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I was born and brought up in a place called Kawangware, an outskirt of Nairobi city in Kenya and it is highly populated with people of low class level and poor people. We are 9 in my family that is my Mum, Dad, 3 brothers, 3 sisters and me. I didn't manage to go on with school after completing my Kenya Certificate of Primary Education exams of which I got good grades to take me to another level that is High school. I had dreams of becoming a well educated person with a good career in future, but all this dreams were shuttered when my parents lacked school fees to enable me to continue with education. I became frustrated by this seeing many of my friends whom we went to school together continuing with education and I was left at home, I was surrounded with a shade of poverty and domestic violence in my home. With all this frustrations I decided to come out of home and started taking alcohol and other harmful drugs and also doing bad and evil unaccepted things in the society. Deep down I knew this was not the place for me, but I could not resist the influence by the elder street boys, and I needed the drugs to be brave enough to steal. After four years of living a horrible life I was reached out by a Gospel outreach team from Kawangware Lutheran church in the year 2000. I responded positively to the gospel and joined church the same year 2000 to date. After sometime I became transformed.

Believing that it's never too late, I want to continue with education and complete the levels I had to accomplish.

I am doing music with the Conquerors Band that is singing and playing instruments: African drum/Rhythm and bass guitar. I am also a volunteer in an organization called Fikisha that deals with Street boys. I am a mentor In Fikisha organization.

I thank God that has brought me this far.