

## XL Community - Giving Back

**T**here is nothing more rewarding than receiving good news from the very special people we engage with around the world!

Recently, we received some letters from four young men in Kenya. They wanted us to know how much they appreciate the opportunity they've been given; the opportunity to attend school, and how grateful they are for the small part we have played in them getting their education.

A few years ago the owner of XL Flooring, Jindra Casperson, decided to make a donation to the Kenya Education Endowment Fund (KEEF), an organization that helps young men in Kenya attend school and achieve their objective of receiving a high school graduation diploma.

The primary mission of KEEF is to provide scholarships for very bright students from Kakamega County



Jindra Casperson

in Western Kenya. The families of these students do not have the financial means to pay for a secondary and post secondary education. When a few dollars means the difference between a meal a day or no meal at all, secondary school fees of \$600 or more per year are simply unattainable. KEEF helps by financially supporting secondary and post secondary students. In 2018 they provided financial assistance to 126 secondary school students and 37 students in post secondary.

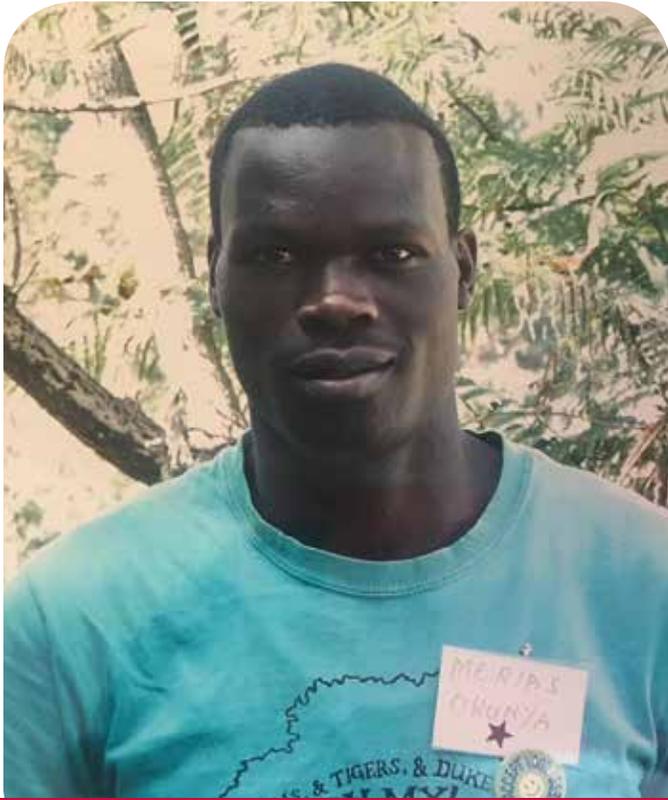
If you would like to make a donation their website is [www.kenyaeducation.org/](http://www.kenyaeducation.org/)



**Kenya  
Education  
Endowment  
Fund**

For us at XL Flooring, and especially Jindra who led us down this path, we are all so grateful to KEEF and the students we have supported over the years, for allowing us to be a part of their education and future.

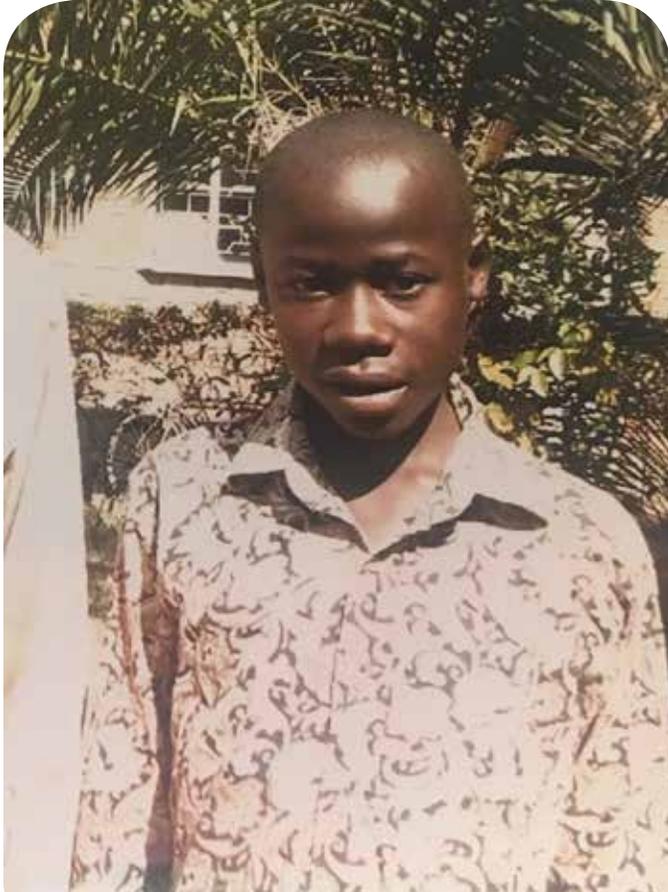
We would like to congratulate Mukoya Valentine, Okunya Merias Shikukus, Branton Witila and Isaac Shisia for achieving their education dreams, and wish them well as they pursue a post secondary education.



