

A Report on an Incident at San Juan Primary School

On Tuesday, the third of March 2020, Tisha Sonja of standard five was injured in the auditorium of St. Vincent Primary School. She and two other students, Daniel Steele and Wynona West, were assisting their class teacher, Mr. Vincent Ward, prepare for a school presentation on contagious diseases. The incident occurred at approximately eight o'clock in the morning while the class teacher, Mr. Ward, was in the staff room.

The three students volunteered to help Mr. Ward decorate the school auditorium in preparation for a major talk on contagious diseases. Tisha Sonja was given the task of hanging informative charts on the walls, while Wynona and Daniel were to fix the chairs in the auditorium. Mr. Ward stated that he was going to the staff room to collect the brochures that the Ministry of Education sent to the school. He cautioned Tisha to be careful while she hung the charts on the wall.

Tisha had hung four charts and was preparing to hang the welcome banner over a doorway on the eastern side of the auditorium. The group did not have a ladder, so she pulled a nearby swirl chair towards the spot and climbed on it. Danielle and Wynona did not notice what she was doing because they were at the southern side of the auditorium lining up the last set of chairs.

Tisha managed to climb onto the swirl chair while still holding the chart with one hand and the other grasping the hinge of the doorway. At once, she felt the swirl chair move and she could not stop it. The chair move for another half feet before it threw Tisha to the floor. Tisha landed on a pile of huge curtains that was going to be used to decorate the stage. Daniele and Wynona heard the crash and ran towards her. Mr. Ward found the students helping Tisha stand to her feet.

Mr Ward questioned the students on the incidents. Tisha explained how she fell. Mr. Ward took Tisha to the school nurse, Nurse Hennessey. Nurse Hennessey told Tisha she was lucky to just have sprained her ankle and arm. Needless to say, she was asked to wear an arm sling for the next two weeks and not climb on swirl chairs again. Tisha promised to never do that again.

That evening, during assembly, Mr. Ward told the students about the incident. Mr. Ward thanked the students who helped him prepare the hall, but also warned that no one should stand on a swirl chair.