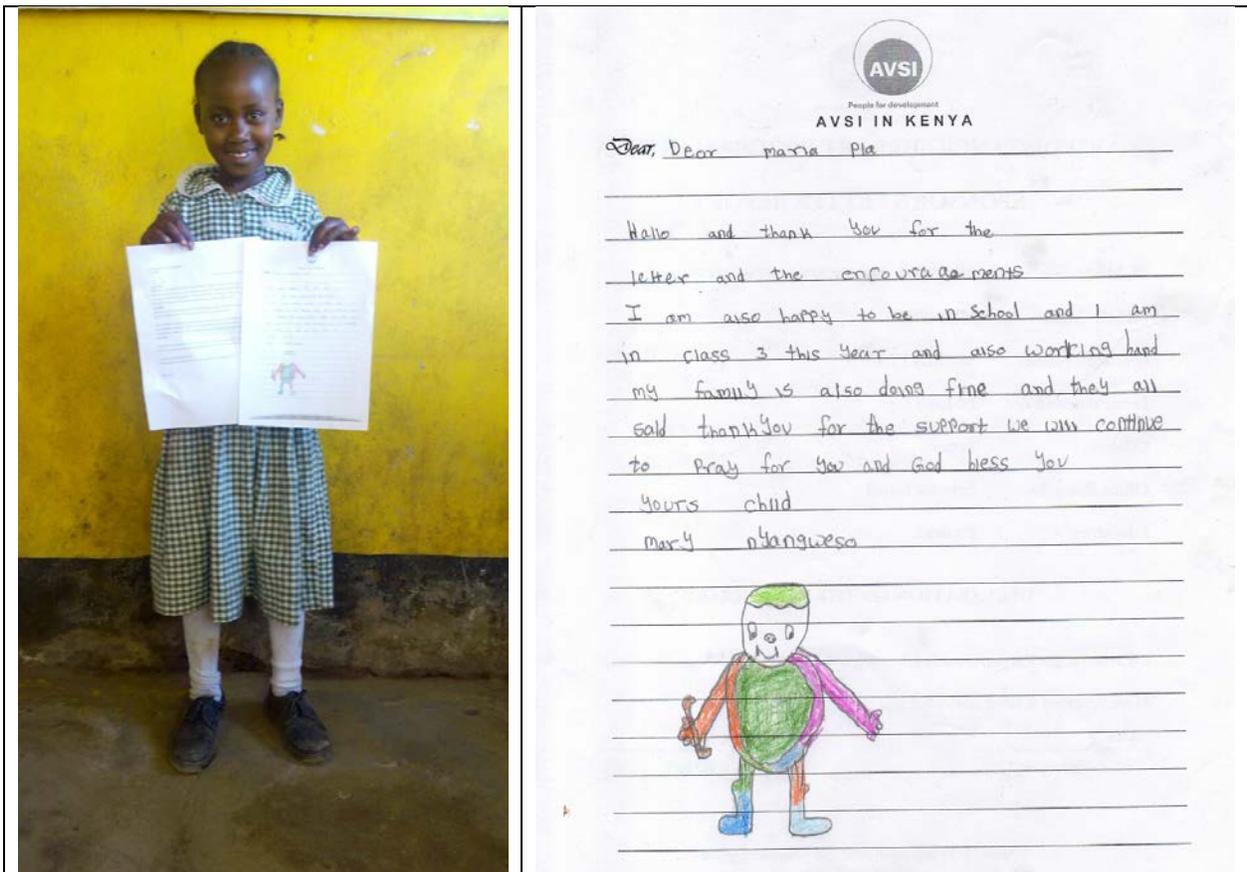




Het brieven schrijven en communiceren met de studenten, onze contactpersonen en nu ook sommige ouders is een belangrijk deel van wat wij doen. Dat is niet alleen een taak, maar ook een plezier. In deze nieuwsbrief willen we dat plezier met u delen.

