

My name is Michael Otando I was born in 1995 at Musango village in Kakomega county. I am 16 years old, a Christian youth who is saved and committed to Christ. I lost my parents due to sickness in 2003, I was eight years old when I became an orphan. My elder brother who is illiterate and jobless took me in despite the burden on his family.

I struggled with a hard life but passed my primary examinations with good scores. I was offered several places to go to high school but I failed. I had given up and become hopeless, but I heard about Rev. John's organization that supports orphans spiritually and physically. I approached him and asked him for support. Rev. John is very concerned for the poor and agreed to assist me with my education and other basic necessities within his ability - he houses me and several other orphans along with his own family.

He supports me with educational, medical, food and clothing. My desire and interest is to be an engineer. I work hard in class to meet the requirements by striving for good grades. I am very thankful and really grateful for the support you, Rev. Diana and the teens from Christ Church La Crosse have given me. May God bless you, your church, the teens and other children who give their love to me - for my life. When my fee was paid I also bought 1 blanket, some books and a uniform. I promise not to fail you. I pray for God to provide for you in order to continue

supporting needy children like me. I also pray that God will provide for Rev. John and the COCED ministry to care for the spiritual and physical needs of the orphans in need. I pray for God to empower me with His knowledge, to fear Him and to do well in my studies.

God bless you, greetings and best wishes to all of you. I hope to hear your voice and meet you one day.

Your Child of God, Michael Otando