

IOM Ghana Counter-Trafficking Sponsorship Update



**January
Month**

**2014
Year**

Name of Sponsored Child	***name removed for safety
Estimated Age at Rescue	11
School/Class	Class-6

Dear Sponsor,

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

My name is *** and I am 14 years old. I have survived five years of childhood spent working for a fisherman.

I was trafficked at the age of six by my grandparents with whom I was staying. I spent five years of my childhood working for my fishing master. During the period of trafficking I worked from 4:30am to 2:00pm every day under harsh conditions. I was never taken to hospital when I fell ill. I had little food to eat, worked in cold and hot conditions, and ate the same food every day. This continued until IOM came to my rescue in 2011 and reintegrated me with my guardian.

Before being rescued, my fishing master used me for fishing activities such as , scooping water from canoe, diving into the lake to disentangle nets, paddling his canoe, smoking fish, mending nets and domestic service.

After my rescue, I was enrolled in school by IOM at Akukorme E.P Primary School. I am currently in Basic School Class Six. I am happy to be learning in school because my performance is average but with very high marks in mathematics.

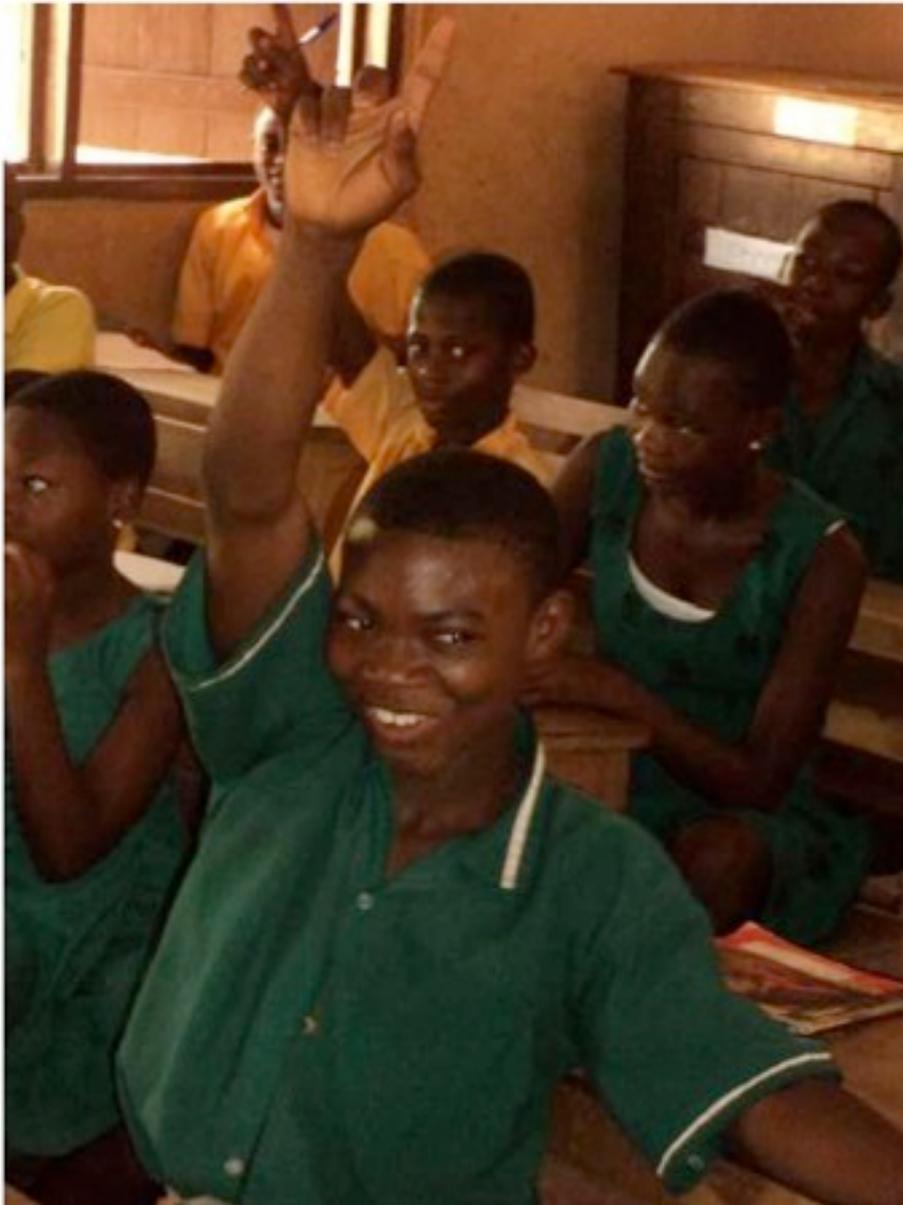
My current family situation is that, I live with my guardian as my mother's whereabouts are not known. In addition, I lost my father three years before my rescue and no family member could be traced for my reintegration.

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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*** smiling with his hands raised up to answer a question during a mathematics lesson (January 2014).

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