



January **2014**
Month **Year**

Name of Sponsored Child	***name removed for safety
EstimatedAge atRescue	14
School/Class	Primary-3

Dear Sponsor,

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

My name is *** and I am 17 years old. I have survived almost a year of my childhood spent working for my fishing master.

I was trafficked by my mother who was seriously ill and in dire need of money for medicine. My mother's thought she was sending me to live with a women, to help with domestic chores. However, this madam re-trafficked me and I ended up working for a fisherman. During the period of trafficking, I worked on the lake fishing under very hazardous conditions until IOM rescued me in 2011 and reintegrated me with my mother.

Before being rescued, my fishing master used me for various fishing activities such as diving into the lake to disentangle nets ,paddling canoes, casting and pulling nets, mending nets, scooping water from canoes, and many domestic chores.

After my rescue, I was enrolled in school by IOM and am currently in my Basic School Class Three. I am happy to be learning in school and my current academic performance is average.

My current family situation is that I live with my stepfather as I do not know the where abouts of my biological parents. My father abandoned me several years ago, while my mother left me a few months after my reintegration and never returned.

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

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*** smiling on his way to the school canteen during break time (February 2014).

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