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Student Profile

Name: **Titani Scholastica Sumaisi**

Gender: Female
Date of birth: 1st November 1997
Place of birth: Lusaka Zambia

Mother: Dorica Sumaisi
Profession: House wife
Father: Steven Sumaisi
Profession: Part-time teacher

Primary School: Kaunda Square Basic School

Secondary School: **Ibex Hill School**
2011 Grade Level: **Grade 8**



Family Background

When we interviewed Titani, she came from a household with both parents. Sadly, her father passed away in March of 2011, shortly after she began school. Titani is the oldest child in the home and has a young brother who is three years old, but has two sisters and a brother from her father's earlier marriage. They however do not live with them. Her father, though educated at the University of Zambia (B.S in maths), was out of employment and was struggling to make ends meet by offering private tuitions. Her mother is a house wife. The family lives in a small two-roomed house in Kaunda Square with very little space. Though she has faced many challenges, Titani is a very resilient and determined girl who is very focused on her education. She has gotten off to a great start at Ibex Hill and has impressed her teachers and classmates with her maturity and confidence.

Titani's Educational Background

Titani has been a very brilliant student in primary school. She has been passing number 1 since grade one. She loves school very much, and she claims that her best subject is English. Titani has a wonderful rapport with her fellow students and loves to help them in their school work. However, she is also able to study and learn new things alone. Titani enjoys asking questions in class and always reads ahead of the class. She has topped the school on three occasions in one year, and is considered naturally intelligent by her teachers. She was chosen as a class monitor from grades 1-6, a sign of the significant respect her teachers have for her.

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At Ibx Hill School

Grade 8

Titani has had a very impressive beginning at Ibx Hill. In her first term she earned 6 A's and 2 B's: a great way to start! These results put her at 4th in her class. In Term 2 she did even better, earning 7 A's and 2 B's and improving her position to 2nd in her class. She hopes to reach the top spot in Term 3. If she keeps up this level of dedication and commitment we have no doubt she will.

Titani's Interests

Titani is involved in AIDS Club at school, which allows her to meet with other students to talk about the disease and discuss ways to prevent its spread. At church she belongs to Holy Childhood. In this organization, children learn how to pray and even visit other churches in order to learn from others. They also visit orphans from time to time—Titani says that she feels bad for these children who are suffering.

Titani's Role Model

Titani admires Nelson Mandela because he fought for his people even though he was imprisoned for twenty-seven years. He also keeps his promises, and finds a way to get along with all people very well.

Career Interests

Titani wants to become a lawyer because she feels that she can contribute to and help out in her community. There are many people, she says, who are judged unfairly in her community because they are poor and cannot afford good legal aid. She also wants to better the life of her family when she becomes successful in her career. Titani would also love to contribute back to Kucetekela Foundation whenever she can.

What Others Think of Titani

Her class teachers comments say that “she is one of the best students I have seen in my sixteen year career.” Titani's father says that his daughter is “intelligent, honest, reliable, hardworking , and very determined in all she does.”

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Titani's Thoughts

"I will give my best and will never disappoint you. I will be obedient, and do everything required of me. I will try to help other students with school work and encourage others to work hard and be good. I will get along with teachers. If I become successful as a lawyer, I will try and support my community and help KF support other children."