

AKIA ANN'S BACKGROUND STORY

Ann is a shy, beautiful, charming, jolly young girl, she is in primary three at TOUCH Nursery and Primary school, her village is Odipai-Ogooma. She loves to attend the mathematics class [numeracy].

During her free time, Ann enjoys playing dodge ball which is a very common game here in the school and in the community. She also loves colour red and feels like having it appear in every cloth she wears. Ann's best friend is Alekesia Rosemary & Teddy Acam.

Ann has a little sister Akurut Sarah who is in primary one at Ogooma primary school. It is a government owned school in Ogooma village. At the time of the reporting her younger sister was at school, she is about 7 years old.



Akia Ann at school



Ann's caregiver Okwi Enos.

THE PARENTS?

Ann's father was Okurut Valentino who passed away in 2010 while her mother Akello Mary left after the death of her husband leaving her children behind. Okurut Valentino had HIV/AIDS, was mentally ill then eventually died of AIDS. The wife also later on died in 2018. Ann's care giver is Okwi Enos takes care of Ann and her little sister.

ANN'S HOUSEHOLD STATUS

Ann's home, the compound is well kept (neat) but is in a bad condition. By the time her father died he had no property of his own because everything he owned was sold to get money for treatment, so now these children have no property left to them by their parents, not even ancestral land to their name. The caregiver Enos is also not in a good leaving condition but because of his good heart he is helping them share the little he has. Enos has one acre of land on which they have built some huts and also farm in it,

his own family is big and now he adds Ann and her other little sister. He had tried to plant some crops unfortunately the crops were destroyed by the drought, so at the moment he and his children have to labour in other people's garden to get money to buy food for the family. Ann has no beddings of her own at home and is also sleeping in a small hut with her six cousins. The roof is leaking when it rains because the grass has been eaten up by termites. It is very hard to find grass for roofing huts.



The other smaller hut at the back in the picture is where Ann & her 6 cousins sleep

HOW WE KNEW ABOUT TOUCH MINISTRIES

"After the death of Ann's father, I tried to take care of all the children but it was really very difficult. One day an old man in the neighborhood visited the children, he saw the situation and he told me to visit TOUCH Ministries. He said that TOUCH Ministries helps take care of orphans, the next morning I brought Ann story to the attention of TOUCH Ministries. After sometime, by God's Grace she got the blessing of being taken care of by TOUCH Ministries".

MESSAGE FROM CAREGIVER, OKWI ENOS

"I thank God for TOUCH Ministries and the Canadian families that help people like us, I had no idea how to take these children to school and even how to feed them. I would be so terrified thinking about it, I would ask myself what will happen if they fall sick? Too many questions running in my mind. But like the saying goes, angels are everywhere. I consider TOUCH Ministries' as my guardian angel. May God bless you abundantly".

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