

## **Kando Kando English Translation** *for* **Moses Lumbasi Enoch:**

My name is Moses Lumbasi Enoch and I'm 21 years old. I started school in the year 2004, in the town of Kakamega where I studied there for 8 years but I wasn't able to join high School. I therefore saw it fit to run to Nairobi to look for a better future.

I've worked at this specific car wash for two years. Even though I haven't stayed here for long I would still refer to myself as an expert. I can do a lot - from dismantling and re- assembling the cars' parts, washing the engines and no matter how muddy your car is, I'll still make it squeaky clean.

I didn't go to school for this, I learnt everything through apprenticeship. Seeing with my eyes and then trying to repeat what I have observed. One day my friend helped me with his car and I figured my way around it to perfection...the rest is history.

All the same, I don't see myself staying at this job for very long, it's a good job but staying for so long near the water isn't good for you. Maybe one more year and then I'll be able to get my own business where I can eat from and be self-employed. If i do my math properly, i can buy a plot and build little houses and from those houses i'll get my daily bread and extra cash to do other businesses like selling shoes and more.

There are some customers who will push you around but you have to persevere, you have to always remember what your end goal is, is it the money that brought you? At the same time there are good customers who give you advice and morale to keep going, you hang around them and you learn more about life.

My life has really changed. When I started I had not built a house but now I have my own house...there's even a farm that I have leased for cultivating maize. There's a huge difference between Kakamega and Nairobi, even though Nairobi is more developed than Kakamega, in Kakamega you would always find sugarcane to eat but in Nairobi it's very stressful, even to get that extra 20 shillings to buy sugar cane is a hustle.

There's something that happened to me in the month of August 2019, at that time I didn't have the full knowledge of how to operate a car so I accidentally crashed a customer's vehicle. I had to take responsibility and pay for my ignorance, that's just the way it is.

I don't go to church because we are always busy on Sundays but everyday before I leave home, I pray to God that wherever I will be at peace and that my day is filled with happiness and no conflicts with my fellow workmen, that my day is filled with love and all the good things.

I would really like...if people could really plan, even if you have a job, and you can afford to buy an open field you can start your own car wash. The car wash will always provide that daily bread. You know working at a car wash is more profitable than buying a motorbike and

spending the whole day with it on the road? in a day i can wash around 200 cars for 200 shillings each...You know? That's more than enough money for anyone to use. So don't lie to yourselves that you are going to become thieves and robbers, that will only put your life in danger.

All I know in life is that unity is strength. I want everybody to come together and help each other as soon as possible. You can never see what tomorrow will bring. If you get 200 bob per day, eat 50 bob and save that 150. Maybe tomorrow the money you have saved will save you and uplift your life.

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