

for children

# hello

## KENYA

How do you greet someone in Swahili?



## habari

(Say “ha-BAH-ree”) Habari means “what’s the news?” and is commonly used to say hello.

### My name is Josiphat Zinga.

Age: 8

Lives in: **Mathare, a neighborhood of Nairobi, Kenya’s capital city**

I live with my mother, my sister, Mary and our pet cat named Tom. I have an older brother, an older sister and a niece who live nearby and eat meals with us.

I am in grade one, but my classes are not meeting now because of the coronavirus. My sister Mary is in grade four (one of the few grades in Kenya meeting in person in November 2020 to help prepare students for national exams). She brings home materials from the school for me to study and coaches me.

When school meets, it is from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a tea break and porridge provided by the school. We are done with classes at 4 and play at school until 5.

Now, at home, I get up between 8 and 9 a.m. and have *chai* (tea with milk) and *mandazi* (fried sweet dough) for breakfast.

I like drawing. I like playing with my cat. I like soccer. But I don’t play with other children now as much as I did before the virus. For chores, I wash dishes and I sometimes help my mother package the peanuts that she sells.

**What I want to be:** Clever and smart and a pilot

**My favorite subject:** Swahili and drawing

**My favorite food:** Rice and meat

## Across the globe

**Because of the coronavirus, millions of students around the world were out of school for months in 2020. What was that time like for you?**

As you reflect, we invite you to pray for Josiphat and other students worldwide who have spent months of 2020 out of school because of COVID-19. You could pray that virus rates are low enough to return to school soon; that until then, children can find ways to learn wherever they are; and that they and their families stay healthy.

