



THIS IS  
FENIAS CLAUDIO



Fenias is amidst studies at collage, he is completing his undergraduate in business management in Maputo, Mozambique. Fenais has already completed supplementary studies in Human Resources at the Maputo Technikon. His tuition fees have been subsidized by Mr. Brannon and Mr. Jaren Phillips of South Africa.

He lives with his mother and two sisters in Maputo, Mozambique. His Mother is the family's only breadwinner.

Having been born with a shorter leg with a small foot that didn't develop fully, Fenias started Taekwon-Do in 2006 and today has a Dojang (school) with over 15 students students of his own. He is also teaching children to read and write from his community. He is a very positive role model in his community and across his Taekwon-Do peers, never allowing his physical challenges stop him.

22 YEAR OLD...





Fenias is very excited in the prospect of being able to have a prosthetic leg.

*“I do not see myself as a disabled individual with a 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Black Belt, but rather, a Master one day that stands next to great champions”.*

A TRUE CHAMPION



”ESTOU MUITO FELIZ EM SABER QUE  
“NO MUNDO HÁ PESSOAS QUE  
APOIAM E SE PREOCUPAM COMIGO”

Translation: *"I am very happy to know that in the world there are people who support and care about me"*



# TRANSFORMATION



Close look at Fenias's leg.  
Dated: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014





FENIAS STANDS PROUD IN RECEIPT OF HIS 2ND DEGREE CERTIFICATE.

Fenias stands with instructor, Mr. Saimon Charlie (4<sup>th</sup> Dan) on receipt of his 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan certificate.



Fenias stands with his medical team from Harper & Kühn Prosthetists in Johannesburg, South Africa – June, 2016.

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**Fenias stands with Senior Grand Master Hwang Ho Yong, 9<sup>th</sup> Dan (right, Maputo, Mozambique – May, 2014.**

It is with sincere appreciation, I wish to endeavor in helping Fenias raise the needed funding to purchase customized prosthetic leg.

I have been a practitioner of ITF Taekwon-Do since 1992 and while I have been afforded the opportunity of training and traveling with the most prestige's of instructors, Masters and Grand Masters alike, one of my greatest lessons has been through playing witness to Fenias's story. Besides his humble and graceful demeanor met at the surface, Fenias is the very essence of what defines a true martial artist from the sensationalist. Fenias imbues the triumph of the human spirit – he lives and portrays the tenets of Taekwon-Do:- Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self control and Indomitable spirit.

At age 22 only, Fenias has achieved miraculous milestones in Taekwon-Do. He is not only a respected 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan black belt but an Instructor already to the aspiring youth of Maputo, Mozambique. Fenias's often teaching sermon is silently echoed in the premise that “no mountain is too high and we are the champions of our own destiny”.

In my capacity as a physically able and healthy individual, I am both humbled and privileged to be able to avail my time in help of Fenias reaching even greater potentials and to feel not prejudiced by his disability within society.

I invite all necessary support, for which, I look forward to welcoming you on this journey in helping Fenias's reach even greater heights.

In service and friendship – sincerely,

**Brannon Phillips**

**6<sup>th</sup> Dan, International Instructor**

**Senior Vice President - International Taekwon-Do Federation of South Africa (ITFSA)**

# THE MISSION...

## **THE FENIAS CLAUDIO PROJECT**

A project benefiting a very special young man from Maputo, Mozambique named Fenias Claudio. Fenias is one of the very few who has achieved an ITF Taekwon-Do 2nd Dan black belt with one leg, and with having to re-engineering the techniques to accommodate his disability. This project will help in raising the much needed funds to acquire a custom-made prosthetic leg.

Fenias has relied on crutches to date as the prospect of a prosthetic leg has been beyond his reach.

This initiative was started after Brannon & Jaren Phillips (both senior ITF Instructors and 6th Dan black belts) traveled to Mozambique in 2014 and since, have been trying to help Fenias to get a prosthetic leg sponsored. Being declined by several health organization and after a 24 month global canvas, in the latter of 2016 it was decided that a crowd sourcing campaign was a worthy consideration. With both Jaren and Brannon as the incumbent ITFSA President and Senior Vice President, it was agreed by the ITFSA Executive Committee that all funds received will be collected and managed through the ITFSA on behalf of Fenias.

The aim of the ITFSA is to improve technical standards and the growth of Original ITF Taekwon-Do in South Africa. The International Taekwon-Do Federation South Africa (ITFSA) is a Non Profit Company duly registered in terms of the Companies Act, 2008, registration number NPC 2013/178596/08.

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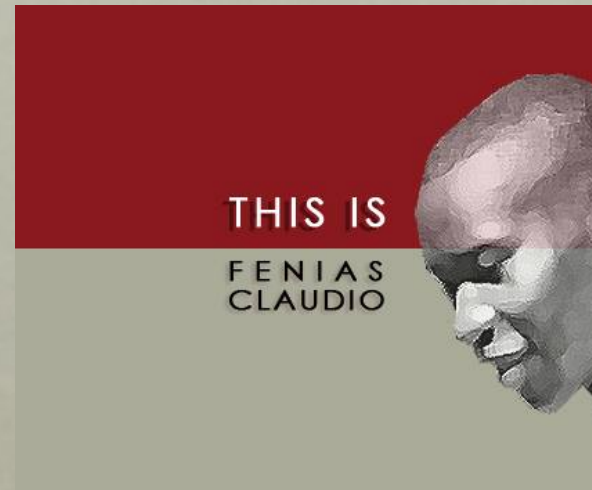
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THE CAMPAIGN...





Fenias stands with Brannon Phillips, 6<sup>th</sup> Dan (left) and Jaren Phillips, 6<sup>th</sup> Dan and ITFSA President (right), Maputo, Mozambique – May, 2014.

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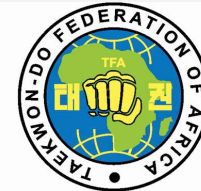
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