

Get Involved: Pray



EMBRACE Prayer Group September 2013

This month marks the beginning of a new academic year. The 5-year olds are excited to finally leave nursery school to get into primary school. In their young minds they have grown up. Those who were in school last year are looking forward to getting into the higher class.

When children meet other pupils at school who are different from themselves, how do they react to them?

Kids should be taught about ethnic differences at home. There are benefits that come with diversity. Promoting these benefits will encourage the young learners to embrace difference. People from different parts of the world have cultural heritage and skills that are unique to themselves and given the chance, these qualities can enrich our communities and societies. Embracing differences will ultimately add wealth to our everyday lives.

Schools are assisted in the learning by parents or carers. What we teach the children is what remains with them when they grow up. It is important for parents to impart a positive attitude to the younger generation. In this way they will become good citizens who will bring strength to the communities they hail from. When children come home with stories about differences it calls the older generation to teach them the way to embrace these differences. It is the way that all parents would want their own children to be treated. When they are taught in such a manner they will uphold what they have learnt.

My prayer is that as parents we lead by example and encourage our children to learn from others regardless of differences that exist in our communities. We are able to live in shared communities for as long as we are all willing to make our communities better places to live in.

Proverbs Chapter 22 verse 6 tells us that, "train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it".

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This month we give thanks for:

- The gift of life from God.
- Children, Grand parents, Fathers, Mothers and the rest of the family at large.
- School authorities, non-teaching staff, teachers and students.

We pray for:

- Wisdom and understanding for teachers and students.
- Unity among students and the zeal for learning.
- The desire to be good community members as we participate in the development of schools.