

IOM Ghana Counter-Trafficking Sponsorship Update



**January
Month**

**2014
Year**

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| Name of Sponsored Child | ***name removed for safety |
| Estimated Age at Rescue | 9 |
| School/Class | Primary class-3 |

Dear Sponsor,

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

My name is *** and I am 12 years old. I have survived five years of my childhood spent working on a yam farm.

My father uncle trafficked me when I was about four years old. I spent five years of my childhood working for a farm owner. While there, I spent every day on the farm without access to education. I worked from 5am to 6pm every day before I was rescue by IOM in 2011.

Before being rescued, my master used me mainly for his yam farming business. On the farm, he engaged me in activities such as running errands, weeding, making yam moulds, planting yams and uprooting yams. There were instances when I got hurt while weeding on the farm. During my stay there I was fed mostly yams.

After my rescue, I was enrolled in Roman Catholic Primary at Have. My uncle in collaboration with IOM later transferred me to D/A Primary School. I am now in Class Three. My academic performance is average and I hope to perform better next term.

Currently – I live with my uncle and my sibling. My uncle wants me to attend school. However, he is unable to provide my basic needs because he is unemployed. Sometimes the issue of having enough food becomes difficult for us as a family.

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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Above: *** and his class mate demonstrating how to hug (January 2014).
Below: *** outside of his school. ©IOM 2014 (Photos: Wisdom Doe)



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