

William Kamkwamba

William Kamkwamba is a famous Malawian inventor and author who overcame famine to bring electricity to his small village of Wimbe. Read on to find out more about his amazing life.

Early Life

William was born on 5th August 1987 in Kasungu, Malawi. His father was a dedicated farmer and grew fields full of sweet, yellow maize which he would then harvest and sell to make money. From a young age, William happily attended the local primary school and was very hopeful that he would be lucky enough to attend a good secondary school where he could learn all about science and technology. When he was not at school, William would help his father with the farming or play with his friends, Gilbert and Geoffrey. During William's childhood, Malawi was sometimes not a very nice place to live. The government did not listen to the views of the people living in Malawi and often did not act in their best interests.