

# Association Of Volunteer Missionaries

## Annual Report 2023

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### Education Over Poverty



**Over the year 2023, AVM has continued to grow to achieve its goals, always guided by its Mission and Vision statements.**

The program of AVM at Magazine Christian Mission Academy remains routinely standard as follows:

- 325 OVCs, 165 girls and 160 boys, from grade 1 to 7 continue receiving education, supplied free of charge with one meal a day of nshima with beans or vegetables, uniforms and school stationeries every term. The feeding program, which is made possible by the participation of the community, encourages students to come to school on a daily basis and increases their concentration during class. We have recorded again a 100% pass at the grade 7 exams.
- AVM caters for school needs like: stationeries, text books and teaching materials, maintenance, extra-curricular activities, water bills, waste collection bills, electricity bills, photocopy costs, teachers and pupils awards, watchman salary etc, thus providing students with fully sponsored education.
- Home visitations are carried out regularly in the community to get to know the family situations better and to sensitize parents on the importance of sending their children to school every day.
- Computer classes organized with computer labs expose the grade 7 pupils to ICT.
- For seventh-grade pupils who stand out in both performance and behavior, AVM runs a Secondary School Sponsorship Program from eighth to twelfth grade. For the chosen students, AVM takes over the school fees and the costs for uniforms, shoes and stationeries. We have 54 pupils in the program.
- A monthly community work run by the sponsored secondary school children assists 30 elderly widows and families in the compound with housework.
- International volunteers are integrated in the school day implementation of extra-curricular activities.

## 2023 Highlights

The charitable work of AVM through its 'Magazine Christian Mission Academy' outreach project remains routinely standard as follows:

### 'A meal a day' School Feeding Program

### Secondary School Sponsorship

### Uniforms & Exercise Books Given To All Students

### Life Skills Courses: Computer & Tailoring

### Tertiary Education Scholarships

### Prison Initiative

## Feeding Program

The feeding program continues to provide 'a meal a day' for all pupils from Grade 1 to Grade 7. This motivates, especially, the more vulnerable children to come to school every day. The intake of the right nutrients increases the concentration of the children during the lessons.



FIGURE 1 & 2 : Pupils Enjoying Lunch



## Secondary School Sponsorship



AVM sponsored 54 pupils to secondary schools: 12 in grade 8, 12 in grade 9, 14 in grade 10, 8 in grade 11 and 8 in grade 12. Out of the 54 pupils 45 attend day schools and 9 attend boarding schools. We are glad to say, that all the pupils are performing very well and we also give academic awards each term.

## New Exercise Books & Uniforms Given To All Students

Stationaries and uniforms were provided for all students from grade 1 to 7. This removes the financial burden on the parents and allows the children to have easier access to education.



FIGURE 4: New Books for all students

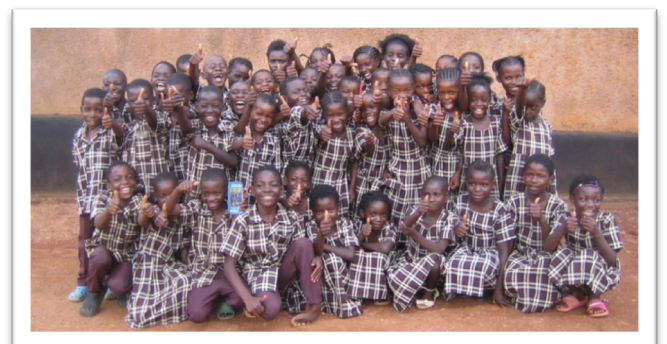


FIGURE 5: Grade 2 with new uniforms

## Life Skills Programs: Computer & Tailoring



FIGURE 6 & 7: Computer and Tailoring & Design Graduates

We sent 12 students to attend a computer course. There, they learned how to use Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, Access, and Powerpoint. With the skills they've acquired and the certificates they've earned, they have a greater chance of finding a job. We were also able to send 16 students to a tailoring course where they will acquire new skills that could eventually help them earn an income.

## Tertiary Education Scholarships

We continue to sponsor our student who is attending University at Lusaka Apex Medical School. He is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year studying pharmacy. This year we were also able to send another student to Mulungushi University, who scored 6 points on his grade 12 exam.



FIGURE 8: Moffat studying pharmacy



FIGURE 9: Mattias studying at Mulungushi

## Prison Initiative



FIGURE 10: Weekly bread rolls made by female inmates

Our partnership with the Female local correctional service continued with a small bakery. The inmates make and sell the bread rolls to our community school in order to sustain the feeding program. From the profits of the bakery production unit the prison was able to purchase 4 big pots, 1 submersible borehole pump, a drip irrigation kit with pipes, 10 hoes, 1 wooden door, 4 bags of fertilizer, and 10 kg of maize seeds.

## We Appreciate You

We are pleased about the good cooperation between our NGO and the Ministry of Education that consists in providing members of staff paid by the government to our institution and working together in achieving the objective and vision of educating OVCs in Magazine compound under our Motto: **“Education over poverty”**. With ongoing support from our donors and partner organizations, the AVM ‘Magazine Christian Mission Academy’ project continues to be a tremendous success.

Sincerely,

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