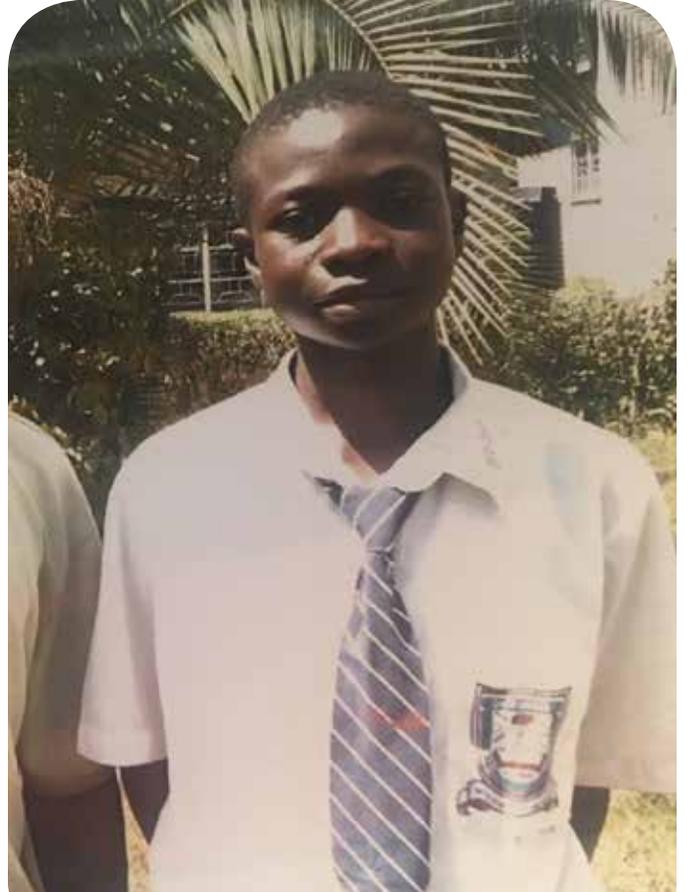
Okunya Merias Shikukus



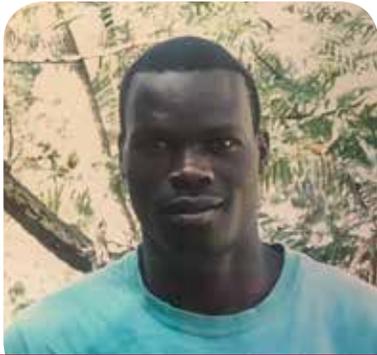
Mukoya Valentine



Branton Witila



Isaac Shisia



Okunya Merias Shikukus

Matioli Secondary School,  
P.O. BOX 101-50105  
BUKURA.

07/02/2019

Dear, LAURENTIAN SALES

REF: THANKING YOU FOR YOUR SCHOLARSHIP OF FOUR YEARS  
FOR MY HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION.

It is with great ambitions and a smiling face that am writing you this letter thanking the Almighty for He Has given you power and strength that you are still alive to see the work of your hands. Actually, you deserve many vote of thanks from I as an individual and my family as whole for your high efforts by paying my school making sure that am in class always taking my studies. Truly, it could have been a tough moment for me to get high school education if not your great support upon me. Your efforts for my high school education have made me am smiling and feeling proud for whatever you did for me. If not you, maybe I could be in an exile somewhere or even in a worse condition that is not presentable before people. My parents are so much joyous with you and your family as whole for your will to aid the needy so as to make them rise and shine to have a bright future in life. We appreciate at large, especially I the benefactor of your scholarship that I am whom I am because of your denial to yourself to save my life. I really say thank you and thank you very much. May you continue with the same spirit as we pray for you always God to guard you all your life. My best subjects were



Okunya Merias Shikukus

Mathematics, English and Physics and the following are my results how I performed:

Mathematics	B-
English	B-
Physics	C+
Geography	B-
Kiswahili	C
Biology	C-
Business studies	C
Chemistry	D

AGGREGATE POINTS: 48

MEAN GRADE: C+

If God wills, I would like mostly to take a career course of Bachelor of Education, Mathematics and Physics at the University. May God shower you with His blessings so much that you may live longer to see the world. Thank you.

Yours loving,

~~AA~~ -

Okunya Merias Shikukus



Mukoya Valentine

A. VALENTINE.

SHLEYWE GUEST HOUSE  
P.O BOX  
KAKAMEGA.

8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019.

Dear Laurention Sales.

Its with great honour to write to you once again. It has been long since I wrote to you. The main reason to why I am writing to you is to thank you for your support for my education for the last four years.

Actually I am a proud gentleman to have remained in the school during the season without being sent away for the fees. Life at school was actually like home in flesh but I had to remain focused with my studies. I kept moving the whole season partaking part in curricular activities as well being disciplined.

