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Meet Terry Chishimba

Quick Facts

Name	Terry Chishimba
Birthday	29 September 2000
Birth Place	Lusaka, Zambia
Mother's Name	Constance Jumba
Mother's Profession	Unemployed
Father's Name	Joseph Chishimba
Father's Profession	Mechanic
Primary School	John Laing Primary
Secondary School	Pestalozzi
2015 Grade Level	Grade 8



Terry's Family

Terry lives with his mother, father, and two siblings in their home in the Kampasa area of John Laing. His father completed school until Grade 12, and received a certificate in automatic mechanics in Kasama, Zambia. He had a three-year contract with the National Housing Authority from 2009 to 2012, but has had financial difficulties every since, as he was unable to renew. Since then, he has worked on and off at an auto workshop near their home. On a good month, he makes about 300 kwacha (\$50)/month. Joseph's mother does not work. Since they've fallen on hard times, they moved from their home into his sister and brother's house in 2013. The home has electricity but no running water or refrigerator. Bathing is infrequent, as they carry a bin inside to the bedroom to bathe. The house is now divided between these families. They rent one room of the divided home to a tenant who pays 450 kwacha (\$70)/month. Because they live with extended family, they sometime receive mealie meal, foodstuffs, or other help from Terry's uncle and aunt. Providing for the family is a daily struggle, and his father lightheartedly described only being able to eat basic meals twice a day as 'economizing.' Because Terry's brother is also

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in Grade 7, the family was unsure of how they would be able to begin paying school fees for two children. With the KF scholarship, both boys are now able to attend secondary school.

Terry's Educational Background

Terry has been in the top of his class since Grade 4, as he bounces between positions 1-4. He held position 1 all of Grade 6. He loves school and sometimes his favorite teacher helps him privately. At the home interview, when asked about a challenge or problem he has overcome, Terry described how he overcame struggling in school when he was young. He wasn't getting good marks in the start of primary, and on his own, he decided that "education was his future and he felt he wanted to come out of poverty by himself." This self-awareness and realization of the importance of education at such a young age impressed the KF staff. Additionally, Terry is great at English and loves to read. He often stays after school with his friends to go read. He enjoys reading a lot of textbooks but also reads from the school library, even though it is very small. He is involved in anti-aids club at school, where they warn other students about the dangers of sex and HIV.