

## Griffin Mbanda.



My name is Griffin Mbanda. I was born in August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008. I am 14 years old. I am 3<sup>rd</sup> child in a family of 5. I am a Christian and this has helped me a lot especially dealing with daily challenges.

My parents separated when I was very young. I have been staying on a rental house with my mother. We have been struggling with rental life where my mother has kept herself busy by washing other people's clothes before she could manage to pay and have little left for food. I have lived all my life with one single cloth.

I went to St Elizabeth Primary I got help from a well-wisher up to grade 7 where he eventually passed away. That was the time in my life that became challenging. I was always sent home daily to collect school fees however, it was all in vain. I started a fish pond to rear fish. They grew very fast and sold all of them and paid for my national test. Thank goodness I went extra mile because it made a difference. I scored 354 marks out of 500. While I was there in my primary, I used to represent my

school in soccer competition.

I got to know Living Hope through my neighbor. I shared the same story with mother and immediately she could not hesitate and came to ask for a chance and God worked in His own ways, yes I got a chance! Living hope so far it has been the best school ever. It's a Christian School and everyone is in Christian Union Association. Mum Marilyn the director has given us everything to use in our respective dorms. When I was leaving for school, I came with nothing and I almost did not want to come because I thought fellow students would laugh at me, but with my surprise, I got everything I needed for just starting.

My prayer is to get a person who may help me achieve this dream of becoming a teacher of the kids who are blind. I have hopes that I will get one and continue with my education smoothly without any fear.

IN God I trust

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