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I am 19 years old. I happened to be born and brought up in a very humble background by a single mother in a family of two kids. In my early months no one would realize my visual impairment because I looked like any other child.

It turned an issue when I was three years because I would be sent to pick something and since I could not trace it people would subject me to insults saying that I had turned rude at a very tender age. This made me see myself as inferior.

Aged five my mum was shocked beyond words to note her only son had issues with his eyesight something that had never been seen in our lineage.

Unfortunately she thought that it was not so serious and so after turning six I was taken to a kindergarten that was for sighted kids.

Here life was not only difficult but also discouraging.

This was because I used

to ask my conscience the reason as to why the other kids would read from the blackboard at the comfort

**of their sits but I had to go closer
to the blackboard.**



At seven I joined Thika Primary school for the Blind for my primary education. Here I thought that it was to be meat and honey only but I was shocked as I encountered all sought of challenges there. The challenge that was always a mountain for me to climb was washing clothes which even my sister who was twelve had not yet known how to do. With time I learnt that it was the rule of the jungle that was dominating the institution. I thank the Almighty God that I was able to cope.

I really enjoyed drawing to an extent that I won in the “SUCCESS WITH KIWI” competition in 2005. I was also invited to attend the “KIWI” event at BOMAS OF KENYA in October 2005.

Apart from drawing I also played both football and volleyball for the school since class five until my last minute in the institution on November 15th 2007.

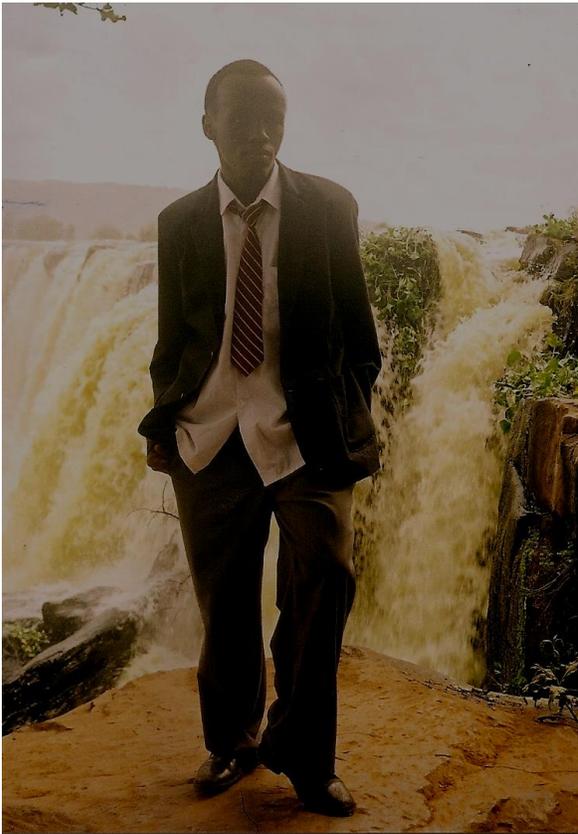
Here I was an active drama member and later the treasurer of the club for one year.

I also represented the school several times up to

national levels.

I was a very serious member of scouts club and I was appointed the treasurer for the club for one year.

In religious matters I was a very active Christian Union member and there I was also



appointed treasurer of the union.

On 8th February 2008 I joined form one in Thika High School for the Blind. There I used my experience from primary which made me a very active drama and scout clubs member.

High school was a bee hive of its kind but very comfortable. This made it appear a surprise to me

when I noted that I was doing my last year in the institution.

I usually gave my best shot in games thus representing

my school for games until I left the school.

There I participated fully in drama and was also appointed treasurer of the club. I went for music festivals for three years in the school.

I also participated fully in the school's scout's club where I was also appointed treasurer to the club.

On the side of mathematics I always tried my best. I joined mathematics club where I was again appointed treasurer.

November 10th 2011 was my last day in high school as that's when I sat for my last national exams paper.

My high school life was productive owing to the fact that I got a B-(minus) in my K.C.S.E.

After form four I was totally confused on what was to be next. The confusion was worsened by the anxiety for K.C.S.E results.

In January 2012 I started my computer studies at Kenya Society for the Blind which am to be through by the end of April 2012.

All through I have always wished to see myself

being a lawyer so that I may be able to fight for the rights of people with disabilities because I have noted that these people have their rights violated.

I also have an urge to work with mass media so that I may make the masses aware that we with disabilities are more than they imagine us to be.

My inner voice also advices me that I should also work with an organization that supports the disabled, the poor and the orphans.

I like spending my leisure time discussing; the current affairs, music, football and religion.

I am now waiting to be admitted to a university.