In januari beantwoordden wij de nieuwjaarsbrieven van alle kinderen in het AVSI project. Daarbij viel ons op dat wij geen brief gekregen hadden van Mary, een van de nieuwe rekruten. Wij vroegen AVSI of Mary misschien toch niet bij ons kwam, maar schreven haar voor alle zekerheid een welkomsbriefje. Kort daarop kregen we een antwoord van AVSI: het was een vergissing, Mary was wel degelijk opgenomen in ons project. In bijlage hadden ze een foto van een stralende Mary toegevoegd. In haar ene hand heeft ze onze brief, in de andere haar antwoord. Hier bij de foto en haar brief.



In 2016 had Mrs Wassajja ons gevraagd of ze twee nieuwe jongens in haar groep mocht opnemen, twee jongens die probeerden hun eigen studies te betalen door in het weekend en de vakanties klusjes te doen. De twee hadden geen nieuwjaarsbrief geschreven, maar enkele weken geleden kregen we van beiden een brief om ons te bedanken. Samuel begint het tweede jaar middelbaar, Davis het vijfde jaar. Hierbij hun brieven.

Dear sponsor,

I was really amazed when I was told that you are going to pay my school fees, God has listened to my prayers because I have prayed for a very long time asking for support from Him. You are a good Samartan! Thank you all other for the support thank you for my school fees and requirements.

I am Sam Lusiba living with my guardians, I have been supporting myself working as a labourer (making bricks, digging during holidays, I was promoted to S.2 this year. I am interested in these subjects. English, Math, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, I am going to take those subjects seriously because I want to be a doctor. This my dream.

I have been working with my guardian since I started the holiday. It is time for harvesting. We are not going to get much beans or maize because of the sunshine! It is too dry and most of our crops are drying up!

We also have 3 pigs and 6 piglets but we are worried of the swine fever, many people's pigs have died of swine fever.

It is too hot and dry. There is too much wind. The dust comes inside our houses, birds are not singing sweetly because of the drought!.

In fact, God has saved me and I am going to praise Him every day.

I am now back to school. I have resumed my studies. We started on the 6th Feb 2017. I am very very Happy because of your support.

Your new born student

SAMMUEL LUSIBA

Dear Sponsor,

I am unfeigned grateful to you for this golden opportunity you have granted me to carry on with my studies. I pray that the almighty Lord may bless you endlessly for having such a parental love and caring for the needy.

Warm and sincere greetings from me and my guardian. I guess you are all fine over there.

My name is Katende Devis Martin Ssemwogere, aged 17. I am a strong believer in God and He is helping me in all my problems.

Below is my brief CV of my past education and what I hope to do in the years to come.

I did my PLE and scored 8 aggregated and I was awarded a first grade. Then I joined senior secondary. When I was in S.2, both father and mother died of AIDs. This is an event which I will never forget in my life. I stayed with my grandparents who were old but they have tried to assist me with the little they earn. I have been supporting myself through labour work. I have been making bricks every holiday and I have managed to complete S.4. At my ordinary level, I took the following subjects: Math, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Christian religion education, computer, accounts, Geography, History and English, my interest is in sciences as a result I scored 23 in O level exams.

At advanced level, I am going to take the following subjects lasing it my interest and goals: Physics, Chemistry and Math / computer (PCM / COMPUTER) with this, I will carry on computer science at the university specifically software engineering. This I believe will not only benefit me alone, I hope to help in the spreading and development of computer science here in Uganda which is currently under developed.

Here in Uganda, we are generally facing many challenges, one being the climate changing due to the way people have destroyed the swamps and forests, instead they are building houses and making bricks etc. as a result, no rain, we are aiming at desert! Some people have died because of hunger! Another challenge is corruption; this has done a great harm to all Ugandans.

Before I pen off, I must thank you for having chosen me to be your sponsored son, I am now released from the big burden, I am sure I will improve on my studies because I am now at a boarding school, I will be having a lot of time to study and my minds are now settled.

I am going to praise the Lord throughout the days of my life and I will never fail because of this support.

May God Bless you.

Yours loving student

Katende Davis M. Ssemwogerere.

Mrs Wassajja zelf schreef ons ook, maar dat gaat over centen, administratie en verantwoording van uitgaven. Toch is het misschien interessant eens te zien hoe die correspondentie verloopt. Haar stijl is apart en hartverwarmend. Hieronder haar uitleg; het volgende blad met cijfers gewoon als illustratie, zonder uitleg om details, haar terminologie of enkele foutjes in haar berekening voor toekomstige uitgaven te verduidelijken.

