

Symon Fredrick Munanda Mwangi was born on the 6th of February 1957 in Thika District of Central Kenya. Symon went to a Primary school that was about a quarter of a mile from home and lower High School in Kairi Secondary School which is about 10 miles from his home where he used to walk on Friday and back on Sunday evening. He lived in a rented room in the shopping center and did his cooking, as this was a day school without boarding facilities. This motivated him in 1975 to select a boarding school that was away from home for his higher school certificate and this found him in St Mary's Yala in 1976 about 400 miles from home and used the train for transport. The University of Nairobi accepted Symon as a first year in Biological Sciences in 1978 but not before he taught for six months in a Secondary School. He graduated with a B.Sc. in Botany and Geography in 1981 and worked as a researcher and advisor in plant pathology with the Kenyan Ministry of Agriculture for ten years within which he also studied for a Masters degree in Plant pathology graduating in 1987 at his alma mater. Symon joined Egerton University as a Lecturer of Biology and Microbiology in 1990 where He is at the moment. Symon is married to Josephine Nyokabi and they have one boy child Kevin. His next endeavor is to establish a research chair on maize diseases at the Egerton University and be an educator and to testify of the goodness of the Lord Jesus Christ.