

## **ASIO PHOEBE NORAH**

Norah is a 13-year-old girl from Kalapata village born on the 6/7/2006. The beautiful young lady goes to Touch Nursery and Primary School in class three (P.3). Norah loves to socialize with people, loves to read, loves to praise and worship God and also loves to play awode (dodgeball). Her favorite color is yellow and food commonly known “atap” (sorghum flour) served with “ebo” (green vegetable). She loves Religious Education and teacher Ejooka Alice is her spiritual leader. Norah dreams to be a Teacher in the future. In her own words “I want to be a teacher so that I can teach children who are like me.”



***Asio Phoebe Norah.***

### **WHO ARE HER PARENTS?**

Olupot Max (father) and the late Stella Rose Asokodo (mother). The lovely couple had seven (7) children Asio Phoebe Norah, Joel Yoweri Okode, Odiye Sam, Otigo Herbert, Asio Joyce Mary, Apio Martha, and Ajalo Ann. Beside the late' children, Max had seven

(7) other children from another woman Jane who lived together with them in one house.

In 2014, sadly Norah lost her mother who was persuaded by her husband to get a loan from the loans officer which she was granted and was to payback within an agreed period of time. On getting the loan Max promised he would help pay it back however when the deadline was due, Max denied ever talking to the wife about getting any loan. With the feeling of betrayal by the man she loved Stella decided to take her own life (committed suicide) by taking an overdose of poison which led to her death.

In 2015, Norah's case was brought to TOUCH Ministries by the local leader where a team was sent to talk to the family. Norah then started her community education where she was in top class and was later fully sponsored in 2017 at Touch Nursery and Primary School where she is currently in class three (P.3) with good grades.

#### **WHAT HAPPENED TO HER SIBLINGS AFTER SHE CAME TO TOUCH MINISTRIES?**

Norah's brother Joel Yoweri Okode is fully sponsored and goes to TOUCH Nursery and Primary School and is in Primary Two (P.2) currently.

Odiye Sam is an education sponsored child at touch nursery and primary school and is in primary four (P.4). However, he doesn't stay in the project, he walks from home to school on a daily basis.

Otigo Herbert studies at Morita Primary School in Morita village.

Asio Joyce Mary, Apio Martha and Ajalo Ann got married and are living with their husbands.



***Norah's little siblings***

***Jane(caregiver) with Jean and Maureen.***

### **Update:**

On 10/07/2019, we visited Norah's home where we had a chat with her stepmother. Jane(stepmother) is a hawker who sells cloths as her source of income though on small capital but it's all God she added. Jane requested TOUCH Ministries to help accommodate Odiye Sam who walks to school on a daily basis. In her words *"erai ationis anu esapat alosen en aojau ngin kere alosit kede abogun ngin parran ne da cepak mam eyuwara. (it is very challenging for the boy to move the long distance to and from on a daily basis, it is very risky at times).*



***A little glimpse at Norah's home.***

All in all, she was so grateful to TOUCH Ministries for helping the children. She says it would have been hard for her in terms of school fees and upkeep. She also added that Norah is a very disciplined girl. Ever since she came to touch she sees a promising future in this girl. She knelt down on her knees and thanked God for opening the doors for Norah that she thought had closed ever since the passing of her mother.

(Traditionally kneeling down is a sign of respect and honour).

**Norah's message.**

***"My sweet, kind and loving sponsor I am so thankful to God for bringing you into my life. Thank you for your endless love and support and for giving me another chance with life. I can see my dream of becoming a teacher coming to reality. Thank you and may God bless you abundantly."***

**Special thanks with love;**

 **TOUCH Ministries.**

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