



**January
Month**

**2014
Year**

Name of Sponsored Child	***name removed for safety
Estimated Age at Rescue	11
School/Class	Primary-4

Dear Evan,

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

My name is *** and I am fourteen years old. I have survived four years of my childhood spent working for a fisherman.

I was trafficked at the age of seven by my father. I spent four years working for my fishing master. During the period of trafficking I worked on the lake every day, fishing under very hazardous conditions. Despite the promises made to take good care of me, I was maltreated until IOM rescued me in 2011 and reintegrated me with my mother.

Before being rescued, my master used me for all kinds of fishing activities such as paddling his canoe, casting and pulling nets, mending nets when they get torn, unscaling fish, diving into the lake to disentangle nets and selling fish.

After my rescue, I was enrolled in school by IOM and am currently in my Basic School Class Four. I am happy to be learning in school but I have a lot of challenges that affect my school attendance and academic performance. My uncle, with whom I live, is not able to give me food in the morning; or money for food, payment for exams, and class and Parent Teacher Association (PTA) dues.

My current family situation is that, my mother with whom I was reunited has relocated to a village in _____. She told my uncle who is old and unemployed, to take custody and care for me. My uncle is unable to cater for me well. My father passed away before I was rescued and reintegrated.

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



*** interacting with the CT team concerning the possible transfer to a new school (January 2014).

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