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I was born in a family of 5. My family was a bit well off. My father had a job and a good one. I started school and every thing was normal in our family, but when I reached class six things started changing,. My father used to work in one of the companies in Kenya. One night thieves broke in and stole where my father used to work. Things got lost and during the investigation my father was the first person to be seen as the suspect because he was there when the thieves did the break. My father was taken to court and was jailed for two years. He left us with our mother and at then my mother had no job or anything to sustain our family. We stayed for three months without paying house rent and the landlord came and threw us out of the house. I felt very bad and because I could not handle this. I ran out in the streets looking for help. After several months my mother moved back to rural home where my grand parents were. I struggled in the streets and after one year when I saw thing were getting even worse, I decided to go and look for my mother, but I could not find her and did not know where she had gone. I went back to the streets looking for food and shelter but there were no help, living a hard life with a lot of stress in the streets was my life. There in the streets I decided to use drugs in order to forget the horrible life I had. Douglas and Paul usually came daily to me and told me to change my life and become a Christian. They adviced me each day it was a bit hard to change, but I did and went to church. They talked to me, and mentored me step by step. We decided to be one family. I join the drama group at the church and started acting and singing.

My life changed after I decided to join the church, i got some help in the church and I was able to finish my primary level. For now I am working with orphaned children as a volunteer and I do this because the children are going through the same life as I once had and I know they need someone that cares and who can listen to their stories.