



My name is **Paul Onesmo Malugu**. I joined Manyoni Orphans Sponsorship Association (MOSA) in 2002 when I was in Standard III. MOSA addressed all my personal needs. After my primary education, I entered St. John Seminary in Kilimatinde, Manyoni where I was able to graduate and get my National Form Form IV certificate.

My dream was to join the military when I graduate. But God knew my path more than I did as I was never successful with my efforts to go to the military. Instead, I went to Tanga in the north east of Tanzania for a Vocational Educational and Training Authority (VETA) program which trains young people different skills that meet the labor market. At Eckernford Vocational Training, I learned driving, mechanical engineering and computers and I was able to finish the program with level I- 3 certificates. After graduation, I did an internship to practice what I had learned, but I was not enthusiastic about the actual work as it was risky and it was hard to get a job in a new environment where nobody knew me. I am grateful to God for all the skills I acquired at Eckernford by the help of MOSA, and I dream of having my own car maintenance shop and a training school where I could teach others.

Also, I love working with children, it is a call that I had for a long time, but I used to hold back. Somehow, God opened the door for me to teach English to children in Moshi, Kilimanjaro. Here, I felt at peace because I love kids and I enjoy being with them and around them. Besides working with the kids, I have done volunteer work for three years where I worked with street children, disabled, homeless people, the elderly, drug addicts and prostitutes under a government program called 90-90-90 which is an ambitious treatment targeted to help end the AIDS pandemic.

I love the Lord and I live a decent life by staying out of trouble because of my integrity is important to me. I am grateful to MOSA for enrolling me in the program. My advice to those who are still in the program is obedience to their foster parents, MOSA staff and everyone who helps them along the way. Study hard and be self-starters. Thank you, MOSA.

