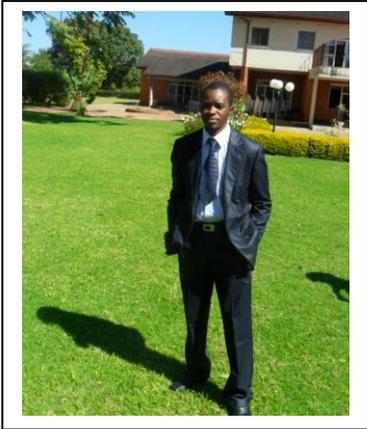


My miracle story

My name is Noah Banda. Had it not been for the Holy Cross Sisters I would not have been where I am today. My mother was widowed at a young age of 33. To support our family she used help in the sisters' kitchen. We are five in our family and I am the second born. The sisters used to help us also with school fees so that we could remain in school.



We lost mum a few years later when I was only 11 years of age. We had nowhere to go as our relatives took all that belonged to us including our house. Since we had nowhere to stay, an aunt took us in. My sister dropped out of school but the sisters continued to support me through donations they got for poor children. Life was not easy as my aunt had no job but we trusted in God and many days we lived on one meal or none at all.

When I completed my grade O'Levels, I passed with first class and was admitted to University. The sisters continued to support me. In order to teach me to work for what I got, I started to help the sisters in the school. I like children and was able to teach them English and Social Studies. In the evening, I attended university for four years. The sisters paid my school fees and paid me a stipend of USD 100 per month for the work I did. With this, I was able to help my aunt with the family and I put my young sister back into school and she has just written her O'Levels.

Now I have graduated with my degree in Business Administration with Education. I am now working as a full time teacher and able to look after the whole family.

I do not have enough words to express my sincere gratitude of how much am appreciating your love and care for others. The people who sent money to the sisters for the help of poor children have made me become who I am today. Please know that your kindness has changed my life as I have received a good education which I believe will not only help me but my family, community, the nation and many generations to come. May you continue with the same kindness.

God bless you all and THANK YOU.

Noah.

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