

INTRODUCTION

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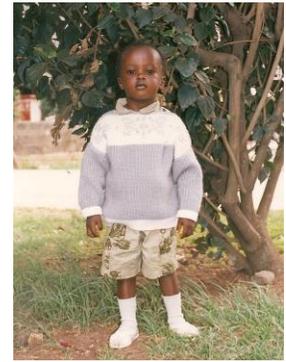


name is Kenneth Mwangi Gichohi. I was born in the year 1990 in a family of three that's my father, mother and sister. Three years later my younger brother was born, completing our family package of five. At birth I did not have any medical issues as a matter of fact I was as healthy as any child can be. Four months later I developed allergies to certain antigens although at that time it did not seem serious and doctors said that in time I would out grow it. I had a normal child hood as my mom and dad put it till I reached class four. The once harmless allergies started to affect my eyes to an extent I could not stand light. I was referred to an ophthalmologist by the paediatrician so as to figure out if I had any problems with my eyes.

DIAGNOSIS



My parents immediately took me to an ophthalmologist who concluded that I was photophobic and advised my parents to purchase for me photo chromatic glasses to help regulate the amount of light that passed through to my eyes as at that time I did not have any visual acuity problems. From that point on, my eyes had no problems whatsoever. By the time I completed my primary education, my allergies were becoming more and more severe. I passed well and went on to join high school.



In high school the allergies seemed to get worse and by the time I reached form three, they were so bad that they damaged my corneas and the result was blindness. In an effort to correct my eye condition, I consulted a number of eye specialists who recommended surgery but first I had to do something about my allergies so my fate lied in the hands of an allergies specialist.

HOPE AT LAST

Dr Boury, an allergies specialist and a professor whose specialty is on allergy related ailments was quick to diagnose what I was allergic to and prescribed some vile for me which apparently would be administered for a period of some months, so I had to find something useful to do with my life. I went for rehab at Machakos Technical Institute for the Blind so as to learn basic skills that would enable me to join the society with *style*. I learned Braille, mobility and basic life skills after which I joined Thika High School for the Blind where I completed my high school education. Some where in-between my high school life I underwent a cornea graft that improved my vision.

CURRENT STATUS

Currently I'm an IT student at KSB CAT department awaiting admission in a public university.

ASPIRATIONS

I aspire to be a community developer. If we develop our community then we'll be able to create a safer environment for growth for future generations, enabling them to compete globally being well equipped with the latest technologies, skills and resources.

HOBBIES

Writing, drawing, singing, travelling, reading, socializing, cars, bikes and watching movies..