

# 14-year-old **Ssekanjako Musa**

, a former street kid, received the highest score ever achieved by a street kid on his Primary Leaving examination in December, 2006. Musa achieved this success after only one year in our program.

Musa was #1 in his class at St Peter's Naalya, one of the top eleven schools in Uganda. He received 8 out of 8 aggregates (A+) his first term there.

“LEAD Uganda gave me the chance to go back to school. It was what I wanted. I think it was God's will that this would happen - meeting Steve and joining LEAD Uganda. My life would have turned out so different - I would still be with my street kid friends, hiding in the slums, if it wasn't for this chance of a better life.

My position in class is constantly changing but I am doing okay. We have 380 students in our grade at school. 84 are in my class. I am in the top third of the class. It is good but I can do better.

I went back to my village to meet my family as they had heard that I was now in school in Kampala. Uncle Steve took me back home to visit. I was very, very happy to see my Mother again and my grandmother too. They didn't cry. They were just overjoyed to see me. They are really proud of me now.

I hate to think what would happen if I stayed on the streets. In ten years maybe I would be dead because it is rough - you eat bad food, there is nothing to do, and you are forced to do robberies and steal to get money. I would have been taken to prison or shot by the police. Now, through Concern, I want to be an engineer when I grow up so I can help children. I will fight poverty, bring street kids back to God and back to school, and fight corruption.”

