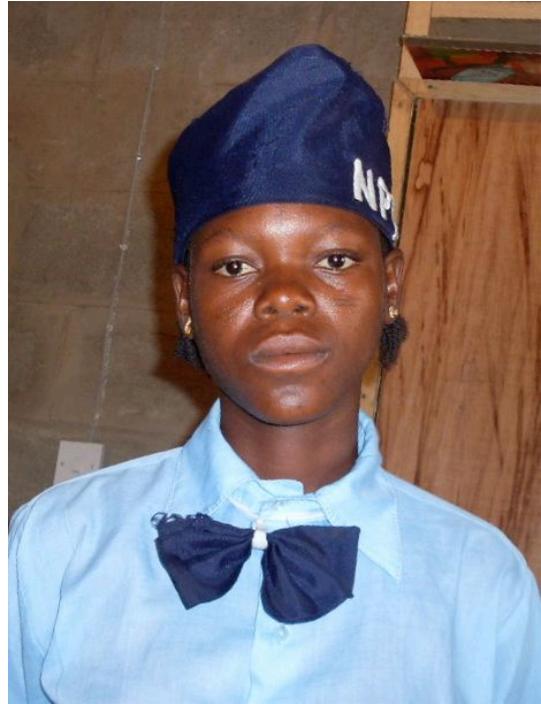


Written Interviews with some JSS 3 students (November 2009)

Sarah Bulus

What do you like about your school?

„What I like about my school is that our school is the best and most wonderful school among all the schools in Kaduna State. The reason is that our school trains the students very well. Another reason is that our school has quality teachers and they are very good in teaching. They always arrive at school very early in the morning, and no teacher will leave the school before closing. Another thing is that our teachers train the students on how to take good care of themselves. They make sure that each and every one of the pupils takes his or her bath before coming to school and that the uniform is clean. Also, it is not allowed to miss school without any good reason. At the end of each month our teachers organize competitions between the classes, which helps the pupils to put more effort to what they are doing. My teachers make sure that they teach what they are supposed to teach and they don't miss any topics. And the school works hard to help the students by buying materials that will help the students to know many things that are going on outside the country.”



When you grow up, what would you like to do?

„When I'm grown up I want to become a teacher, because, in case you don't know, teaching is the most wonderful work and the most important one too. Because since you are young, your father and your mother are your teachers: They teach you how to eat your food, how to talk, how to work and how to take care of yourself. That's why I said teaching is the most important work in the world. If you don't have somebody to teach you, you will not know what to do and what will help you in your life. Another thing is that without teaching, there will be no progress in the world. The reason is that through teaching people know how to make use of raw materials which many countries use to improve their own country. Without teaching, many people will not know how to read and write. And if you can see what is going on in this world today, almost all the people know how to read and write. So as you can see, teaching is very important in many ways. And another thing that will make me to become a teacher is that I want to see more progress to continue to take place among the young ones that are not yet born. These are the reasons why I want to become a teacher.”

What do you know about Switzerland?

„First of all, Switzerland is a country. The people living in Switzerland are very rich because they have a lot of money in their country. They are helping many people outside their country. As you can see, the Najude Pioneer School was established by Swiss people. And before they established the school they established many things for us which I can not mention because they are many. After that, these people didn't leave the school, instead they sent somebody to be taking care of the school, which is Linus Frey Mai Gidan Zaki. As you can see we can not express our happiness and joyfulness about what the Swiss people have done for us. Only God knows the amount of happiness we have for the Swiss people. And Switzerland is a part of the continent of Europe. These are the things I know about Switzerland.”

Do you have any wishes for Christmas?

„Yes, I do have wishes. My wish is that by the special grace of God I have many things to do on that day. The first thing is that I want to visit many places on that day. I want to visit my uncle, and after that I want to visit my friends in many places. On that day, I want to give my thanks to God because of his guidance. Because many people wanted to see this day but they couldn't, that is why I want to give thanks to God.”