Maria-Pia Waelkens
Voorzitter School Aid vzw

Dear Maria,

Deep thanks for the students' funds of 2017 which was 19,415,000/=.

Back to the previous letter, the attached sheet shows how the students in higher institutions paid their money in 2016. When I got your letter, I tried to check from our books and receipts (photocopy), I come across the two receipts which were not sent. This might have also caused confusion. I apologize deeply for this, they are now sent.

On the same sheet, I also show 2017 expenditure basing it to the current funds which we received (19,415,000) including last years' balance which was 1,724,000/=. The receipts are also enclosed.

For senior 2-6 students, there is a change in their payments, there was an increment of 60,000/= which totaled to the amount below. This amount includes SESEMAT, school insurance, school medical fee and registration.

- ✓ For senior 2-3 (460,000/= + 60,000/=) = 520,000/= each
- ✓ For senior 5. (490,000/= + 60,000/=) = 550,000/= each
- ✓ For senior 6-490,000/= +60,000+170,000/= Registration = 720,000/= each

Also you want to know Molly and Richard's courses.

Molly is taking Diploma in Accountancy in Finance (Two years).

Richard – Teaching profession (DSE) Degree – secondary education. He hopes to join Kyambogo University.

About students' individual letters, they are able to afford such a little expense, this is why we tell them to have small projects, so that they can get such money and they are happy about it.

Sorry for such a long information but it is somehow important.

Wishing you the best in life.

May God Bless you.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HIGHER INSTITUTION YEAR 2016

No.	Name	Amt rec.	SHU	Balance	1 st payment	2rd payment	T. amount
1	Margaret	2,140,000	40,000	2,100,000	1,015,000	1,085,000	2,140,000
2	Robert	2,240,000	40,000	2,200,000	1,080,000	1,120,000	2,240,000
3	Molly	1795,000	40,000	1,755,000	930,000	825,000	1,795,000
4	Edrine	1,650,000	40,000	1,610,000	750,000	860,000	1,650,000
5	Veronica	2,160,000	40,000	2,120,000	Top up 276,000 754,000 rec	1,090,000	2,160,000

2017 PAYMENTS SHOULD BE AS FOLLOWS

SENIOR

Class	Name	SHD BE Amt	SHU	Bal.	1 st term	Bal.	SHD BE 2 rd term	Cash 3 rd bal.	LESS
S.2	Samuel	1,470,000	70,000	1,400,000	520,000	880,000	520,000	360,000	160,000
S.3	Gloria	1,470,000	70,000	1,400,000	520,000	880,000	520,000	360,000	160,000
S.3	Bernald	1,470,000	70,000	1,400,000	520,000	880,000	520,000	360,000	160,000
S.5	Davis Martin	1,485,000	70,000	1,415,000	550,000	865,000	550,000	315,000	235,000
S.6	Harriet	1,805,000	70,000	1,735,000	720,000	1,015,000	630,000	385,000	235,000
S.6	Raphael	1,805,000	70,000	1,735,000	720,000	1,015,000	630,000	385,000	235,000
		9,505,000	420,000	9,085,000	3,550,000	5,535,000	3,370,000	2,165,000	1,185,000

HIGHER INSTITUTIONS

YEAR	NAME	AMT SHB BE	SHU	BALANCE	3 RD SEM	CASH
Year 2	Margeret	2,390,000	70,000	2,320,000	Rec. 1,230,000	1,090,000
Year 2	Robert	2,490,000	70,000	2,420,000	1,310,000	1,110,000
Year 2	Molly	2,120,000	70,000	2,050,000	1,050,000	1,000,000
Year 3	Edrine	1,320,000	70,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	-
Year 3	Veronica	2,210,000	70,000	2,140,000	2,140,000	-
		1,0530,000	350,000	10,180,000	6,980,000	3,200,000

Fees for the new students in Higher Institutions, budget will be sent as soon as we get to know the real amount. (May-June) 2017.

Amount paid 2017

Senior 1st term 2017 = 3,550,000/=

H. Institution = 6,980,000/=

Bal. for 2016 = + 1,724,000/=

12,254,000/=

Amount received 2017 = 19,415,000-12,254,000 = 7,161,000/= cash