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## GOODLUCK NYONI

*Photo taken August 2012. (L) Goodluck, (chair) his mother, (Back R) brother Leonard, (Far R) Regina Chinguku, Director of SWACCO. Presenting keys to their finished home.*

Goodluck was born on August 9, 1994 in Songea; He lives in Lizaboni with his mother Agnes Nyoni and his brother Leonard. His father unexpectedly passed away when his mother was pregnant with him and she was very ill. This left him with his mother who remains very sick with Rheumatoid Arthritis and has no means of taking care of him or his brother. The boys did not know how to help her. Her health progressively got worse over time and the living conditions for all of them were miserable. He and his mother were completely dependent on Leonard, which put great strain on the family.

Goodluck's mother grew very concerned about the future of her children. She did not know how long she would live and was desperate for help. In her search for help she decided to present her problem to SWACCO, the Songean Women and Children's Care Organization sponsored by the Mwangaza Jitegemee Foundation. It is a local organization in Songea that cares for widows and orphans. To alleviate the difficult circumstances of the woman and her sons, and to offer an opportunity for a hopeful future for Goodluck and his brother, in 2006 SWACCO accepted the responsibility of providing him with the basic needs of life and particularly what was needed for his education and his health. Goodluck remains living with his brother and his mother.

The Foundation provides Goodluck with food, clothes, medical and clinical services and all of his schooling needs including tuition, school uniforms, books and school supplies. Currently he is in form two at London Secondary School, he is doing very well in school, and after school he likes playing netball, reading books, and helping care for his mother. He is hard worker, cooperative and compassionate.