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# An A-maize-ing Story



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Reading opened a world of opportunities for us, and we hope this book will get you one step closer to your dream. Work hard, never give up and don't let anything or anyone discourage you from reading and learning.

- Grace Woo & Onny Carr



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Room to Read seeks to transform the lives of millions of children in developing countries by focusing on literacy and gender equality in education. Working in collaboration with local communities, partner organizations and governments, we develop literacy skills and a habit of reading among primary school children, and support girls to complete secondary school with the relevant life skills to succeed in school and beyond.

While Bongie's family is planting maize in the field, she plants a seed of her own. Bongie takes care of the seed everyday – watering it, making sure it has sunlight, protecting it from birds and weeds, and even reading to it. Do you think the seed will grow for Bongie?



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