May I thank the keep staff for your support to ensure that I become educated. I promise to remain oriented as I also join the University for further studies. Finally ~~the~~ at the end of last year I sat for final national exams where I managed to secure a direct entry to University. I obtained a minigrade of B plain of 61 points having an A plain in mathematics. My results were as follows.

Mathematics	A
Geography	B+
Business	B
Chemistry	C+
Biology	D+
Physics	C
English	C+
Kiswahili	B



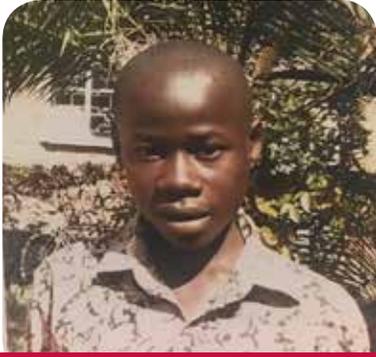
Mukoya Valentine

I am looking forward to pursue in education as a career.  
I also promise to work hand in hand with keep family to  
~~to~~ ensure we support needy and bright students to continue  
with ~~your~~ there education.

Yours

Sincere

Mukoya Valentine



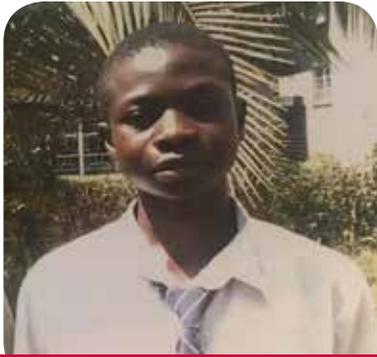
Branton Witila

4/02/019

My name is Branton Wilibla, I was born on date 24<sup>th</sup> May 2003. My family stays at Shiseso sublocation, Shisele location. I stay with my parents and my siblings.

My parents are peasant farmers. They grow maize, beans, bananas for food. We live in a semi-permanent house. We use firewood to cook food at home. We fetch firewood from a nearest forest.

We walk for some time to fetch water from a river. I closed my primary school on date 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018. I began my primary school on date 1<sup>st</sup> in January 2011. In school my best subject was English. During holidays, I help my parents with chores like fetching water, cooking, looking after the local cow we have. I need to be helped to get a scholarship to enable me continue with my education. Thank you for considering me to get a scholarship.



Isaac Shisia

4/2/2019

TO EZLAY FLOORING,

I Isaac shisia am happy to have this letter. I was born in the year 2000 in the village Lukunza. I live with my two parents at the home. We live in a temporary house made from mud.

About basic needs, we cook our foods using three stoned figures. We fetch our water from the river which is down flowing water.

As I come in learning, my first time that I stepped to school was 8:00 a.m and the last time I stepped out school was at 11:10 a.m at the end of KCPE Exam. I liked Mathematics too much and also I liked my prefect whom usually helped me in that subject.

After closing school, I usually help my parents in house chores. During leisure time, I usually go with my friends to train piano. That piano is my loved practise because after practice you can play it as people dance.

I humbly aske for scholarship because my parents cannot afford the school fees from form one to form four (1-4). They usually hurste to get our daily bread. I will be more thank full to get this schorlaship, and I shall be praisising it always. Thank you! "

(I liked playing piano which is at our school and church. We have made a group of practicing it at school)

Dear Sponsor

Attached is an autobiography of your new KEEF student and I would like to like thank you for your generosity that's enabling him to attend secondary school. Some of the terms, like temporary house or jiggers may seem confusing. I will try to explain with pictures and as few words as possible and follow the outline the student used to write his autobiography. Homes are described as permanent, semi permanent and temporary.



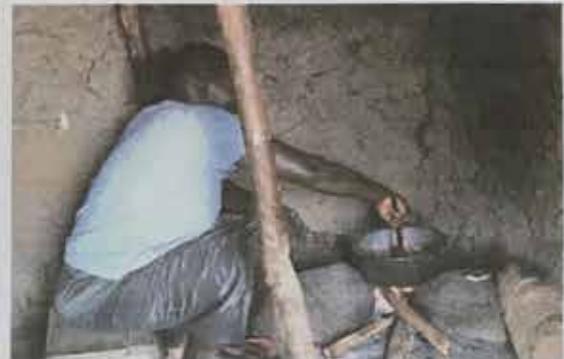
Temporary home of two boys.  
The roof needs repair but it's hard to find grass in the dry season,



This home is semi-permanent. To become permanent it would have to have cement walls, floor and glassed window,



Dirt floors are smeared with a mixture of dried cow dung and water. This prevents dust and jiggers or sand fleas from being in the house.



3 stones for cooking are in a separate small building. The room becomes smoky as there are only small openings for it to escape.



Githeri is often served at school for lunch. It is a mixture beans and maize. It is filling and quite tasty. Schools are in session from January to November with a break in April, August and December. Schools are exam based where the teachers usually lecture and the students take notes. Day schools begin at 7am and end at 6:30pm, boarders are up at 5am and in bed by 10pm.

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