

IOM Ghana Counter-Trafficking Sponsorship Update



**January
Month**

**2014
Year**

Name of Sponsored Child	***name removed for safety
Estimated Age at Rescue	16
School/Class	JuniorHighSchool-Form1

Dear Sponsor,

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

My name is *** and I am 16 years old. I have survived years of childhood spent working for my fishing master.

Prior to my rescue, I spent almost my entire childhood years working for my fishing master. During the period, I worked from dawn to 1:00pm and from 4:00pm to 10:00pm daily. I was oppressed and had no say in any decisions concerning me. I 2008, IOM rescued me and reunited me with my aunt.

Before being rescued, my fishing master engaged me in lots of activities aimed at ensuring the success of his fishing business. These activities included: carrying fish from the lake side, unscaling, smoking and selling fish. In spite of these activities, I was also loaded with household chores such as sweeping, fetching water, washing, cooking and so on.

I was enrolled in school immediately after my rescue and I am pleased to be in Junior High Form One, even though there are financial constraints. In terms of my academic work, I always emerge second in class. God willing, I will write my Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) in April, 2015. I hope to come out with high marks so that I can proceed to the Senior High Level.

I still live with my aunt. Due to mobility difficulties, she is not able to work anymore to take adequate care of me and the entire family. As a result I face lots financial challenges, especially in school.

On behalf of IOM, we thank you for your support to ***. 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
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Please visit our website to review our Sponsorship FAQs and Child Safety Policy.

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*** solving a mathematical question on the board (February 2014).

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