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JAMES JOSEPH

Photo taken August 2012 after choosing new clothes, shoes and a backpack for school.

James was born in April 18, 2003 in Songea; He lives at Mjimwema with his grandmother Zakina Mbawala. His father passed away from HIV shortly after he was born. His mother did not have a good pregnancy and since James was born his mother had not been in good health. He and his mother moved in with his grandmother and all the responsibilities of taking care of James and his mother were left to his aging grandmother.

As the situation passed and his grandmother became ill they needed to find help. In January 2009 they found the Songean Women and Children's Care Organization, SWACCO, and reached out to them for help. James was accepted by SWACCO which is the local partner of MFJ in Tanzania and is completely funded by them.

The Foundation provides James with money towards rent, food, clothes, and medical and clinical services to keep him healthy. They also provide everything he needs for his schooling, including tuition, school uniforms, books and school supplies. Currently he is in standard two at Mjimwema Primary School. James wishes to become a pilot, he is doing well in his school and after school he likes playing football, reading his books and assisting with gardening. James is very compassionate with his friend; he will fit well in the society.