

## Meet Faith Chompwe



**Faith Mainza Chompwe**

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<b>Name</b>	Faith Mainza Chompwe
<b>Birthday</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2006
<b>Birth Place</b>	Lusaka, Zambia
<b>Area of Residence</b>	36/19 Matero North
<b>Father's Name</b>	Joseph Chompwe
<b>Father's Profession</b>	Painter
<b>Mother's Name</b>	Patricia Muleya Chompwe
<b>Mother's Profession</b>	Hair Dresser
<b>Primary School</b>	Mambilima Primary School

### Faith's Family Background

Faith lives with both parents in Matero township of Lusaka. Both parents did not complete their secondary education, they dropped out of school in grade 9. Faith's father grew up in the village in Choma before moving to Lusaka at the age of 16, where he began selling clothes in the streets as a source of living. Her mother also originates from Choma and only moved to Lusaka after she got married. Faith has six siblings, the first and second born are in grade 12 followed by the third born who is in grade 10. She has a twin sister who is in the same grade as her (grade 7), the sixth born is in grade three and the last born is not yet in school. Previously, Faith and her family lived in Chainda where her father worked as a security guard. However, after her father became unemployed, it became increasingly difficult for the family to pay rentals and buy other necessities. Their sad situation made the mother's sister offer them shelter in a house she has been building, even though it is not complete. Their family income is derived from the freelance painting jobs that her father looks for and the money made by her mother from the occasional hair dressing business. The high number of children in the family possesses a threat to Faith's academic dreams as the finances are low.

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## **Educational Background**

For her primary school education, Faith attended Mambilima Primary School in North Matero. She has constantly been number one in her class from Grade 1 to 7. She did impressively well on the KF entrance exam, ranking 3<sup>rd</sup> among 50 other potential candidates. She is one of the students who also holds a leadership position in class as a monitor; here she is tasked with the duties of maintaining order in the class and ensuring the class is kept clean at all times.

## **Extracurricular Activities**

Outside the academic realm, Faith is involved in various activities, for instance she sings both at church and at school. At church, she is in the marching squad group where she participates in church fairs, singing and marching. During the fair, she helped her church rank second in various competitions among 15 other churches. At school, she was part of the 'plant a million trees' project, to help in combating global warming.

Besides church and school activities, Faith has been heavily involved in community service work such as helping the elderly men and women at a local hospital near her home. Faith is also involved in athletics, and is always awarded best runner position in her age group (14). She is regarded as a potential runner who is mostly picked to represent her school in major tournaments, such as the one that was held at the Olympic Development Center (OYDC), where she emerged second despite being placed in an older age group.

## **Thoughts**

Faith would like to become a medical doctor after she graduates from college. She believes being a doctor will provide a basis for her to give back to her community through taking care of the elderly and the sick. Faith linked her desire to help with a story of her rendering help to a poor crippled man whom she met on her way home. She decided to give this man the only money she had (K10) because she believed that he needed it more than she did. Her hope is to work at the biggest hospital in Zambia and be able to take care of the President if he/she ever got sick. Apart from being a doctor, Faith wouldn't mind being a Mechanical Engineer who plans to bring great innovations to Zambia through new technologies. She holds the belief that the creation of new technologies is the future, for Zambia to springboard to the 21<sup>st</sup> century and would like to be the first female to build a car here in Zambia. It is due to this fact that she is inspired by Bill Gates.