

Morton Sibale



Our UK team were really pleased to have met up with Morton when they were in Malawi. Morton was one of the first children to be helped through our Student Sponsorship programme. He was also the first Starfish student who went to University straight from Secondary School.

Morton grew up in the rural area of Limbi, Chenyama Village, in the outskirts of Salima district. He was unable to see how he could pay for his secondary education considering that his family were already struggling to cover their basic needs. His mother managed to pay half of the first term fees and Starfish helped thereafter.

Fortunately, Starfish was working with Kaputu Primary school, where Morton was learning. Starfish made a commitment to help 10 students based on performance to be accepted onto the Starfish Sponsorship Programme. Morton was picked and he channelled his gratitude for the sponsorship into his studies and worked so hard that he became one of the few students to receive a government funded place at university.

In an interview with a member of the Starfish Malawi team in 2015, Morton said, “whatever I will end up being, I will owe it to Starfish Malawi for helping me see this journey through from secondary school to college, which is 8 years. It was something my single mother would not have managed, and the efforts of Starfish to change my life are commendable. Now I see myself becoming someone in life, something which could not have been realised if it were not for Starfish!”

“I just cannot talk about my education without acknowledging the significant role that Starfish has played. As someone who has had the privilege of being sponsored from secondary school through to the entire four year university program, I cannot underestimate the role that Starfish, through people such as yourself have played in my education. As I am finishing school this year, I just would like to thank you and all who took it upon them to help desperate Malawian kids to achieve their dreams. The impact that your sponsorship has had on me and many other beneficiaries cannot be over-emphasized.”

Morton is now working at the United Nations in Malawi and is an assistant in their Welfare Programme which deals with Humanitarian Aid food assistance for those affected by natural disasters.

We are so grateful to all those who sponsor children through secondary school as it makes a real difference to them and enables them to have a brighter future.



Morton with some of our UK team in April this year.