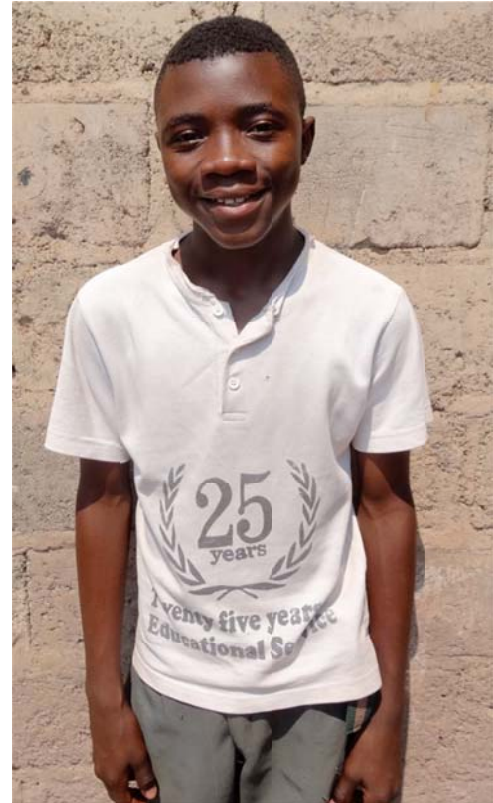


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Meet Gift Kasweka

Quick Facts

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| Name | Gift Kasweka |
| Birthday | 24 January 2001 |
| Birth Place | Lusaka, Zambia |
| Mother's Name | Violet Kasweka |
| Mother's Profession | Marketeer |
| Father | Deceased |
| Primary School | Lilanda Primary |
| Secondary School | Chalo Trust |
| 2015 Grade Level | Grade 8 |



Gift's Family

Gift lives with his mother, aunt, and four siblings in George compound. Their home has electricity but no running water. His father passed away in a car accident. His mother completed school up to Grade 7 and is self-employed at the city market. However, she does not have her own stand, and simply sells bread from standing on the side of the road. Because the government is threatening to chase such informal business from the side of the road, her financial worries have increased. She makes about 400 kwacha (\$62)/month from this business. She is also part of a women's group who pulls their money together, and gets additional funds from this. His aunt does not work. In addition to food struggles, as the family eats only twice a day, paying for school is the largest challenge this family faces. One of his younger brothers and another family member are both also in Grade 7, and the family was unsure of how they would finance secondary school education for all three children. Thus, a KF scholarship is a great relief to Gift's family.

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Gift's Educational Background

Gift has attended Lilanda Primary School from Grade 1 to 7. His favorite subjects are Social and Development Studies (SDS) and math. As class captain, he keeps the pupils busy when the teacher is absent. He also helps supervise manual work, like sweeping and planting the flowers. He likes to play handball and soccer, and enjoys his position as a choir master at church. Although he passed in position 5 this most recent term, he usually passes in position 1 or 2. When he was teased at school for having mumps, he realized you need to have strength and not sink down to the level of his peers. Gift stood out as a top student in the initial group interview at Lilanda, with great speaking skills and eagerness to answer questions. His dream is to finish school and help his mother and family.