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Photo (L) taken August 2012 after receiving new clothes, shoes and a school backpack.

Photo (R) Showing off the door Bonus and his friend Majuto made that leads to their garden.

BONIFACE (Bonus) KOMBA

Boniface (Bonus) Komba was born on December 20, 2002 in Songea, Tanzania. Both of his parents have since passed. His father died shortly after he was born in 2003 and his mother remained ill after his birth until her death in 2005. Bonus, and his sister Nuru, were left with their grandmother who was very old and had no means of taking care of them. Recognizing her inability to care for her grandchildren, their grandmother decided to find help in an orphanage. In June, 2008 Boniface was accepted at the temporary orphanage of SWACCO located in Songea, Tanzania. The Songea Women and Children's Care Organization is the local partner of the Mwangaza Jitegemee Foundation located in Kirkland, Washington.

The Foundation provides Bonus with shelter, food, clothes, medical and clinical services. They also provide everything needed for his schooling, including tuition, school uniform, books and school supplies. Currently he is in standard four at the Ukombozi School. Bonus is doing very well in school. After school he likes reading books, playing with the kids and helping with chores. Bonus is already quite skilled. He helped build the door in the above picture and often completes small repairs around the orphanage. He is always willing to help out in any way he can.

He is excited about his future and is very thankful that he and his sister were able to stay together at SWACCO. He is not sure what he wants to do when he grows up but does know that he wants to help people.