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Student Profile

Name: **Grace Jere**

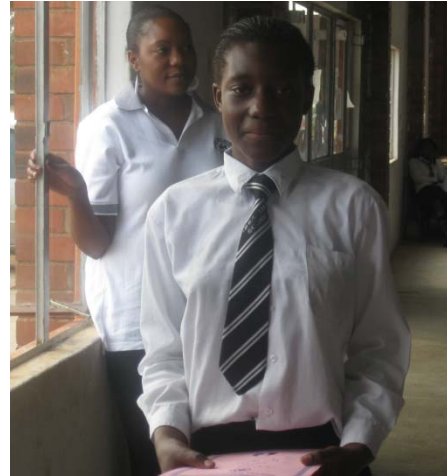
Gender: Female
Date of birth: 13th February 1997
Place of birth: Lusaka, Zambia

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

Primary School: Kaunda Square Basic School

Secondary School: **Pestalozzi Education Centre**

2012 Grade Level: **Grade 10**



Family Background:

Grace has been raised by both her mother. She is one of seven children. Alina Jere, Thama, and Tandline, the three oldest children, all just completed grade 12. Linda, the fourth born, is in grade 10 at a boarding school in Livingstone. Grace is the 5th born, followed by Richard who is in grade 6. The youngest is an infant and does not attend school. Her 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.

Primary - Kaunda Square Basic School

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

At Ibex Hill Secondary School

Grade 8

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Grace has had an exceptional start to her career at Ibex Hill School. She finished term three in second position in her class, earning four As! Grace even received an award for the honor of second position during the prize-giving ceremony at the end of the year.

Grade 9

Grace has had an even more impressive year than last. She secured 1st position in her class for both Terms 1 and 2, earning 6 A's and 3 B's both terms. She has impressed her teachers and the principal with these "very good results." We expect more of the same out of her in Term 3.

Grace's Interests:

Grace has strong relationships with her friends and enjoys helping others with their schoolwork. She is a talented athlete, and participates in baseball and basketball at Ibex Hill. She is also part of the Anti-aids club and the safety club, both of which teach others about the dangers of HIV-AIDS.

Career Interest:

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 teachers have always given her glowing reviews. They say that she is hardworking and that she has no problems with friends. She also really enjoys studying and learning and is very well behaved. At Ibex, her teachers often remark on Grace's natural drive and intelligence.

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 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 kids, 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."