



RAISING UP THE FUTURE

AN INTERVIEW WITH VINCENT NGUNZULU

Vincent came to the Children's Home in 2004 as an orphaned 3rd grader. Fast forward 12 years and he is now an engineering student on an 80% academic scholarship at Moi University.

How does your upbringing at the Children's Home affect you now?

We were the first children brought to the home, so every subsequent child looked to us as older siblings. The parents reinforced that whatever the older kids do sets an example for the younger ones. Integrity and good character had to always be displayed. We have been leading since we were very young.

Now, many classmates look to me for leadership and supervision in group work. If I don't take the initiative to lead, most people will not show up. I have to bring in some of the leadership skills I learned in the home.

What has been your biggest challenge since leaving the Children's Home?

Adjusting to life outside of the home and family. The house parents and staff did so much work without it being acknowledged. The food was on the table, the bills paid, supplies stocked.

How has ELI impacted your life?

I feel in my heart that there are people who care for me, they want the best for me, and they encourage me. That is the brighter side of life.

When you become an orphan in the 3rd grade, you know that you have no future and nobody is on your side. Now, there are so many people in Kenya and the USA supporting me and saying "go, go, go, you can do it!"

How do you hope to impact the lives of others?

I want to go and give back to society and help others come up in the same way that I've come up so that they also can have a bright future. This is our chance to really become something and have the future we desire and that God wants to bless us with.

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