



**January
Month**

**2014
Year**

Name of Sponsored Child	***name removed for safety
EstimatedAge atRescue	14
School/Class	Primary-5

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 six years of my childhood spent working for a fisherman.

I was trafficked at the age of eight by my aunt. I spent six years of my childhood working for my fishing master. During the period of trafficking I worked from 4am to 2pm every day under harsh conditions. I was never given enough food to eat, I worked in cold and hot temperatures, and sometimes was beaten with a paddle. Luckily, IOM came to my rescue in 2011 and reunited me with my aunt.

Before being rescued, my fishing master used me for all kinds of activities pertaining to fishing such as diving into the lake to disentangle nets, paddling his canoe, casting and pulling nets, carrying fish from the lake side, and domestic services.

After my rescue, I was enrolled in school by IOM and am currently in Basic School Class Five. I am happy to be learning in school because my performance is very good. I always take the first or second position in class at the end of each term.

My current family situation is that, I live with my aunt as I lost my biological mother when I was young. Since my mother passed away, my father has neglected me. My aunt and her husband are very interested in supporting my education and are doing their best to support me despite their difficult economic situation.

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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*** walks towards the chalk board to answer a question (January 2014).

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