



**January  
Month**

**2014  
Year**

<b>Name of Sponsored Child</b>	***name removed for safety
<b>Estimated Age at Rescue</b>	12
<b>School/Class</b>	Primary-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 three and half years of my childhood spent working for a fishing master.

I was trafficked at the age of eight by my aunt who was my caregiver at the time as I lost my mother during childbirth. I spent three and half years working for my master. While there, I also worked as a domestic servant, until IOM rescued me in 2011.

Before being rescued, my master used me on the lake for his fishing business by engaging me in activities such as casting and pulling nets, paddling his canoe, unscaling, smoking and selling fish. At home, I swept, washed and fetched water from the lake side for domestic use, and cooked every day.

After my rescue, I was enrolled in A.M.E. Zion Basic School and placed in Class Five. I am now in Class Six. My academic performance is good as I make sure I am always among the best five.

My current family situation is that I do not know where my father lives. As such, I was reintegrated with a foster mother. My foster mother is doing her best to ensure that I attend school regularly.

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



\*\*\* relaxing just after returning from school(January 2014).  
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