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Student Profile

Name: **Penius Mumba**

Gender: Male
Date of birth: 10th June 1993
Place of birth: Lusaka, Zambia

Mother: Febby Mwale
Profession: House Maid

Father: Deceased

Primary School: Chibelo Basic School

Secondary School: **Ibex Hill Secondary School**

2010 Level: **Grade 11**



Family Background:

Penius' mother has persevered through many challenges to provide her children with opportunities. Ms. Mwale's mother died when she was very young. She then stayed with her father until he died when she was 18 years old. No one was around to take care of her, and she dropped out of school before the end of Grade 9. She did not write her Grade 9 exams and started looking for work instead.

Ms. Mwale has been employed irregularly as a maid since that time and she been a maid in various homes. She has three children, and all attend Chibelo Basic School. The oldest is a girl in grade Eight. Penius is the second born. All three children live with Ms. Mwale and she provides for them.

Penius' mother earns approximately \$50 per month and is struggling to meet the school fees and other needs of her family. Penius said that without KF he would not be able to attend secondary school. "I would not get a place at school because my mother struggles so much to pay for my sister. It is a great relief to her."

Penius' Educational Background:

Primary- Chibelo Basic School

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Penius earned an outstanding academic record in primary school. He attended Chibelo School since Grade 1 and earned the first position in every single year.

Penius is extremely hard working and has learned the value of his determination. When he was in Grade Six he dropped to sixth position and cried a lot. At that point he committed himself to study hard. Ever since then, he has retained his first position.

His favorite subjects were English and Math with his highest grades in English.

At Ibex Hill Secondary School

Grade 8

Penius continued to value the importance of a good education. At Ibex Hill his favorite subject switched to science, but he still did his best to apply an equal amount of effort in all the subjects he was taking. As he has applied the right amount of effort to his studies, Penius showed improvement in both science and religious education.

Grade 9

In Grade 9, Penius has increased in his confidence and has a very competitive edge about him. He is constantly striving to earn the best grades possible. So far he is consistent in getting A's with Distinctions and has expressed a sincere desire to continue in like-manner. His favorite subjects in Grade 9 are religious education and science. This year Penius has shown improvement in mathematics and office practice.

At the 2008 awards ceremony, Penius received an award for achieving the 1st position in Grade 9B.

Grade 10

Penius finished his Grade 10 year with outstanding results because he has made academics his first priority. He placed second in his class earning 8 points, which means he achieved above 85% in 8 of his 9 classes! In addition, he received the award at Leopards Hill's annual prize giving day for being the most disciplined student. Still, he said that he "missed the mark of his goal by an inch" and hopes to do even better in his grade 11 year. His favorite and best subjects are English and Science. This year, he says "I have gained a full comprehension of my abilities and potential."

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Grade 9 Academic Achievements:

- Most Disciplined Student Award

Penius' Interests:

In primary school Penius loved to read story books and make friends. He also liked to dance, draw, and play basketball. Additionally, he loved to read scripture books, especially the Bible.

At Ibex Hill Penius is now able to add to his interests the love for chess. Penius is also very active in sports, playing volleyball, football, basketball, and cricket.

In grade 10 Penius joined the Jets club in which students practice math and science. He joined Jets because he likes to be creative and is motivated by the competition within the group. He also participates in chess club. Penius explained, "I love both JETS and chess because I feel they are beneficial. In life one has to be creative and know how to anticipate other people's action in order to know how to best respond." He is also an avid artist—he draws and does studies of nature. He also continues to participate in sports, playing soccer basketball, volleyball, and cricket.

Penius was elected to serve as a religious prefect for grade 11 and 12. His responsibilities include organizing religious studies, planning religious trips, and coordinating with the local church. He says, "I have a strong belief in Christianity and it is my first priority." He is looked up to as a spiritual leader amongst his classmates.

Community Service

For community service, Penius teaches French at an orphanage and a local women's project. "I feel I am obliged to repay my community and help others. What I have received, I have to give."

Career Interests:

His goal in life is to become an engineer.

"I did my work experience at Toyota Zambia. I learnt a great deal of things ranging from what services take place to who does what in Toyota Zambia. But the most important thing I learnt is something that had been near me but I didn't open my eyes to see it. This is something to do with our ambitions. I learnt that our goals should bring us contentment and not riches. We should be happy to enjoy what we have."

Penius' Role Model:

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Penius has two role models. The first is his mother. “She has inspired me with her determination and efforts.” The second is Jesus Christ. Penius strives to imitate his example everyday, to be selfless and caring to others.

Penius’ Relationship with his Mentor:

Penius shares a close relationship with his mentor, Mrs. Carol Mutazindwa. Penius described, “I am proud to say that I have cultivated a pleasant and very close relationship with my mentor and my mentor’s family. When I am with them, I feel safe as I feel with my family. They have been more than what I would ever expect. I never wish to leave them or lose them. They are basically like family,

Penius’ Thoughts

“I have enjoyed, I am enjoying and I hope to enjoy all the opportunities that I have been given. I have enjoyed the services that KF provides. I really appreciate the KF sponsorship, and even though my words cannot match my feelings, all I will say and continue to say is thank you for making my life easier.

I most pleasurable event was the work experience program. I have learnt a lot about caring and being affectionate for people that you don’t know. I have learnt to be social, helpful and positive and also being grateful for any aid provided to me.

Through the sponsorship have learned a great deal about responsibility. I have to take charge of my life and stabilize my family.”