

LOGOS Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

The beginning of the year is always one of our most memorable times at the Logos Scholarship Fund. It is the season where we get to welcome new scholars and their families as they go into high school and transition our high school scholars into tertiary institutions.

It is a season of seeing the goodness of the Lord through our scholars new and old. During this time, as we enroll new scholars, we interact with families, listen to their insecurities, fears and worries and it is here that God shows up and shows out. We become His ears, His hands and His feet and we wipe tears of sadness, and rejoice with tears of gratitude.

Seeing families walking through our doors to receive their scholarships is such a heartwarming experience and we desire for many in our congregation to experience the same. There is an amazing and special reward for sacrificial giving through sponsorship and mentorship.

As we take you through the stories of our amazing scholars, we pray your hearts will be moved to become part of this fulfilling transformational journey with eternity in mind.



PAULINE AKINYI

Meet Pauline Akinyi, one of our amazing scholars who joined us last year (2022).

The story of Pauline is one that goes to show how God's love for His children is unrelenting and will go to whatever lengths to reach them.

Pauline, who lives in Kibera with her grandmother, has been brought up in a humble setting after her mother left her at the tender age of 5 in their rural home. Having been brought up with 6 other dependents, life has not been easy for the family. Yet despite the circumstances, she has excelled in her studies and been a pillar of strength and pride to her grandmother.

A composed, responsible and calm soul, Pauline scored an impressive 334 marks out of 500 in her Kenya Certificate of Primary Education examination and had no hope of proceeding to high school because of the financial challenges. Her grandmother operates a small grocery outside their home and this is what sustains the

entire family of 7. However, she and her grandmother still held on to hope. Her resilient grandmother knocked on many doors seeking an opportunity for her granddaughter, yet no door seemed to open; however, they had heard that Nairobi Chapel offers scholarships through the Logos Scholarship Fund, and so they decided to walk to the church and try their luck.

When they walked in the Nairobi Chapel campus, they were just holding on to hope, but God is a God of ordaining the steps of the righteous - the Fund had been looking for a girl who had gained over 300 marks to sponsor and that is how Pauline got into high school. Her grandmother could not believe it and could only cry in thanksgiving.

Pauline is very grateful for this opportunity as she is able to continue with school with no worries, as her school fees are catered to. She has become closer to God through reading the daily devotions provided by the fund.

Because of her experiences, Pauline's childhood dream has always been to become a lawyer focusing on social justice so that she can speak up for the less privileged in society. She sees her dream coming to life because of what the Lord has done for her and her family through the Logos Scholarship Fund.



CARLOS DAREN HAWI

Say hello to Carlos, a very responsible and forward-thinking young man who joined the Logos Scholarship Fund in 2022. He leads from the front and is not afraid to take on challenges.

Carlos, a child of a single parent, has known struggle and sacrifice; yet despite all this, he has hope and courage that is commendable. He is a creative genius with a love for fixing things, and at home, he is the one who fixes electronics for his neighbors and sorts out mechanical issues here and there. He is also well loved in his community because of his handiwork and solutions first approach to every challenge whether small or big. Through this gift, he is able to make some pocket money to meet his and his family's needs.

His mother, who is a casual worker, lost her job during the Covid pandemic and this affected Carlos' education and livelihood, to the point where she fell into depression.

However, by God's favor, Carlos performed very well in his Kenya Certificate Primary Education and scored an impressive 356 marks out of 500 in the examinations. Despite this win, the family was still in a predicament as the mother was not able to raise the school fees needed to admit him into Form One. Being a woman of faith, she began to buy school items with the little money she earned from the menial jobs she got not knowing where fees would come from. They knocked on many doors, and just when she was about to give up God opened an opportunity at Logos Scholarship Fund.

Today, Carlos is excelling and thriving in High School. He is passionate about engineering and aspires to be an Electrical Engineer. He is grateful that he has an opportunity to pursue his dream and ease his mother's burden.

