

Story

KS2, 3 &4 – Misheck's story



Twelve-year-old Misheck lives with his grandmother and sister in a rural area of Zambia, southern Africa. Since April 2014 he has been riding his bike 18 kilometers to and from school. In the past, Misheck stayed home but now he rarely misses class because he uses one of the bikes donated by World Bicycle Relief and ActionAid.



Misheck with his grandmother and sister



Misheck and his bike

Misheck lives in Nsolo Village in Muchinga Province of Zambia and is in grade four at Kapengwe Primary School. His grandmother, Christine Munga, is delighted Misheck has a bike and is able to go to school: "When Misheck's parents died he cried a lot so I took him to school so that he could mingle with his friends. However, he would get sick from walking the long distance".

Misheck says: "The bicycle is helping me not to miss class and to be on time. Previously, I felt that I was missing out on learning. I wanted to learn. I also missed my friends at school. My favorite subjects are mathematics and English. I want to be a teacher when I grow up."

Misheck lives with his fourteen-year-old sister, Iness, and his grandmother. Their grandmother harvests maize, pumpkins, finger millet and cassava to feed Misheck and Iness. In the evenings she tells them stories and offers guidance. More than anything, Misheck wants to go to school so that he "has the opportunity to have a better life and help look after my grandmother".



Misheck's day

06.30: Wakes up. Draws water for bathing. If there is food available, he will eat *nshima*, a maize dish.

11.00: Bikes to school.

12:00-15.30: Attends classes at school.

16.30: Arrives home. Draws water for cooking, washing and drinking. Collects firewood and plays football with his friend Bruce.



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