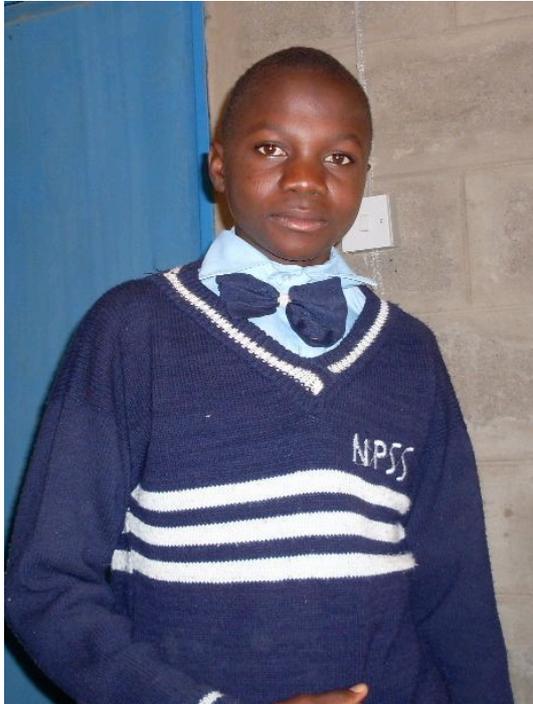
What is your favourite subject in school?

„My favourite subject is English language, because English is the language that is used around the world. Many people are using English because it is the most important language in the world. Without the English language nobody can move from one place to another. You can use it to talk to people from other countries.”

What is the name of your village and how long does it take you to come to school?

„The name of my village is Najude in Dogon Awo, Auchan District, Ikara Local Government, Kaduna State. It takes me five minutes to come to school.“

Wenetilako David



What do you like about your school?

„First, I like the way the teachers of the school handle their pupils and students. This makes the school to be well known within and outside the local government in which the school is located. It also helps the pupils and students to grow up in a good social environment. Secondly, I like how the teachers of the school teach their pupils and students. The school authority doesn't allow teachers who don't teach well to stay in the school. This is why the school was given this motto: Education – Future of our Children, Our Children – Future of Mankind.“

When you grow up, what would you like to do?

„By the grace of the almighty God, when I grow up I will like to be an accountant.“

What do you know about Switzerland?

„Switzerland is a country located in Europe and the capital of Switzerland is Zurich. The people living there are white and they have pointed noses and they are very kind people.“

What is the name of your village, and how long does it take you to come to school?

„I am from Adamawa State, but my father is working at

Unguwar Bazai, Gubuchi, Kaduna State. Because of the distance, I don't come from my parent's house to the school. I am now living in the boarding house because it's much closer to the school. It doesn't even take me a minute to the school.“

What is your favourite subject in school?

„My favourite subject is mathematics, but I also like English language and Physical Health Education, among other subjects.“

Do you have any wishes for Christmas?

„Yes, I will like to visit my friends and relatives.“

Gambo Habila

What do you like about your school?

„The name of my school is Najude Pioneer School (NPS). It has 12 teachers plus the Principal Mrs Rita and comprises of a Primary and a Secondary school. The thing I like about the teachers in our school is that they are well qualified and that they don't cheat in terms of the examinations. And the thing I like most about the school is that when a pupil is sick, they can easily take you to the school's sick bay for free treatment.“

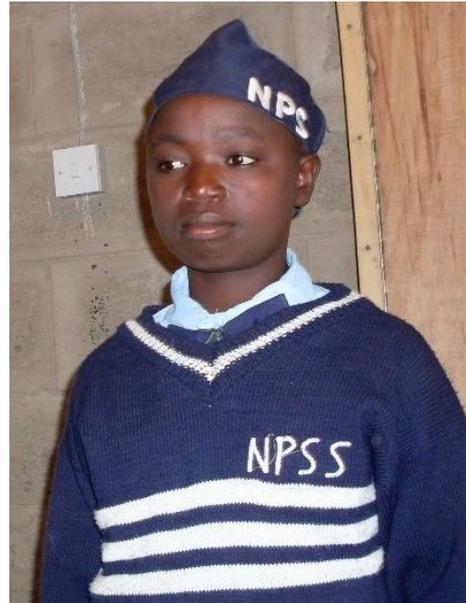
When you grow up, what would you like to do?

„I would like to be an accountant so that I can learn how to economize my money and keep it for future use in the bank without any damage.“

What do you know about Switzerland?

„Switzerland is a country in Europe and its capital is Zurich, and the people in Switzerland are caucasoid (white race). The people in Switzerland are people who are willing to help the poor and the needy. Because without the

help of the Swiss people, there would be no school in Najude. The person who established the school, Ernest Hügli, is from Switzerland, and also Linus Frey. This man Linus Frey is a person who didn't make any difference between him and us, and the people of Najude gave him a name because of his character which is Linus Mai Gidan Zaki Hasken Najude."



Do you have any wishes for Christmas?

„Yes, because on Christmas I wish to visit my friend who lives in Gidan Lumu, and she is going to celebrate her birthday on the 20th of December. For that reason, I will be there for three days before coming back home."

