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## Letters from Our Students

**“IF YOU  
EDUCATE A  
WOMAN,  
YOU EDUCATE  
A NATION.”**

*African proverb*

MARCH IS THE PERFECT MONTH TO CELEBRATE WOMEN. MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, AND MARCH 8 IS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE DEDICATE THIS ISSUE TO CELEBRATING OUR AWEF WOMEN WHO WORK HARD EVERY DAY TO GET THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE.



Teresa

### CORDIAL GREETINGS!

Dear Godparents, I am Teresa Pereira Tchipuku. I was one of the AWEF scholarship beneficiaries at the Magisterium of the Mission of Vavayela in Huambo, Angola. I graduated in 2024. Thanks to you I completed high school. When I finished I tried to attend a public university for higher education but I was not able to make ends meet. In the same year I took a public exam for civil service and I was placed where there was a vacancy, in Benguela.

Thanks to God, with the money from the civil service I can pay for my studies at the university and help my family. I am on my first year at the university. It is not easy.

Because I work from Monday to Friday, I cannot attend the university classes in person. I only receive the content of the courses to study on my own, followed by a test. Without AWEF I would not be able to do any of this. Thank you to all the donors!!

### DEAR AWEF MEMBERS,

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits. I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your incredibly generous support throughout my secondary school and now my university edu-

cation. Words cannot fully convey how much your contribution has meant to me, but I will try my best to convey my heartfelt appreciation.

Coming from a very poor background, my Father passed on



Brenda

12/9/2007 leaving my mother to take care of five children. I am the first born and often wondered if I would ever have the chance to pursue an education beyond primary school. The financial difficulties that my family faced made it hard to even imagine a future with a degree or career.

You stepped in offering not just financial support but hope.

Your kindness has not only provided me with the opportunity to study but also with the belief that there are people in this world who care and want to make a difference.

Thanks to your generosity, I have been able to attend secondary

school and continue my education at the university level. I have learned so much both academically and personally and I now look forward to pursuing my dreams as a chef and contributing to society in a meaningful way. I promise you that I will make the most of this opportunity and work hard to achieve my goals.

Your selflessness has inspired me, and I hope to one day help others the way you have helped me. I will always be grateful for the doors that you have opened for me and for the brighter future that lies ahead,

all because of your belief in my potential.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making my dreams a reality.

With sincere gratitude,  
*Brenda Atyang*



**CORDIAL GREETINGS TO ALL!**

I, Valentina Chiquete Catombela, born in Huambo, Angola, had the opportunity to complete the high school training for primary school teachers. I was able to attend this program solely based on an AWEF scholarship at Vavayela Magisterium in Huambo. I successfully completed all the requirements and in the same year I got a



*Valentina in her classroom*

job as a primary school teacher.

Despite all the difficulties and challenges I faced during my training, I thank God for the faith and focus, I thank the supporters of AWEF who made this dream possible, and I thank those who were part of my student journey. I am so grateful. Today I feel proud, because my life has changed. Today I can help my family with the little that I have.

I hope that AWEF, a foundation that aims to help the most needy,



*Valentina*

will continue with this mission, as it has helped many of us fulfill our dreams and those of our families. Thank you very much for everything you have done for us.

With best regards and highest esteem,

*Valentina*

(Valentina has recently lost her only parent, her mother, to breast cancer. Due to the financial security of her current employment she is able to support her younger siblings, and hopes that they will study and have their own careers. She is deeply grateful.)

**DEAR AWEF MEMBERS,**

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Lucy, and I am writing on behalf of myself and 74 other girls who are currently receiving school fee sponsorship through your generous support. We are all incredibly grateful for your continued commitment to our education.

Thanks to your kindness, we have been able to continue our studies without the worry of financial hardship. Your contribution has made a world of difference in our lives. It has not only allowed us to attend school but has also given us the hope and opportunity to dream of a brighter future.

Many of us come from the slum where education wasn't always accessible, but because of you, we now have



*Lucy and a classmate*

the chance to learn, grow, and create a better path for ourselves and our families. We feel more empowered every day knowing that someone cares about our futures. You are helping to build a community of young women who are motivated and determined to succeed.

We understand that supporting so many of us requires a big heart and a selfless spirit. Please know that your generosity is not taken for granted. Every single one of us benefits from your contribution, and we are all deeply thankful.

We promise to work hard and make the most of the opportunities you've given us. Our gratitude for your continued support cannot be fully expressed in words, but we hope you know how much it means to all of us.

Thank you again for believing in us and for being a part of our journey. We look forward to making you proud as we continue our education and grow into strong, capable women.

With heartfelt thanks,  
*Lucy Wairimu on behalf of 75 other grateful girls.*

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