

Name: Moison Joshua

Age: 18

Favorite subjects:

- physics and english

Favorite hobbies:

- Playing Cricket
- Reading novels
- Singing
- Dancing



How was your life before you came to Sunrise Village?

My family is very poor. My father didn't allow me to go to school, I don't know why, but it was not because of the money, since governmental schools are for free. My father himself went to school as he was young and studied engineering, but he had no job and stayed at home all day.

I worked in the house, helped with cleaning and cooking. My mother worked for my neighbors as a cleaning lady, that was our only income. I have one younger sister and two younger brothers.

My father passed away as I was 8. Because our neighbors knew Sunrise Village, I came here with my sister as I was 10. My two younger brothers still live with my mother, she could care for them, but four children had been too much. Now, she is working in a children's home, so our situation isn't as bad as it was back then. Sometimes, she visits us.

How is your life in Sunrise Village?

At the beginning, I was very sad and cried a lot, because everything was new and completely different. But I got friends very fast, they helped me with the new environment. For example, Kalimuthu and Amithap who are still my best friends. I also started school in fourth grade. Initially it was hard, though I read the bible as I still lived with my family, I didn't have to begin from nothing.

Now I'm very happy, I learned so many things like gardening and electric work, dancing, singing, playing football and guiding others. Since I am the oldest here, I am like the big brother for all children, hence I am in charge. My school life is very interesting, I enjoy to learn new things every day. But sometimes, the work is very tough and I get tired, especially, when we have night studies until 11 pm. But I would never shift back to my old life.

How do you imagine your life, when you are an adult?

I want to be an English teacher for matriculation school, because I want to help children to understand how important studying is. Furthermore, I want to get a family and live here in Tirunelveli. When I could visit a country, I would go to the USA, for seeing Washington.