

ALEX WANJALA

I am Alex Wanjala. I was born on 24 April 2006, the seventh born in a family of nine children. I have both parents alive who practice small-scale farming. They plant sugar cane and maize on a three-quarter acre piece of land. The produce from our farm is not enough for the big family size and our parents struggle to feed us. Lack of basic needs is a normal thing in our home. We are in a deep state of poverty.

My primary school study was not easy at all. I was out of school frequently every time the school headteacher asked for school fees. My parents could not raise money for fees. I occasionally looked after our neighbors' cattle for food. It is hard for our parents to provide for a large number of children.



I started my education at Lutaso Primary School in January 2013 in Grade 1 and left on March 2021 after completing my 8th Grade. I did the Kenya Certificate Primary Education (KCPE) exam in 2020 where I scored 335 marks. I thanked God for enabling me to score such good marks which was not a walk in the park. I was a focused student in primary school, a hardworking and God-fearing pupil despite the challenges I encountered. I was a football player. I represented my school in the inter-school competitions. I was determined to pass my exam. Mathematics and science were the best subjects for me. My biggest worry after the results were out was how I would join high school. Given my family background, I did not have much optimism of seeing myself advancing my studies but believed to do some miracle for me.

Luckily, my aunt who is a neighbor to the school told my parents about Living Hope High School (LHHS). She encouraged them to apply there for me because "it is a good school" that helps students from needy backgrounds. My father visited the school to

inquire about the admissions. Luckily, he was given an admission letter allowing me to join the school. I joined last month, on July 26 and am impressed with the good school environment that has supportive teachers.

Engineering is my dream career. I want to study mechanical engineering at the college. I am sure to pursue the course because am good at Mathematics and sciences. With good grades, I can pursue a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in some best colleges or universities here in Kenya, and I am working hard for just that.

With the necessary support from anyone willing to do so, my academic journey will become less stressful and I will be able to attain my goals. The Lord will bless you for standing with and supporting me.

Yours sincerely,
Alex Wanjala.