

Meet Abel Njamba



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Profile

Name	Abel Njamba
Birthday	October 12, 2005
Birth Place	Lusaka, Zambia
Area of Residence	Kamwala South
Mother's Name	Naomi Zulu
Mother's Profession	Sells children's clothes
Primary School	St. Lawrence Primary School
Secondary School	Pestalozzi Education Centre
2018 Grade Level	Grade 8

Abel's Family

Abel lives with his mother and younger brother and sister in Kamwala South. Abel's father died when Abel was three, and the father to Abel's younger brother and sister does not provide for his children or support the family in any way. Though Naomi, Abel's mother, used to be a full-time maid in Libala, her employer no longer needs someone working every day, and thus, Naomi now works part-time in that house. In order to supplement her income, she sells children's clothes in Kamwala South, a business she hopes to expand in order to better support her children. She had also been saving so that in case Abel did not get the scholarship, because she feels that it is important for Abel to continue in his education no matter what. Now the money she had been saving can help the family find a more sustainable living arrangement.

Abel's Educational Background

Abel attended primary school at St. Lawrence Primary. He normally passed number two or three in his class, but he studied hard before the Kucetekela Foundation exams and placed eleventh out of the sixty-two students that KF invited to write the exams. Abel reports that his favorite subjects in primary school were English and social studies. He enjoys English

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because it helps him to speak more fluently and social studies because he likes learning about places that he does not already know about. In secondary school, Abel will attend Pestalozzi Education Centre.

Abel's Extracurricular Interests

Abel participates in the Disciples of Jesus at his church. In the organization, he helps distribute lightly used clothing and household items to local orphanages. Abel also sings and dances at his church. He has ambitions of improving his poetry, which has been difficult for him to work on so far at St. Lawrence, because the poetry club there is student-run, and his classmates, finding him quiet, have prevented him from participating actively in the club. Abel hopes that when he starts secondary school, he will be at a school where the students are more open, so that he can work on his craft and improve in his performance skills.

Abel's Thoughts

During the home interviews, Abel discussed the way in which he studies in spite of extremely difficult conditions at home. He is very committed to his education and has dreams of improving his family's situation.

Abel sees a need for more government clinics in his neighborhood, because the people in his community often have to travel long distances to get adequate healthcare. Due to this need, he would like to become a doctor, because he wants to be able to help the people in his community. He feels that he can solve some of the problems that his community faces every day.

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Abel and his mother in the room that the family lives in. To the left of the photo, you can see their makeshift kitchen.



The family outside the room in which they stay.