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Meet Charlington Malupenga



Profile

Name Charlington Malupenga

Birthday 9th June 2006

Birth Place Lusaka, Zambia

Area of Residence 50/18 Kamanga Compound

Father's Name Andrew Malupenga (Deceased)

Father's Profession NA

Mother's Name Maggie Malupenga

Mother's Profession House Maid

Primary School Kapwelyomba Primary School

Charlington Malupenga

Charlington's Family Background

Charlington lives in Kamanga shanty compound with his mother and two siblings in a two-room house with no water supply and electricity. His mother was born and raised in Peteuke, where she attended primary school but only reached Grade 6, after which she dropped out due to lack of funds. She later moved to Lusaka in 2003 in search of brighter employment opportunities. Charlington's mother is a single parent, carrying the whole burden of single parenthood. She is the sole provider of the family through her income as a maid. She finds this to be very challenging as Charlington's siblings are in secondary school which requires a lot of money to be paid for tuition fees. After the death of Charlington's father in 2007, financial support has been hard to come by.

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Educational Background

Charlington has attended Kapwelyomba Primary School since grade one until his grade 7. He has been an exceptional student, constantly ranking in the top 5 of his class exams every year.

Extracurricular Activities

Outside class, Charlington enjoys the competition that presents itself in the form of soccer. He is an avid supporter of the game and he juggles between two positions: goalkeeping and right back (defender). His versatility allows him to assume both these roles. He believes the soccer field teaches him valuable lessons such as acknowledging support from family, friends and to some extent, strangers. He believes that people succeed through team work or support from others. He elaborated how this relates to a soccer team operation, the defenders rely on attackers to score and the attackers conversely expect the defenders to defend. He envisions himself playing for one of the world's greatest teams such as Real Madrid and Manchester United.

In addition, Charlington's other passion is science. He gained interest in joining the science club and has participated in various science fairs in the last two years. The most memorable being the one he attended in January 2020, where he was awarded first position in the mechanic category.

His Thoughts

Charlington is motivated by the struggles of his family. He wishes to be successful and change the misfortunes of his family's impoverished status. He believes, the modern world characterized by smart-phones has negatively impacted many kids in his community. He says the relationships and interpersonal connections among family members or friends have been greatly impaired by phones, explaining why people barely spend time with each other. He brings about a suggestion that people should only have smart phones after the age of 18, as they would have become more mature by then.