

# Send **All** My Friends to School



## Lucy, from Kenya

**Lucy lives in Kisumu in western Kenya. She contracted polio when she was very young which affected her right leg. Lucy would love to go to school but is unable to make the journey there because of her disability.**

“My name is Lucy and I am eleven years old. When I was younger I fell sick and was taken to the hospital. They told me I have a disability as a result of suffering from polio. My right leg is affected and cannot straighten, but the left is ok.

When I wake up in the morning, I clean the house, wash the dishes and make tea for all of us. I light the fire for my parents, eat, pray and rest. In the afternoon, I bathe my brother and myself and go out to play ball and bottle top games.

I don't go to school because there is no way I can get there: I would have to be carried and my mother is busy on the farm. I wish I could learn to read like my friends. If I did, after finishing school I could become a teacher or doctor and help support my family.

Lucy's mother Jane says: “I would like Lucy to go to school so that she can be independent one day. I don't see disabled pupils in the school so I don't know if they would admit her even if I could get her there. If Lucy doesn't go to school her life will be very difficult.”



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