



They accepted me and we are going shopping

My name is Kelvin Okumu and I am so happy to be part of Living Hope High School. It was a near miss to get a position here. The school had already closed admission last Friday. Today is Monday and we just heard about Living Hope this morning. My guardians and I made arrangements to meet the administration in town for an interview. They have accepted me and we are going shopping for the basics that I need. The school and the church are my angels and I feel very grateful to all of them for this chance. I am a smart boy and I will do my best to bring glory and honor to God and the school.

I have always been smart and have been in class position number one or two since I started primary school. I love learning new things especially in science. I like to learn how I can help keep the environment clean and healthy. God gave us

a perfect world and HE expects us to take good care of it!

I come from a very poor family. I have 3 brothers and one sister. I am the first born which means that my brothers and sister are looking to me to be the example. I live with my father who is a useless drunkard. He and my mother divorced when I was very young. I have never seen her since.

My father is a complete drunkard and not able to care for us at all. My uncle and aunt live next door and have been our guardians for a long time. They have three children of their own and taking care of us five extra kids has been a big burden. They are just small scale farmers with not much land, they share what they have and we survive. They have been a blessing in my life and I don't know what I would have done without them. They have struggled to pay my school fees and we were all worried about the fees for high school. I know that God has a good plan for me and that is why I am at Living Hope. Here in Kenya there are thousands of very bright kids who cannot go on to high school because of school fees. I am lucky to have this golden opportunity. I will not waste it!

In primary the teachers recognized my leadership gifts and they made me the deputy President of the school. It was a big school of 500 students so I was very busy keeping things in order. I like to play volleyballs and I can't wait to join the tract team. I am small but I am very fast. I like to run in long races. Other people drop out because they are not in shape. By the end of the race it is easy to win! In my spare time I like to read story books. By reading I can go

anywhere and do anything. I am a good singer and I am a member of Mufule Catholic Church Choir. Praising God is very important so He knows I appreciate His blessings.

Now I am praying for god to send me a sponsor to help me. I hope that is you! I have worked hard to get good grades and to be a good student. I want to become a good man and glorify God with all that I do. Please help me.

One of God's children, Kelvin Okumu.