

LILLIAN ALOUCH ANTIENO

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Lillian is the youngest of three children. Her entry into this world was marked by tragedy. Her mother, pregnant with Lillian, already had full-blown AIDS and died shortly after Lillian's birth. By the grace of God, Lillian had no HIV transfer.

Their family was financially comfortable. The mother was a sergeant in the Kenyan Army and her father a secondary school teacher. Immaculate, the oldest sister, at age 15 had a glowing future. She was exceptionally bright, was ranked at the top of her school, and was awarded a scholarship after passing her university entrance exams. All that came crashing down when both parents died of AIDS. She was forced to leave school in order to care for and earn a living for herself, her three month old sister Lillian, and her four year old brother. The girl who had hoped to be a doctor was forced to sell vegetables to keep her siblings alive.

At first they found shelter with an uncle and aunt. But the aunt was very cruel. She would take food away from the children whenever the uncle's back was turned. She locked them out of the house without even a blanket for warmth when the uncle was asleep and threatened to beat them if they ever told their uncle. They then ran away to be with another uncle who lived in the Kibera Slums. However, his wife resented their small income and tiny dwelling being stretched to feed and house three more. The aunt then left to stay with relatives in the country taking her children with her. Faced with such a dilemma the uncle had to choose his own wife and children. The three would soon be homeless again.

But God is good. While living on the streets, these children walked ten kilometers every Saturday to a Quaker Church where they were given their only full meal each week. The best part of their lives at this time according to the children was being able to attend Sunday School. Lillian had touched the hearts of the Quakers. She won awards for good behavior and music performances. This compassionate community group of Quakers brought Lillian to Providence Children's Home and petitioned for her to stay there.

Lillian found refuge at Providence. She finished her high school (form four) in 2015 and is currently completing a Diploma in Community Health and Nursing which will take 3½ years at AIC Kijabe Nursing School where Valentine is also enrolled. This is a field that Lillian loves because she is so passionate about serving her community. Her greatest desire is to see a sick person get medical help.

Lillian's sister Immaculate has since married a good and Godly man who has taken in Lillian's brother into their home. Immaculate with the help of the husband has a small boutique and her brother received a scholarship to study a Degree in Financial Accounting at Egerton University with the help of the Quakers Church. What once was a sad story for the entire family has become a testimony to the glory of God.