## The Story of Annes Richard



Annes Richard is a 15-year-old orphan. She lives in Matchakaza village near Lilongwe, Malawi. Annes was abandoned by her father at a young age and grew up with her mother and younger brother, who are both HIV/AIDs positive. Her mother is physically weak because of her long illness.

Home life was difficult for Annes as income was very limited as the family did not have land to be able to cultivate crops. They had to rely on the small provisions of others, with income as little as \$1.00 per month.

In July 2016, Annes was enrolled into the Manna House Ministry orphan care center in Matchakaza village. Since then, there has been a spiritual, psychological, and social transformation in Annes' life. In 2018, through the Bible studies and teachings, Annes committed her life to Christ and was baptized. The daily meal and teaching programs in which she participated in at Manna House motivated her to work hard in school. Her focus went from worrying about where her next meal would come from to her studies. Her performance kept improving each term.

Annes has continued to grow into a wonderful young woman. She now has graduated from grade 8 and been selected to attend Mziza High School. The school has boarding facilities and allows her to stay on campus. The school is located 115 KM from the city of Lilongwe.

The support from Manna House Malawi has provided this opportunity for Annes, one she only dreamed about in the past.