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Meet Emmanuel Banda

Quick Facts

Name	Emmanuel Banda
Birthday	23 February 2001
Birth Place	Lusaka, Zambia
Father's Name	Bernardo Banda
Father's Profession	Volunteer Pastor
Mother's Name	Cumbine Banda
Mother's Profession	Marketeer
Primary School	Diana Kaimba
Secondary School	Chalo Trust
2015 Grade Level	Grade 8



Emmanuel's Family

Emmanuel lives with his mother, father, and ten other family members in their home in Chuunga, a compound of Lusaka. His father completed secondary school and his mother finished school after Grade 7. Their home neighbors a church space that his father begged to use to run a church called Jesus Christ Rock. The 13-person household sleeps between the two-room home and the adjacent church space. His father makes 450 kwacha (\$70)/month, on a good month, as a volunteer pastor. His mother sells small goods like groundnuts and mukoyo trees from a table outside of their home. At most, this makes 150 kwacha (\$23)/month. Their total income per month is about 700 kwacha (\$107). Because rent is 350 kwacha, the family relies on 350 kwacha (\$54)/month to provide for the 13 members of the household. Emmanuel often relies on the generosity of his teacher, who gives him lessons and feeds him from her home. In addition to the difficulty of financing education, accommodation, and food, finding clean water is an additional struggle for the Banda family. Although they built a well on their property, their neighbors built a toilet a few meters away. Thus, the water is contaminated and if they cannot afford chlorine the family easily falls ill. His father said the KF scholarship is a blessing, because since he and

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his wife were unable to 'make it,' he thinks the least he can do is try to provide his children with a quality education.

Emmanuel's Educational Background

Emmanuel completed grades 1 to 3 in Mansa, a rural area of Zambia. After this, he changed to a new school that was closer to their home, however the school didn't provide Grades 2 or 3. Therefore, he had to start again in Grade 1 when he moved to Lusaka. After this, he attended school at Diana Kaimba Primary School. As a class captain, he made sure the class is clean and quiet, and helped collect the books for marking. His favorite classes are English, math, and social and development studies (SDS). Emmanuel passed #1 in the grade on the Grade 7 mock exams at Diana Kaimba. At the KF exam, the other students (even from other students) knew about Emmanuel and his academic excellence.

Emmanuel's Extracurricular Interests

Outside of school, Emmanuel helps his father at the church as an usher and plays guitar. He also helps his teacher by doing odd jobs for extra money, like working on her farm. When he grows up, Emmanuel wants to be a lawyer so he can help those who cannot defend themselves.