

Student Profile

Name: **Martinho Tembo**

Gender: Male
Date of Birth: 27th February 1995
Place of Birth: Lusaka, Zambia

Grandfather: Clement Mumba
Profession: Retired

Grandmother: Cecilia Mumba
Profession: Retired

Primary School: Chibelo Basic School

Secondary School: **Ibex Hill Secondary School**

2010 Level: **Grade 9**



Family Background:

Martinho was born when both his parents were still in school and were unable to take care of him. His mother and father are now both married to different people, and Martinho is being raised by his grandparents in Ibex Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Mumba are currently looking after five children, the youngest being five years of age, and the oldest being nineteen years of age. As a retiree Mr. Mumba gets K212, 000.00 a month which isn't adequate funding for all their needs. Mr. Mumba also has a heart condition which requires him to go to the doctor frequently.

With all of these challenges Mr. Mumba encourages his grandchildren to work hard and develop their talents. His own words about Martinho were, "I feel he is very bright and adventurous. He is an entrepreneur."

Martinho's Education:

Primary- Chibelo Basic School

Martinho began his primary at Nyawas Academy and then moved to Chibelo. Generally Martinho placed amongst the top six pupils in class until grade five, when he began to place first more consistently. His success comes because of the attitude he has towards life. He said that being sick isn't the end of the world, so there is still so much that can be accomplished. His mature disposition was most

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likely what caused his teachers to select him as a class monitor in both grade six and grade seven.

Martinho's favorite subjects were Science and English.

At Ibex Hill

Grade 8

In Grade 8, Martinho completed the year as the number one student in Grade 8 at Ibex Hill School where his best subjects are science and French. While soft-spoken and unassuming, he never hesitates to speak up in class and ask for extra help when needed. He is a very hard working student, studying in the afternoons and coming every day for extra tuitions. Indeed, other students frequently seek out Martinho for extra help in the math and sciences. While he found English to be challenging, he worked hard to improve his writing and language skills this past year. Martinho was also elected to act as dorm captain for which his responsibilities included keeping order and organization in the dorm. He says that he was elected by his class because they recognized his strong leadership qualities. "I put everyone on the same level and treat everyone the same," he said recently, "Sometimes it feels nice having the authority, but can be tiring because people don't always listen."

He says that KF has changed his life and taught him how to give back to others who are in need. "The first time I came to this school in term 1, my performance in class was poor. I didn't do well in science and maths. Then in term two I received help from Miss Libby [a KF staff member] and Penius [an older KF student]. Miss Libby is a KF member who tutors all the KF students. Penius helped me when I had problems in any subject. In term 3 we wrote our end of year tests and my results were very good. I got the highest marks in maths and science and on top of that I was number one in my class."

Martinho's Interests:

Extracurricular Interests

At school, Martinho plays football and tennis. He also participates in cross-country and has improved his standing from number 8 in the first race to number 3. Martinho enjoys farming in his free time. He tends a crop of maize and he takes care of chickens and talents. "It is my talent — they are very productive." He sells some of the food he farms, and the rest goes to feed his family. However, he said that while his family eats his chickens and turkeys, he cannot bring himself to have the birds that he tended.

Off the field, Martinho participates in the wildlife conservation club. The club deals with the protection of animals threatened with extinction or poaching.

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Martinho said he plans to continue with the club because of how it relates to his future career as a veterinarian.

Career Interest:

Martinho would like to study to be an veterinarian and is especially interested in conservation. He was able to spend a day shadowing his mentor, who is in fact a veterinarian, where he held a dog as the doctor stitched a wound. He said the most important thing he learned is that you should never let go of the animal when you are treating it. The visit further confirmed to him that he wanted to work with animals, and he hopes to go back for another visit in the future.

“If I become a vet,” he said, “I would help those injured or ill animals because if we just leave them like that, they will die and diseases will increase. In the end many people will be dying and death is not good in the community. So I feel I would help the community in that way.”

Martinho’s Role Model:

Martinho looks up to his grandfather. “His life has been a success and he is the one who is encouraging me and makes me see my potential, my educational potential. He has travelled to many countries, England for three years, the U.S. for two years, and Japan to study engineering.”

Martinho also admires Iwell, an older KF student, because of his academic and sports achievements. Martinho remarked, “Iwell inspires me because he believes that we can do what we set out mind to, he sets goals and does it, like finishing as the highest student in grade 9.”

Martinho’s Thoughts:

“KF is a very kind organization in the sense that it helps children who are not only vulnerable, but are also vulnerable in health. It makes me want to be things I only dreamed of, taking me to the best schools in the country. Being a KF member has taught me a lot of things. How to behave in public and individually, it has taught me how to interact with different kinds of people. Last but not least, it has taught me how to love and care for people who are in need.

My favourite event is the day all of us in grade 8 were being introduced to our new schools with the teachers telling us what was going to be happening at school. This event was my favourite because it made my parents very happy that I actually saw them dancing for the first time in my life. KF has changed me to a new person who not only dreams but believes he can achieve the dreams.

Kucetekela Foundation has helped me in many ways and my family and in view of my career. Firstly, it has helped my family by taking me to school and introducing a new manner in me that my family has liked. Also, KF has helped

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me get associated with other people to learn how to behave and how to interact with other people.

The older students of KF are all kind and helping. They help me when I have problems at school since most of the seniors are prefects. They are very kind because they understand the situation. They also come from the same background I come from.

Kucetekela is the best thing that has happened in my life, and I hope that I will do the same great things that KF is doing for me and other children.

The Kucetekela Foundation is a good program that helps people like me so that my grandfather doesn't have to pay too much money for my secondary school and maybe he can just pay for my college and university which is a challenge for a retired man.

I want to study very hard for me to achieve my dreams and I don't want to be involved with drugs or alcohol because those things destroy you and can kill you."