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I am all alone. My father is unknown and my mother deserted my older sister and I when I was about three. She has remarried and has 4 more children who I don't know. My mother brought us to our grandparents who had to struggle to feed us and pay our school fees. My grandfather is a retired pastor and he has instilled in us a deep love of God. Many times, all we had was our faith to keep us going and not giving up.

I was born in Kongoli and went to Kongoli Primary School up to P7, At that point I was sent to live with my Uncle Edward in Nairobi. He paid my school fees, bought my uniforms and gave me wisdom to live. I studied hard and tried my best. But I only got a 338. Uncle was very disappointed in me and sent me back to live with my grandparents. If they were ashamed of me then I knew that God was ashamed of me too. I thought all was lost.

Then my grandmother heard about Living Hope high school. We knew that the competition would be against me since my scores were not all that good. I was praying very hard. A few days after the interview, I got my letter of acceptance. God had heard my prayers and I made a promise to God that I would give it my all and not waste this golden opportunity.

My favorite subject in school is Social Studies. I love to hear about other places that speak different languages and have a different way of life. I think it is amazing that God made us all and we are so different but so much alike. This love of travel suites me because I would like to be a pilot when I grow up. I have seen lots of airplanes in Nairobi and have visited an airport. From the ground they don't seem so big but up close they are giants. It amazes me that something so big and heavy can every get off the ground!

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I have always gone to church but I got saved when I was very young and gave my life to Jesus. HE has been my savior for many years and I turn to HIM whenever I need help. HE has always been there to guide me and has never let me down. I love Jesus but I will let someone else be a pastor.

Now that I have been at Living Hope for one week, I feel happy and hopeful. Here life is good and we eat 3 times a day! The people here are on my side and have helped me to settle in. My dorm mates are good Christian friends who will help me to grow in my faith. I think some of them will be my best friends for life.

Now it is time to get a sponsor to help me financially to finish high school and maybe go on to pilot school. I know that education is one of the keys out of poverty. Please consider helping me. I will never let you down and I will make you very proud. Please be my sponsor.