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I was born one cold rainy night on August 16, 2005. Now I am 15 years old. My father died when I was only one year old. It is sad that I never knew him or that he never saw me grow up. My mother is Kellen Lakhisa and she lives in Kimilili. I only have one sister who is older than me.

My mother has been the most important person in my life. She has encouraged me and prayed for me everyday. She taught me to work hard and to be a good example. She has worked and struggled to make sure that I had food to eat and my school fees were paid. I am proud of her because she had to be my mother and my father!

I went to Starlight Academy from P1-P8. It was a small school which I think helped me a lot. The teachers all liked me and encouraged me. When it was almost time to take my National test, I was some nervous. I was praying for God to help me think clearly and do well. When the scores came back, I had scored 348! I was dancing around and telling everybody how happy I was. Praise the Lord. Now it was time to think about High School and how I could get money to go.

My mum was talking to her friends at church about Living Hope High School. We had never heard of it. It was hard to believe that there was a school with reasonable school fees where they help the smart poor kids. We also heard that they get sponsors who sometimes go on with their student and support them at college. We came the next day and applied. When I was accepted, it was the best miracle of my life.

I have been at Living Hope High School for one week. It is a wonderful place. I have made many good Christian friends, we eat three times a day. We have a nice bed to sleep and the teachers are pushing us towards excellence. Because the school only takes smart kids, we have no slow learners. This lets us move faster and get more done. God bless this school.

In my free time, I like to listen to Gospel music on the radio. I know almost all the songs that we sing here at school. I have joined the guitar club and I want to join the praise and worship team. I love to praise the Lord with singing.

In the future, I would like to be a detective or a prosecutor. I like putting clues together to get the bad guys or to defend the innocent. I would have to major in Criminology, Law or forensics. It will be an exciting but dangerous profession.

All I need now is a sponsor to help me achieve my dreams. I want to make Kenya and the world a better place. God help me.

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