



Nyero Christopher is my name. I was born in 1991 in the war torn Gulu district of Uganda until 1999 when a nun in Kampala (Sister Rose) rescued me and some other children and gave us a new home at Daughters of Charity Kiwanga orphanage. The Lord's Resistance's Army (Kony) killed eleven of my family members in a very brutal way, slaughtering humans like chicken. I don't really enjoy sharing my past with people since it brings no joy but sorrow and hurts me. With what became of my family, I hate seeing blood, I hate seeing soldiers or armies.

While in the hands of Sister Rose, life became peaceful, no more sleeping in the bush and hiding from bullets and machetes. I started dreaming normally and setting goals for my life, believing to be a better person for a better Uganda. And I was safe from becoming a child rebel soldier.

In 2001, here comes a chance for to join a new charity, Uganda Children's Charity Foundation(then) which is Children of Uganda today. Through Sister Rose, they supported my primary school education from Mother Kevin Primary School where I scored 16 aggregates , at this rate I started seeing the possibilities of my dream becoming a reality.

In 2007, I joined Lordes Meade vocational college where I was only able to study senior one and later shifted to Mbuye farm school in Rakai District where I studied till when I completed senior four. That marked the end of my academic life having scored second grade yet Children Of Uganda's policy for academic financial support was strictly for only first grade students. That was the last time I was near the tunnel of seeing my dream come to life.

Right now, am not qualified in any field and am an equivalent to a school drop out, after being a half-baked student by Children Of Uganda. My desire is to attend adult education and complete high school, join University and graduate in the agricultural profession or environment.

The reason why I choose farming or environmental science is because the resource owned by majority Ugandans is land and I feel I have to teach fellow youth and citizens at large modern farming as a way of fighting food insecurity where most families have one meal per day not because they lack the land but rather lack the right knowledge of farming. The poverty rate in Uganda is still high and I strongly believe if supported to go back to school, I will work tooth and nail to empower the citizens economically through permaculture and other income generating activities.