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Hello!

My name is Sandrah. My twin brother and I are the last born in our family of four children. Our father died in 2009 due to a burst of abdomen. We laid him to rest in an area of land in our original home in Ndivisi village. Since then we've been raised by my mother. We had to leave our village and move to a rented house closer to my mom's working place.

My mother works as a store-keeper at a secondary school and earns a salary of 8,000 shillings (around \$80 month). Her salary barely covers the costs of providing for my siblings and I. I remember one time we missed an important church event. We were to go for a tour to Kisumu, but because my mother's salary was too small we could not pay the fee of 3000 shillings each (about \$30 each). For this same reason, my mother could not pay for my school fees. I missed a lot of exams because of this.

Where we live now, there are a lot of rich families, but because we are poor, other children are not allowed to play or be friends with us. I have felt lonely and sad, but have found a community at our church King Jesus Faith Ministries, where I persevere as a born-again Christian.

I love to read novels and storybooks. I also enjoy dancing and singing for God. My favorite subjects are Geography and English.

I believe coming to Living Hope is the chance God has given me to be able to follow my aspirations of becoming a lawyer. Many years ago, land was taken from our grandfather unjustly. Because of that experience, I want to be able to help my community by bringing justice. Through hard work and discipline I will achieve my goal of providing a farm for family.