

AUDIOSCRIPT 2-CONVERSATION

Journalist (J), Chimokel (C)

J: Chimokel, did you want to become an athlete when you left school?

C: Oh, no, I didn't. I come from a very poor place and my mother died when I was sixteen, so I left school and then married Benjamin a year later, in 1995. I didn't think about running or sport at that time. I had a lovely husband, a home, and then I became a mother. I have four beautiful boys.

J: So, why did you start running?

C: We are a poor family: we have just a few animals- three sheep and seven chickens, in fact- and a little land potatoes. We're a hard-working family, but in our local area most people earn under a dollar a day. So, we didn't have any money, but we wanted to send our boys to school. Then, last year, my neighbour told me about the running races and the prize money. So, I decided to start running, and here I am now!

J: How did you train and look after the children at the same time?

C: My husband Benjamin was very helpful. I trained every morning; I ran in the hills and Benjamin made breakfast for the boys. They're very young- the oldest one is only nine- so it wasn't easy for my husband. But he didn't get angry; he always smiled. He's a patient, friendly man. And last week he sold one of his sheep and chicken to pay for my ticket to come to Nairobi. He helped me very much- he's very kind.

J: Did you win much money yesterday?

C: Oh, yes, I did. Oh, a lot, a lot. A lot for me and my family. I won \$12,000. It's incredible. I still can't believe that I won the race. Now we can send our children to a good school. When we were young, we didn't have the chance to finish our education but perhaps our children can go to university.

J: Was this marathon your last race?

C: Oh, I don't think so! They want me to race in Europe next year! Can you imagine? I live in a tiny village in the Kenyan countryside, and they want me to run in Paris and London. I hope I can take my family, and that we don't need to sell any more sheep and chickens.

