

My name is Mariam Ramadhani. I was born in 1992 at the Kilimanjaro Hospital. I am the third child in a family of six children. I started standard one in 2000 and I finished standard seven (final grade in elementary school) in 2006. Since then I have not been in school.

I have three sisters and two brothers. All of my sisters have children of their own. My oldest brother washes cars for work and my younger brother is in standard three.

I live with my sister, her name is Happy Ramadhani. She works at WEMA center, is married to Charles and has one child.

My Mother died in 1999 (I was seven years old) from malaria. Then we lived with my Father only until he died from cancer in 2005 (when I was thirteen years old) and left us alone. Then we were left all alone with nothing. In the beginning we survived only with the help of our neighbors, but this did not last. Then we had no help from anyone and that was distressing and troubling so that our sister got married and decided to take us to live with her, but they don't have the ability to send us to school because our situation and life is very difficult.

Yes, that is why I am searching for help from someone in America so that I can study and in turn help others. I would like to work in America because I will learn about other ways of life situations and different ways of living. I want to know the way of America so that I can change to a different way of viewing life. I can take what I learn from my work in America and come back here to help children who have no parents, who are orphans like me. I will help all of the young people and we will change the problems over here.

Thanks.