

IOM Ghana Counter-Trafficking Sponsorship Update



**January
Month**

**2014
Year**

Name of Sponsored Child	***name removed for safety
EstimatedAge atRescue	16
School/Class	Primary-4

Dear Sponsor,

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

My name is *** and I am 16 years old. I have survived over nine years of my childhood spent working for a fishing master.

I was initially living with my parents. Unfortunately, I lost my father when I was about four years old. My mother could no longer take care of me and my siblings as my father was the bread winner. This resulted in my mother trafficking me. I worked for a fisherman. I worked from 3am to 1pm every day until I was rescued in 2011 by IOM and reunited with my uncle.

Before being rescued, my fishing master used me on the lake for his fishing business. Working on the lake as a child was very dangerous I had to dive into the lake to disentangle nets. I also engaged me in other fishing activities such as canoe paddling, casting and pulling nets, and mending nets etc.

After my rescue, I was enrolled in Evangelical Presbyterian Basic D/A School. I am currently in Class Four and my academic performance is very good, I always emerge first or second in my class at the end of every term. My hope is to beat the academic performance of all my class mates so that I maintain the first position in the next term.

Currently, I live with my uncle Dziwornu who is a blacksmith. My uncle always ensures that I am regular and punctual to school. However, he is unable to pay for some fees that we are charged in school due to the low patronage of his business.

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



*** happily running to welcome the CT team (January 2014).

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