

## **Job Walela-F4**

My name is Job Walela. I am 19 years Old. My birthday is August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2003. I am the first born child to Elphas Walela and Irene Sichangi. I live in Webuye, Bungoma County. I went to Mikhuyu Friends Primary School until P4 was when my parents separated. I stayed with my Father for one whole year. He decided to ask his old friend if he could stay with me and he said yes. I moved in immediately and life became very difficult for me. Eating became a hustle, I could not study well.



When I got to P7, My Mother came back. She said that she heard what I was going through and that was why she decided to come back. She doubted if indeed I was her son since my health conditions deteriorated. My skin color had change and I had lost a lot of weight.

My dad decided to shift all of us to rural home and I thought our life would become more meaningful but that was not what we thought. We were working on people's farm by picking coffee or sometimes ploughing.

Through that, I was able to save little money that enabled me to register the national exam in P8. I scored 277 marks out of 500. I was to join High School immediately but that is not the case. My Father developed health problems and so the money we had saved we had to pay the Hospital bills. I later Joined Makhonge Secondary School after 2 months when everyone had already Joined and that was only after my grandfather had came in to support me in the first term.

All of my High School life has been full of struggle. Every evening I had to help people on the farm to get some money for School. I used to be send home frequently to look for School fees and so I could use that opportunity to help people on the farms to get enough money for that term. Nevertheless, I lost total concentration in class and I missed a lot of things in class.

After sitting for my National exam, I did not pass well. After getting to know Living Hope, I was very delighted to have been given the opportunity to realize my dream. I am going to use the chance given to me to up my grades. I will never be the same. This is the only chance I have to better my grades. God help me!

Yours Sincerely

Job Walela