

## **SEMAKULA GRACE'S STORY**

My name is **Semakula Grace** aged **48** years old, married with 3 children and I was born on 31<sup>st</sup> October 1971 at Kasangati Maternity center,, Kasangati town council in Wakiso District.

My father was called the late Christopher Musoke and Catherine Nabadda the late. All of them were residents of gayaza trading center in kasangati town council.

During my up bringing, I was with my parents at gayaza town and I started school at wampewo primary school from primary one to primary seven where I passed PLE with **14 aggregates in 1987**. Later on, I joined Ntakke senior secondary school in 1988 and I studied from senior one to senior three where I could not continue with further studies due to some reasons from my family.

In 1991, I was taken to my uncle called Kato George Noar who was staying at Bunamwaya Nankinga zone and was owning a garage and also having a brick laying projects at his home. I was taught how to repair motor vehicles, wiring, assembling vehicles and also how to lay bricks and half bricks and to drive, I paid a permit.

In 1991 December, I applied for the job of office messenger in Judicial Department and I was given a job were I was to work with immediate effect from the date I presented in my appointment letter.

I was posted to Mukono chief magistrate Court and it is where I was being up graded up to a rank of office supervisor grade three. I have worked in many various courts as an interpreter and also doing office work as directed by my superiors.

In 2005, it is where I requested for a leave so that I can look after my family and they allowed me. At that time, I was at kampala high court working as Assistant clerk for the judge.

After, I joined Mount sion prayer center Bukalango which is located at 16 miles Hoima road. I was in connections with Rev. Fr. Magembe Expedito because I knew how to drive various cars as I had a driving permit I got in 1991 from Savio Driving school channel street, kampala by then.

At Bukalango I was directed also to be in charge of all the projects on land up to 2008 when this alleged offence was put on me that I murdered some one on a mob justice.

In 2008, mob justice ws at the village and Kabuza Peter(late) died and I was implicated because I was at the scene trying to rescue that boy.

I was arrested in 2009, charged, remanded to **Sentema prison**. Later I was tried before High Court, found guilty of the offence of murder C/S 188 & 189 of the PCA (Penal code Act). I was sentenced to 35 years in prison. I was still not contented with the sentence and I was given an opportunity to appeal with in 14 days which I did in 2013 by Hon lady Justice Ibanda Nahamya.

Before my **conviction**, I involved in many seminars like behavior change, life in spirit, discipleship seminars (faith raising), counseling and others. I found my self lacking O-level certificates backing my previous certificates and in 2017, I enrolled at school and I was admitted in senior three, 2018 I sat Uganda certificate of education where I passed in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

I decided to join tailoring because it is a skill where I can earn a living from here and can help the society.

It is this year when I joined and it's the same year when was reduced to 20 years in prison and as per now I am remaining with 5 years to finish the imprisonment.

Which imprisonment I need to use as a privilege that in future and after cusode I can support my children and the society at large.

My children are Sarah Nakamya first borne, Bob Mukasa (second), Bonny Kagambe (third) in senior three at Lugazi Kawolo. Bob Mukasa at University doing Engineering in water resource.

All the above is from me **SEMAKULA GRACE**.