



THE SHORT INFORMATION OF MY LIFE April 2015

My name is **Napir Saip Mokoro**. I'm a second year student nurse at Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre School of Nursing. I started in March 2014. I was born in 1995 at Kitumbeine village in a rural Maasai area. According to our family history, our mother delivered all of us babies with traditional birth attendants. We are 8 children from our birth mother, although my father has a second wife who has 6 children.

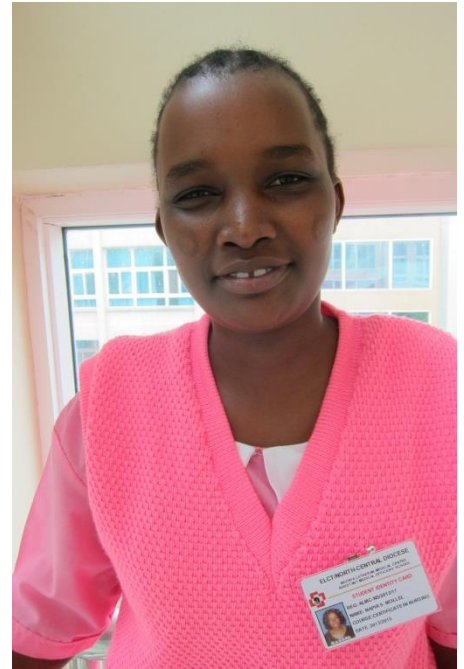
In our Maasai traditional, we female children don't have the opportunity to go to school. Rather, we are to be married and whether we want to or not, we are married off as our father receives a dowry long before we are married. So when you reach about 15 years you will be married. But I thank God who made us all, that some other people of God consider us who are born in such poverty and have given us the opportunity to alleviate our poverty through education.

I thank God that the government insists all children of school age to go to primary school. As a result, our local leader visited each house and identified children who were supposed to start primary school in 2002. So I got the chance to start primary school and completed that in 2008.

God gave me another opportunity to join MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School through sponsorship from Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA). We were allowed to stay in school even during our annual leave so that I didn't go back home where my father would force me to be married with aged man like himself which is much painful. After completing secondary school, I got opportunity to join the School of Nursing. This is my dream come true.

Growing up, I liked nursing as I saw Traditional Birth Attendants from our village caring and loving the women of the village. Once, when I was in secondary school, I fell ill and attended Monduli District Hospital with Malaria. I liked the way nurses treated me and other people with love. Then I prayed to God and said I wish one day to be a nurse and then my dream will have come true. Now that has happened.

I want to serve and care for people with compassion and love, according to knowledge and skills which I'm receiving at the ALMC School of Nursing. I will provide quality care for sick people and also preventive measures for the health of the community. I want to provide health education to the people of my community to teach them the importance of education for their children. Nursing is from my heart. I like it. After I graduate and get employment, I will help to educate my young sister and hope she too will be a nurse and help our community.



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