

## EMMANUEL BARASA

Emmanuel Barasa was born on 4 April 2007, the second born in a family of five children. I am lucky to have all my parents alive and they stay together. My father is a casual laborer while my mother is a housewife. It is a humble family. The main challenge in our family is the lack of finance to provide for basic needs. My father lacks a sustaining job. He has nothing to save for our future. We are living on a hand-to-mouth survival.



The future is not promising.

I joined Sanya Primary School in 2014. At the school, my parents could not raise the needed school fees. There was no money for my parents are not financially stable. They could not buy me the required books for revision. I never blamed my parents on anything because I understood the situation at our home. We went to school hungry on many days. Sometimes we could wear dirty school uniforms for we lacked soap. Despite the difficulties, I was able to sit for my national exam. I did Kenya Certificate for Primary Education national exam in 2020 and scored 392 marks. It was a big miracle. I thanked God who answered my prayers and my parents for the little support they provided.

The big worry was how I was going to join high school. Scoring higher marks meant that I was to enroll in a national school. The fees paid at national schools were much higher and I was sure that my parents would not raise the amount. My hope of joining high school was gone. My hope remained only in God.

I joined Living Hope High School on July 26, last month. This was God's grace. A form two student from the school who is a friend to me told me about it. I shared this information with my parents and we tried it. Luckily enough, I was granted a chance and admitted to the school that has a tranquil environment and is very organized. I promised to work hard and smart to excel in my studies.

I aspire to become a lawyer in the future. I want to study law to defend my people and country in cases. I want justice to be administered fairly to all individuals regardless of their position in society. I will need excellent grades to study law at the Law School. I am working hard for the best grades. However, I cannot achieve without the required resources and support which my family is unable to provide. This is the reason I am sharing my story with anyone reading it so you could consider granting me support so I can achieve my goals. It will be possible if you stand with me on this journey. I am praying for you.

Your African son,  
Emmanuel Barasa.