Book Club

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

Chapters 7-8 Main Points

**Chapter 7**

* William finds out he did poorly on his test so he does not get into the school that he wanted to go to.
* The rainy season begins – there are bugs everywhere
* William’s mother gets robbed at the market
* William has to drop out of school because his parents are unable to pay for it
* Geoffrey (William’s cousin) is very sick from hunger
* The entire country is getting sick from hunger
  + People are wandering villages looking for food and going mad.
* The president denies that there is a hunger problem in Malawi

**Chapter 8**

* William takes Khamba (his dog) out hunting but they catch nothing
* William’s cousins convince him to bring Khamba to the woods to kill him because he is dying from starvation.
* Cholera begins to infect the district – many people die
  + People put chlorine in their water to rid it of the cholera
* The family continues to starve
* William’s sister gets Malaria
* William and his family harvest their tobacco to sell at market at a discounted price.
* The president admits to the hunger “emergency”
* The *dowe* (corn on the cob) is ready to eat
  + The country’s spirits are lifted