

## The story of Grace Mangazulu



Grace is one of our Manna House Kingdom Kids whose life has been changed through her participation in the mission. She is one of many with a story to share to provide a testimony to how Manna House is impacting lives in Malawi.

Grace Mangazulu is a 14 year old girl, as of 2020, who hails from Mtambo village, where a Manna House Care Center is located. She was living with her Aunt, whom she thought was her biological mother, until her aunt explained that her parents had died when she was an infant. Both of her parents died of HIV/AIDS and Grace contracted the HIV virus through breast feeding. She now takes medication to survive that disease.

Grace, who was born into a family of four children, is the youngest of her siblings. Two of her siblings are married, while Grace and her brother stay with their aunt. The aunt is a single mother with five children of her own and attempts to also support Grace and her brother. This creates a very difficult situation for Grace and her brother, as her aunt ,who is a subsistence farmer and asthmatic, has been unable to provide basic needs for all seven children. Grace had not received any clothing since 2017, when she began to receive two school uniforms a year from Manna House. The uniforms are also Grace's everyday attire.

A conversation with her aunt revealed that Grace would have been in grade 8 or 9 by now, but poor health restrained her. She is now in grade 4 at Mchenga Owiza School, the only school located in Mtambo village.

Grace has shared that due to the support of Manna House, she now has reason to smile. Through the support of daily meals, hygiene items, school uniforms, and a new knowledge of the bible she credits Manna House for giving her hope for her life. Both Grace and her Aunt mentioned the meal program as a great provision. It has transformed the girl's health tremendously. The well balanced diet she receives at the Care Center has invigorated her body and her health is much improved. Previously it was difficult for Grace to stay on her HIV medication properly as it must be taken with food and she was not being provided daily meals. This situation led to her poor health and negatively affected her school performance. The hygiene and school supplies received from Manna House are the only ones she has received. Through this support, she feels motivated and empowered to work hard in school and is focused on succeeding in life and becoming a self-reliant woman.

God willing, Grace would like to become a teacher because she wants to motivate other girls with similar life stories to hers. Her favorite subjects at school are Mathematics and Chichewa, the language of Malawi. Her favorite foods are spaghetti and eggs. She looks forward to continuing in Manna House until age 18.



*Grace and Aunt*