

# LIVING PROOF | *New School Uniforms*

## *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year....*

For most children, Christmas is their favorite time of Year. The same is true for our Living Proof Children! It is the highpoint of the year for three key reasons:

1. As children raised in the Christian heritage and in HVCM mission Schools, Christmas is a season of Joy as we celebrate the birth of Christ our Lord. Even among these LP kids, the poorest of the poor, it is a season of special songs worship and happiness.

*"Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store?"*

2. A second reason the LP kids get so excited at Christmas is the anticipation of the annual Living Proof Christmas party and feast! Hands down, this is the greatest meal these children have ever had. Chicken, sadza, rice, bread, fruit, cake with icing and Cokes! It is a little taste of heaven!
3. Of course, the third reason the kids get so excited this time of year is in anticipation of a new school uniform that they will receive as a Christmas gift from you, their U.S. sponsor.

It is hard for some of us to understand just how much a new school uniform means to these children and their families. It is such a source of pride to be able to go to school with a nice, new, clean uniform, shoes and socks. Last year we were able to purchase 1300 school uniforms and as the LP program continues to grow, we now plan a full 1500 uniforms this Christmas, all in the names of each child's U.S. Sponsor.

If you would like to purchase a Christmas uniform for your LP child (or children), send a check to: HVCM, P.O. Box 686, Grayson, KY 41143 and write "Christmas Gift" in the memo. You may also give online by going to our website or [www.hippovalley.org/christmas-fits.html](http://www.hippovalley.org/christmas-fits.html). And...If the Lord has especially blessed you this year, you might consider purchasing more than one. This will provide for those kids

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### TESTIMONIAL FROM A LIVING PROOF CHILD, BLESSED TOGARA:

*My name is Blessed Togara. I am in my second year in high school. My aunt is taking care of the eight of us. She is a widow and never had her own children. Four are in the rural area and four in the farm lands where I stay with my aunt.*

*Every year I get a uniform set of shoes and socks and a shirt and shorts from Living Proof. This is a big help. My aunt could not have afforded to buy them.*

*A school uniform is needed all the time. I look smart and the same with other students even though I come from a struggling family. We are identified by school colours. If a student has no uniform, life at school is not pleasing because teachers may send you home and other students may laugh at you.*

*I thank Living Proof because it covers my needs for uniforms and fees too. I am not sent home because of uniform.*

*I thank you for this big help.*

*Yours Thankful  
Blessed Togara*



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whose sponsors were unable to give this year. As in the three previous years, we want every single child in the LP program to get their new uniform!

If you can, take a minute and go to our website to see a short video message from one of our Living Proof parents. The uniforms mean so much to them!

**Each Christmas gift package costs \$35 and includes:  
1 school uniform • 1 pair of school shoes • 1 pair of socks**

*\*Christmas gift donations must be received by December 1st for your child to receive this year's uniform in time.*

Tatenda and Kisimusi yakanaka!! (Thank you and Merry Christmas)

HVCM Office Staff

### TESTIMONIAL FROM A LIVING PROOF PARENT:

*Dear Sponsor,  
I write this letter happy to share joy for your good job you are doing. As a parent of Brian Zinaka CHIK B 11 who is now in high school. Your assistance helps towards the welfare of my son. The uniform was difficult for me to get as a widow. Uniforms are important in the school. A child can be sent home from class if the child has no uniform. The same for fees.*

*Living Proof has played an important part. I thank you. May the good Lord bless you and your families.*

*Yours in Christ  
Seriya Tongogara*



A Zimbabwe student is one that has a lot of restrictions at school, at home, and at play. One of the "must" for a school child is uniform. It does not matter whether you are rich or very poor, you must be in school uniform 5/7 days of the week.

The Living Proof program sponsors wanted to send play things for their sponsored child as Christmas gifts but we pleaded for school uniforms since it is a school requirement and need.

A child may be kicked out of school for not having the school colours. There are two main things a child may be sent home for; fees and uniform.

The other thing is that if your child does not have uniform, that child is like an outcast by other students. The child feels out of place and different. The Living Proof plan for buying uniforms for kids covers that so well that the communities applaud the gesture much. Our LP children, although most of them are orphans are identified by being the smartest in the school.

We have a slogan that we are now teaching in all schools;

**A LIVING PROOF CHILD IS NEAT  
A LIVING PROOF CHILD IS SMART  
A LIVING PROOF CHILD IS PUNCTUAL**

The uniform idea is an icon in the program.

I thank you,  
Cephas

TESTIMONIAL FROM CEPHAS ZIVANAI:



(Left) Bud Johnson, visiting from the Antioch Christian Church, Cedar Rapids, IA helps to tie new shoes. (Right) Anxious students holding their shoe boxes.