## MISHAEL MISIKO KHANALI



I take this opportunity to thank God for this far I've reached by His Grace. I am Mishael Misiko Khanali, born on Dec. 26, 2006 in Webuye, Bungoma County, Kenya and I went to Sanya Primary School. I come from a family of five children, three girls and two boys. I am the third born. My father is called Manuel Makari Misiko and my mother is Mary Nekesa Wafula who are divorced.

I come from a poor background which one could seldom admire to live in. At my birth, my father was a farmer while my mother was a fruit vender at the local market. They worked hard to make sure that we had food on our table and have extra money to pay our school fees. Suddenly, my mother got ill when I was in Primary 3. Her legs swollen and as time went by, she couldn't walk anymore. When my dad saw the condition mom was in, he decided to divorce and called it quits with her. We didn't have another alternative but to move to our maternal grandmother and stay with her.

My grandmother took on her shoulders the responsibilities and started paying our school fees through the little money she got from the sale of vegetables. Fortunately, a good Samaritan, my church pastor, took note of my potential and agreed to start supporting me from grade 4 up to when I finished grade 8. I thank God for him for being a wonderful savior for the last five years. Unfortunately, his support could not proceed further because he also has two sons who are joining high school at the beginning of the year.

I scored 379 marks on my final exams of the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education. I have the ambition of becoming a neurosurgeon when I graduate from high school. Considering

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the situation back at home, yes, my dreams are valid but they face a major stumbling block, and that is lack of tuition fee. I'd be glad to get some support so that I can be able to start and finish this critical journey I'm yet to start.

I was happy on hearing about Living Hope High School. My aunt visited this school and came back with good news that I could apply and get interviewed. I did as advised by my elders and I am super excited for having been accepted to join here. This school gives hope to the hopeless like me and I know it will be a stepping stone to the realization of my ambitions.

My best subject is Mathematics and on a number of occasions I've been awarded prizes in inter-schools Math contests. I'm so passionate about it and I look forward to doing even much better in high school.

I'm good at playing volleyball, which I played up to the regional level in primary school. My hobbies are reading and dancing as well as singing.

I'm hopeful that God will work miracles for me when I come to Living Hope because as a Christian that's my foundational belief. I also expect to be disciplined as per school rules and regulations and work hard to utilize well the chance given. I want to emulate my grandmother who is my role model as she has been close to me and has influenced my life in a great way.

Everything is possible with God!

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