

## **Acam Teddy' story**

Teddy is a beautiful young girl in primary 5 attending her education in T.O.U.C.H Nursery and primary school. When in school, Teddy enjoys the mathematics/counting lessons and her favorite teacher is Mr. Elalet Silver. She loves to play dodge ball [a game which involves getting the ball and shooting your friend with it], it is a common game here, yellow is her favorite color.

Acham has 6 siblings, her brother Imariat John Frances stays in the home at touch ministries while the other 5 live in Okwii village - Ogooma with their mother. Okalebo Emmanuel P.5, Osauna Ivan P.2, Apolot Celestin P.1 who receive their education from Ogooma primary school. The younger siblings Akiteng Florence and Asio Emmanuela do not go to school.

Her Brother Imariat John Francis also loves being at school. He is a football fan and likes to support the club Chelsea. He enjoys attending the English class, his favorite teacher is Mr. Opolot Joseph and orange is his favorite colour.

### **WHO ARE THE PARENTS?**

Acam Teddy's mother is Akiteng Florence who is currently 38yrs and her father was Osauna Lawrence who died in 2011. Teddy lost her father to tooth cancer. It was a painful and terrible death for the children to watch their father's life come to an end because he was not able to get proper medication; he had tried chemotherapy but could not continuously afford it because there was no money. His jaw got swollen and burst and he had pus oozing from his mouth, he could not eat and later on he passed away.

Her mother is a casual laborer in other people's gardens, she does this to be able get some money to provide the family with a meal. Casual labour day's wage is 4,000/= about Can \$1.5. She has pain in her lower abdomen which when she was at the hospital during the time of delivery, she was told that her uterus has wounds and needs medication. She also suffers from an eye infection which doesn't allow her to see too far objects and the pain in the eyes feels like sand has been poured into the eyes. Acam's young sister Akiteng Florence is suffering from a skin infection which leaves her body with painful wounds. All this pains and sorrows linger in the minds of the children (Acam Teddy and Imariat John Francis). The mother and other siblings to our church and they see this.

## **CURRENT STATUES OF ACHAM TEDDYS HOME**

The family of Acam Teddy live on one small garden where they have three huts; one for the mother, one for the children and a kitchen but at the moment the two huts are leaking and so the children have to share a hut with their mother, which hut is also leaking. The family has one new mattress given to Acam by touch ministries' and one old one which is being used by the mother. The rest of the children sleep on the papyrus mat.

Her mother has planted some cassava and potatoes, the family sometimes depends on one meal a day, they only have one chicken and a cow which was given to them by touch ministries'.

## **HOW WERE YOUR CHILDREN ABLE TO JOIN TOUCH MINISTRIES?**

"There was a community meeting in touch one time and I was compelled to go and attend the meeting. During my interaction with people there, I got to know that the ministry takes care of orphans so I reached out to the local leader of my area and he was able to give me a letter which helped introduce my children to the ministry and by God's grace the two children were enrolled taken to TOUCH on full sponsorship and they started school. At first, they used to come from home but later on they joined living in the home.

## **MESSAGE FROM ACHAM TEDDYS MOTHER**

'I thank TOUCH MINISTRIES for helping me with the children, I would not manage' she said.

I am happy when I see my children at school, their behavior and manners at home are good because they are taught well, and it feels like their father is still alive. My prayer is that the brother Okalebo Emmanuel gets the same chance his siblings have got from TOUCH MINISTRIES for a bright future.

Acham Teddy and her brother Imariat John Francis are both hard working children, they both love the Lord and sing in the church choir. "When they come home for holidays, they normally help me with house work, we pray together and even go the garden. 'I feel blessed to have these children".



***Housing status; the roof is open, the next picture is the inside room***



***Teddy Acam in class and the brother Imariat John Francis***





***Teddy's mum and her cow, Teddy's other siblings***

#### **MESSAGE FROM TEDDY**

Eyalama aingarakit eong kede aidar eong, isirereng Edeke aparasia kere.

'Thank you for loving me, helping me, taking care of me and above all giving me hope for a bright future. May God bless you abundantly.

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