

Nkhumbudzeni Mudau was born in rural community in Venda in Lwamondo. He attended Primary and High school in the local village. Many days went by where he would watch the trails of mist in the sky in Limpopo and dream of flying in an aeroplane.

In 1993 he came to JHB to complete his matric and then studied part-time Financial accounting at Park Town College in 2001. Initially staying in a dormitory in Hillbrow, with a curtain separating his room from other hostel dwellers, he met a friend from his rural village who introduced him to computers. His interest in IT grew and he enrolled for an A+ training program which he completed in 2002.

Whilst staying with his brother in Alexander, he was on a mission to find a job. Every morning he would wake up and hand deliver his CV to any company that would accept it. One morning he found himself at the LGIT offices and left his CV at reception. The following day he returned with the hope of getting employment.

That is when I first met this determined man, who was willing to work for only “real world experience”. Based on his determination and willingness to learn, LGIT employed him on a contract basis. In 2003 February Mudau began working at LGIT, where trainers and staff coached him. Within a short period of time his responsibilities included setting up machines, loading software for all training courses, assisting with delegate registrations. He even got involved in cleaning the office.

In 2004 LGIT moved premises to The Woodlands and our training capacity increased from 2 training rooms to 4, accommodating nearly 60 delegates. Mudau continued to receive Microsoft training applicable to his job role within the company.

In February 2006 Mudau was offered a job at GijimaAST as a field technician. His new position required a lot of travelling and in 2006 he got his driver’s licence and bought his first car. He was involved in rolling out software for ABSA bank across the country.

At the end of 2007 Mudau was offered a job by TCM to provide support on linux at all FNB branches. Again he was involved in lots of travelling and on the job training. It was here that the unthinkable happened. He flew to Cape Town to assist with setting up the new FNB branch in Franschhoek. “I felt very scared flying in an aeroplane for the first time to Cape Town and don’t like the bumps” he says.

Today Mudau works at CitiGroup as Systems Analyst. Here he provides desktop support to users, via remote access. He is currently in line for a transfer to CitiGroup’s Head Office in London and is excited at the opportunity of living in another country for 2 years and gaining international experience.

I feel very proud of his achievements today. When I ask him about his future goals, he smiles and says, “I would like to be a Project Manager in IT, involved in migrating hardware and software solutions for CitiGroup. “

I know, when he gets selected to start his new life in London, the sky will not be the limit for Mudau.