What is your favourite subject in school?

„My favourite subject is mathematics, because it deals with calculations and numbers. And you know, with the help of this knowledge, I can become an accountant in some years to come. The branches of mathematics are arithmetic, geometry, algebra and trigonometry."

What is the name of your village and how long does it take you to come to school?

„The name of my village is Unguwar Najude, Gidan Tambai, at Dogon Awo, Ikara Local Government, Kaduna State. It takes me five minutes from my house to the school because our house is somehow close to the school. Our family is an extended family and compromises of three nuclear families."

Elizabeth Markus



What do you like about your school?

„What I like about my school is that my teachers are ready to teach at any time without any wasting of time. This is because of the hard work of the Principal, Mrs. Rita, who works hard to ensure the progress of the school. This woman finds good teachers for the school, she trains them very well and she makes them to become one family. The thing I like most about my school is that the students and pupils behave like brothers and sisters and they always do things together. This shows that in my school, all the pupils are the same, and there is no racism in my school."

When you grow up, what would you like to do?

„When I'm grown up I want to become a nurse, so that I will be curing the sick ones. I want to be a nurse because I found out that our people are dying because of different diseases, so as a nurse, I will do my best so that all the sick will be cured."

What do you know about Switzerland?

„The first thing I know about Switzerland is that it is a very beautiful place for humans to live at, because there is peace and prosperity in Switzerland. There are no problems because everybody has a job, and because of that, neighbours are respecting each other and everybody lives happily."

Do you have any wishes for Christmas?

„I want to visit my aunty and my elder sister. I really want to celebrate Christmas, and I want to make it a very joyful day, because all Christians are happy to see this day alive. On Christmas, I will make my sister happy, because I promised her a good cloth."

What is your favourite subject?

„My best subject is English language, which is the national language in Nigeria. Without English, you are going nowhere, and you will not get any job except farming. English is an interesting subject, and during English lessons the students learn how to speak with one another in English."

What is the name of your village and how long does it take you to come to school?

„The name of my village is Najude. I live nearby the school compound and it takes me only two minutes to reach the school.”

Keziah Ilesha



What do you like about your school?

„I like my school, the Najude Pioneer School, because there are qualified teachers who work hard to see that the students understand what they are teaching. The school authority works hard to see that every teacher gives his or her best. They provide all the materials that are necessary for teaching. The teachers make sure that all the students come to school early in the morning by choosing prefects who are going to take proper care of things. During assembly, they check if the students come to school neatly. And they make sure that the students have all the materials they are supposed to have. Another thing I like about my school is that at the end of every term, we always do inter-house competition. And on the vacating day, the students who worked hard and did well in the examinations and tests are always rewarded. By doing so, students who failed will try to work harder to see that they are among the students who are going to be rewarded.”

When you grow up, what would you like to do?

„I would like to be a teacher, because without a teacher, nobody can be able to write and read.”

What do you know about Switzerland?

„Switzerland is a country, its capital is Zurich and the continent is Europe. Switzerland is a good country, and the people in this country are very good. They are so good to us by establishing a school for us. And they sent somebody from their country, his name is Linus Frey, he is a good man. He makes sure that the school is really doing well.”

What is your favourite subject in school?

„My favourite subject in school is literature in English. I like literature, because it helps to educate people and it helps people to know about other people’s cultures.”

What is the name of your village, and how long does it take you to come to school?

„The name of my village is Tsakuwa, but I am not coming to school from my house. I am staying in Najude near my school, and it takes my about 10 minutes to go to school in the morning.”

Ruya Samuel

What do you like about your school?

„I like our school because it has good, qualified teachers. They teach the students how to be obedient to their parents, elders and others, and how to appear as neat and smart students everywhere. I also like that our school compound and the environment is clean because we sweep it every day. Our school teachers don’t take bribes, they will give you what you got in the exam. Every end of the term, they usually give prizes to the first, second and third pupil in every class to show them that they are really happy about their performance. This encourages the students to put more efforts into their studies.”

When you grow up, what profession would you like to do?

„I’d like to become a pilot.”

What do you know about Switzerland?

„I know that Switzerland is in Europe and that the capital is Zurich.”



Do you have any wishes for Christmas?
„My wish for Christmas is to visit my uncle.”

What is your favourite subject in school?
„My favourite subject in school is C.R.S., Christian Religious Studies, as well as English language and Hausa language.”

What is the name of your village, and how long does it take you to come to school?
„The name of my village is Unguwar Danlami and it takes me five minutes to come to school.”