

EDUCATION IS POWERFUL



Melvin's story



Melvin is 12 years old and attends Nazombe Primary School in Palombe, Malawi.

Melvin has two brothers and one sister. His parents are police officers, and he also wants to become a police officer when he leaves school.

Melvin enjoys school, he likes:

“Social Studies and Science and Technology, because they are fun.”

Melvin thinks that education is important, he said that:

‘Education can be useful to all the children because when people get an education they can look at things differently than those that did not go to school.’

There are between 70 - 100 pupils in Melvin's class. Melvin said his school would be better if there were:

“More well qualified and dedicated teachers. We do not have enough teachers here.”

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“At Nazombe Primary School there are over 4000 pupils and each class has about 70 or 90 pupils per class and in our class the age of students is as high as 16. When there are 90 pupils in one class, it is very difficult to hear what the teacher is saying as there is too much noise from the pupils.”

Melvin’s message to governments would be:

“There are other children that fail to go to school and it should be up to governments to assist them.”

“I want all the kids in Malawi to go to school.”

Melvin’s story was told to the Send My Friend to School campaign in February 2017.

