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Student Profile

Name: **Grace Jere**

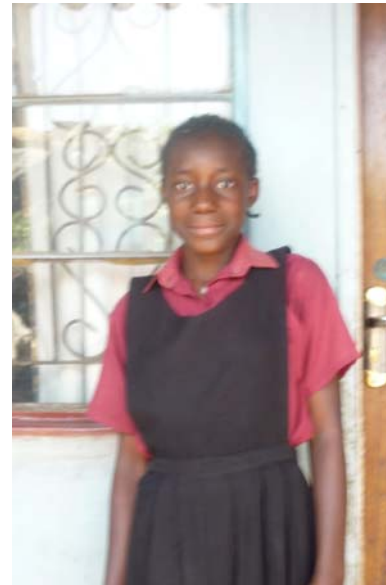
Gender: Female
Date of birth: 13th February 1997
Place of birth: Lusaka, Zambia

Mother: Erica M. Jere
Profession: Housewife
Father: Thompson C. Jere
Profession: Carpenter

Primary School: Kaunda Square Basic School

Secondary School: **Ibex Hill Secondary School**

2010 Grade Level: **Grade 8**



Family Background:

Grace has been raised by her parents and she is one of seven children. Alina Jere, Thama, and Tandline, the three oldest children, all attend boarding school. The fourth-born, Linda, is in Grade 9 at Mumana Basic School in Lusaka. Grace is the fifth-born child, followed by Mutcha who is in Grade 5. The youngest child is an infant and does not attend school yet.

Grace's father is a carpenter, working in Kabwata market and the mother is a housewife, but sells tomatoes to earn extra income. The father's carpentry business has been very erratic due to a lot of competition — he goes weeks without any work and the mother says that they can hardly make ends meet. They find it difficult to both eat and pay for all of the schooling. Thus, they rarely eat three meals a day.

Student's Educational Background:

Grace has attended Kaunda Square from Grade 1 through 7 where she has consistently placed number 1 academically, only falling to number 2 during two terms. Science is her favorite subject because she is naturally adept at the subject. She is a monitor which requires her to quiet noisemakers in the class when the teacher is not present, to hand out books, and to write up noisemakers when they do not cooperate.

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Grace's Interests:

Grace told us that she has strong relationships with her friends and enjoys helping others with their schoolwork. She participates in baseball where she is the best pitcher. She is also part of the Anti-AIDS club and the safety club, both of which teach you about the dangers of HIV/AIDS. The organizations teach her how to prevent the disease as well as ways to take care of yourself in the road and kitchen. She also enjoys reading stories about HIV/AIDS.

Career Interests:

Grace aspires to be a doctor because she wants to help those who are sick in her community.

What others think of Grace:

Grace's teacher gave her a glowing review. She is hardworking and has no problem with friends. She really enjoys studying and learning and is very well behaved. She is also always ranked first, as well as being the first to complete all of her tasks.

Grace's Thoughts:

"I think what the KF people are doing is very good because they are helping people in need and also because they are building the future leaders of tomorrow. My goals are to pass number 1 and to be the best pupil in all the subjects and the smartest and well-behaved girl.

The school (Ibex Hill) is going very fine for me. The people here are welcoming, kind, and helpful. They help me with schoolwork. The teachers including the coach are kind, understanding and easy to talk to. I've got a lot of friends who help me and I in turn help them. Even the food here is nice."