

for children

hello

CONGO

How do you say hello in Swahili?



Jambo

(Say "JAHM-bo")

My name is David Bironoka.

Age: 10

Lives in: Mubimbi Camp, Democratic Republic of the Congo

One of my favorite things to do is to play soccer with the other boys in the camp. I'm also happy whenever my mother works, so she can buy food for us. Sometimes there is food for breakfast; sometimes there is not. My family is lucky because my father raises goats. Most families in camp cannot afford to raise animals.

I have three younger brothers and one sister. I help take care of them, and I wash dishes. In our thatch home, four of us sleep on one mattress. The baby sleeps with my mom and dad. When it rains, water leaks in.

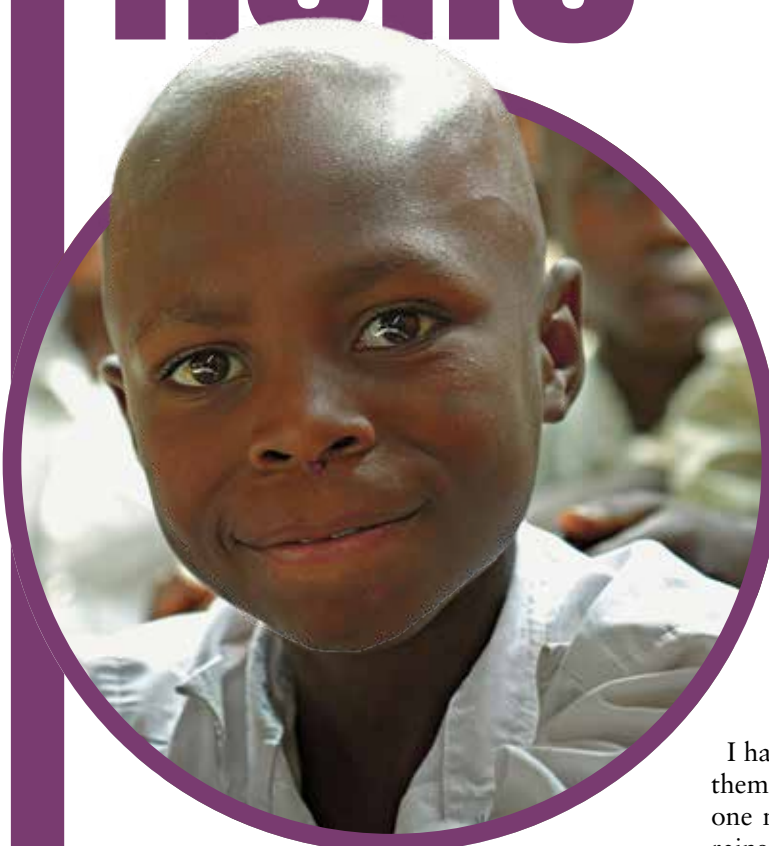
MCC's Global Family program pays my school fees and gives me school supplies each year. In my fourth grade class, we have 54 students. I grew up speaking Swahili, but now I know French too. Every morning, the whole school starts the day with singing. I really like to sing. (Hear David sing—mcc.org/hello)

My favorite food: rice and beans

My favorite subject: reading

What I want to be: doctor

David Bironoka (red) plays soccer with Toina Response at Mubimbi Camp.



Draw a shelter

At Mubimbi Camp, families build shelters out of materials they find nearby. How would you build a shelter out of these objects?

