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## Student Profile

Name: **Nathan Musweu**

Gender: Male

Date of birth: 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1997

Place of birth: Lusaka, Zambia

Father: Harold Musweu

Profession: Clothes shop assistant

Mother: Euphoria Musweu

Profession: Unemployed

Primary School: Northmead Basic School

Secondary School: **Pestalozzi Education Centre**

2012 Grade Level: **Grade 9**



### Family Background

Nathan lives with his parents and five brothers and sisters in Garden Compound. His father has been a shop assistant at a local clothes store since 1980, while his son (who recently finished grade 12) is doing some welding on the side to raise money for the family. Nathan's mother has been busing to villages in order to exchange clothes for maize to sell in the city (she is trying to raise money to send her oldest son to college for a certificate in computers). The total household income, for 8 people, is about 750,000 (\$160) per month. The family does not have running water or electricity, and Mr. Musweu is under extra strain due to a government school placement program that placed his son at an expensive government school (he had to get a cash advance from work, so they now take 300,000 Kwacha out of his paycheck per month). Luckily, the family does own their own house (they started building it piece by piece in 1998). They are also slowly trying to add onto the house so build extra rooms for rent in order to bring in more money for the family. Nathan told us that he is very close with his family and admires his father, who has "done a lot for him."

### Nathan's Educational Background

#### **Primary-Northmead Basic School**

Though he acknowledged that the school grounds need to be improved, Nathan has really enjoyed studying at Northmead Basic School, which he described as the "best school in the area." He says that the teachers really communicate with the students, which he likes a lot. Many students, according to Nathan, form clubs, even for studying. At times the school even takes the students on trips to different destinations in the area. Nathan's favorite subjects are English, science, and maths. He told us that he is a hardworking, intelligent student who

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is strong in calculations, is good at expressing himself, and likes to ask a lot of questions in class. "He is a very hardworking boy," his teachers say, "and very eager to learn." Nathan also likes to collaborate with his classmates by forming study groups after school. According to Nathan and his father, he has been number one in his class since grade 1.

## **At Leopards Hill School**

### *Grade 8*

Nathan has started his secondary career off very well, coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> position in his class in Term 1 with 6 A's and 4 B's. He kept up the hard work in Term 2, maintaining his 2<sup>nd</sup> position ranking and earning 6 A's and 3 B's. He is involved in many activities outside of class, most notably captaining the junior football team and joining the JETS club. Nathan expects more hard work and more success in Term 3.

### Nathan's Interests

Nathan likes to play football and run in his spare time. At church, he is a pathfinder, a group whose aim is to raise money for the poor. Nathan has been able to take part in the distribution of the money to the neediest in the community, and says he feels sorry for the poor.

### Nathan's Role Model

Nathan admires his father because he has worked hard to support him and the family. He hopes someday to be able to help lift his family out of poverty.

### Career Interests

He is interested in becoming either an accountant or a doctor. He says he would like to be able to give medical attention to people when they are sick, since many in his community go without treatment. Nathan talked a lot about the diseases he has seen in his community, which include malaria, measles, diarrhea, and bilharzias. He says that many people mistake these conditions of witchcraft and don't look for the real cause of the problems. Nathan also blames the poor sanitation systems and roads for the spread of these diseases. His hope is to come back to his community and possibly build a hospital to treat people who are sick.

### What Others Think about Nathan

Nathan's teachers have always been impressed with Nathan's clear intelligence and incredible work ethic. He has been at the top of his class for several years, and they expect him to maintain this success in secondary school.

### Nathan's Thoughts

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"I am an intelligent, kind, and selfless student who likes to study with my peers until we understand the subject. I am good at expressing myself and communicating with others. I know that I have the ability to succeed."