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Abandoned boy now transforms lives of others



Joseph learned Biointensive farming and tailoring and now he is G-BIACK's tailoring trainer

Joseph Mbugua, 17, was abandoned by his mother immediately after his birth when she discovered that Mbugua had double hunchbacks. He was left to die in the hospital. Fortunately he was rescued by the hospital staff and was nurtured and brought up. In 2009, Peris noticed him at the hospital and offered to train him at G-BIACK in tailoring/dressmaking and GROW BIOINTENSIVE. This boy is a fast learner and after one year of training, he became an expert. G-BIACK offered him a job in charge of tailoring-training for our dispossessed girls and orphaned young people programmes. He has so far trained over 35 boys and girls. In addition, Joseph has taught himself how to repair the tailoring machines when they don't work properly.

A kind woman who is a Good Samaritan and lives near the G-BIACK centre has given Joseph a place to stay, but we are hoping to construct a house for him so that he can be a fully independent boy.

If you would like to help to support Joseph and the G-BIACK programmes that he is involved in, a donation of any amount can be designated for: the Dispossessed Girls and Orphans Programme; the tailoring machines purchase fund; or construction of a house for Joseph. In addition, we are always grateful for contributions in support of our Biointensive training programmes (every \$5 trains one farmer and feeds his or her family for life).

Donations of any amount help us to reach out to more vulnerable families. Checks payable to Kilili Self Help Project and designated for G-BIACK may be mailed to: 260 Marion Avenue, Mill Valley CA 94941 USA. Donations are tax deductible and 100% of the donated amount will be sent to G-BIACK for our programmes.

> Please visit us! We are located 10km east of Thika town along the Thika – Garissa Rd (highway A3)