

IOM Ghana Counter-Trafficking Sponsorship Update



**January
Month**

**2014
Year**

Name of Sponsored Child	***name removed for safety
Estimated Age at Rescue	13
School/Class	Primaryclass-4

Dear Sponsor,

Please find below a message from your sponsored child, collected during a recent monitoring visit.

My name is *** and I am 13 years old. I have survived three years of my childhood spent working for my fishing master.

I was trafficked by my uncle, whom I was initially living with. I spent three years of my childhood working for my fishing master. While there, I worked under dangerous conditions. Luckily, I was rescued in 2008 and IOM reunited me with my grandmother.

Prior to my rescued, my fishing master engaged me in fishing activities such as casting and pulling nets, diving into the lake to disentangle nets, mending nets, unscaling and carrying fish. In addition to those tasks, he used me for all kinds of domestic chores.

After my rescue, I was enrolled in Ameloworkope L /A Basic School by IOM. I am in Class Four and am currently performing well in all academic subjects, although my favourite is mathematics. During the last round of school examinations I was ranked second in my class and I am hoping to take the first position next term.

My current family situation is that my grandmother who is taking care of me is very old and unemployed. As a result, it is very difficult for find enough food to eat and to obtain money to pay school fees.

On behalf of IOM, we thank you for your support of ***. Together we can make a difference in the lives of rescued children, so they can attain or reach their highest potential in life through a safe and dignified manner. Your funds are used to provide basic essentials for children to attend school or their apprenticeship programme and include school supplies, food and hygiene items. Should you have any questions about the sponsorship programme, your sponsored child or other ways to get involved, please contact our counter-trafficking team at IOM Accra-Ghana.

Sincerely,

Wisdom Doe
Counter Trafficking Assistant
IOM Ghana

Please visit our website to review our Sponsorship FAQs and Child Safety Policy.

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*** prepares to ride his bicycle home at the end of the school day (January 2014).

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