S.P.A.R.C

At the Logos Scholarship Fund, our hearts beat for the Next Generation, and our vision is to educate for Life and Eternity through SPARC, which is an acronym for:

- Spiritual Maturity,
- Physical and psycho-social Maturity,
- Academic Excellence,
- Relational Intelligence, and
- Community Impact



PSYCHOSOCIAL MATURITY

When we talk about psychosocial maturity at the fund, we intentionally integrate the sociological and psychological views of each of our scholars and take into account the requirements of the society as well as the healthy development of the individual.

We take time to understand the whole person of the scholar then build them up in their area of gifting so that they can equally impact their communities for Jesus Christ through their talents and strengths.

Yvonne Wanjiku is one of our scholars, whose love for sports was able to shine through. We used this gift to mentor her to positively impact her studies and relations with other students. We encouraged her to participate in extracurricular activities and she is now the captain of her school's volleyball team.





ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Academic excellence is the capacity to perform, achieve, and/or exceed in academic pursuits.

Adrian Esakina, who got a scholarship due to his high achieving nature, positive can-do attitude and exceptional results in Kenya Certificate of Primary Examinations, was continually groomed in high school to continue in this upward trend. However, as he progressed to Form 2, we noticed his grades were getting affected, and so we decided to address whichever challenge he was going through that was affecting his performance.

He began having regular meet ups with his mentor who created a safe space for him to talk about the issues such as peer pressure and insecurities of fitting in. These were very affirming sessions with lots of prayer and support.

Adrian is now in a better space, he has rediscovered himself as a teen, is more focused and his grades have improved greatly from D to C. He is now targeting a B- in his next examinations.





COMMUNITY IMPACT

One of our pillars is community impact, where we ensure our scholars are involved in the actions of deliberately improving their surroundings – whether through directly changing behaviors, educating others, or contributing to activities that positively impact the communities they are in.

Victor Muema, one of our scholars, goes to school in a semi-arid region characterized by low rainfall and high levels of land degradation. This environment presented a great opportunity for him to get involved in activities that will improve the environment, even as he learns.

He is a class prefect who is passionate about the environment, and participates in tree planting activities to counter climate change.

PARENTS EMPOWERMENT

One of our core roles at the Logos Scholarship Fund is to continuously support and empower our scholars' parents. We hold Parents Empowerment Meetings bi-monthly, where we get to engage with the parents, hear their challenges, listen to their initiatives and guide them in their parenting journey.

ELIZABETH WAMBUI

Through our community support group we have gotten to know one another in person and started home visits where we contribute some money for the host, pray and share the word.

Through the Parents Engagement meetings we have learnt about money matters, running a business, health matters, and supporting our children to achieve their dreams.



VINCENT MURANI

Through the Parents Empowerment Sessions, we have learnt how to handle our children through the parenting lessons we receive, financial management, how to save and budget.

As a father, the sessions have helped us know how to relate with our children, meet their emotional needs and show empathy as we walk with them to excel in their education.



PRAYER CORNER

Thank you to all who have continued to walk with us at Logos: our scholars, sponsors, alumni, partners and friends. We appreciate you.

There's an air of expectancy as we begin the year. We are trusting God for 50 four year scholarships for Form 1 to Form 4.

Our desire is to see our scholars grow spiritually, excel academically, relationally and in their psychosocial development.

Pray with us as we trust God to guide them in the midst of peer pressure, and social vices around them.

Pray for all families that are associated with Logos, including our mentors, who have given of themselves to walk with our scholars; even as we trust God to on-board more mentors.

Finally, may you experience the fullness of God's abundance in 2023.



LOCAL TRANSFERS

MPESA TRANSFERS

Paybill Number: **508701** Account Number: **Logos Scholarship,**
Name of Scholar

BANK TRANSFERS

Bank Name: **SBM Bank**

Account Name: **Nairobi Chapel-Logos Scholarship**

Account Number: **0012 0058 97011** SWIFT CODE: **SBMKKENA**

Bank Code: **60001**

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS

BENEFICIARY INFORMATION:

Bank Account Name: **Nairobi Chapel - Ngong Rd**

Country: **Kenya** | Street Address: **Ngong Road** City: **Nairobi**

Postal/Zip Code: **00200**

CURRENCY: USD

Account Number: **186 525 0147** Bank Name: **NCBA BANK**

Bank Branches: **PRESTIGE** Bank Code: **07000**

SWIFT Code: **CBAFKENX**



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