



## **Meet Christiana**

Christiana, a 23-year-old survivor of trafficking, is currently living in Winneba-Asebu. Beneath her radiant smile and friendly demeanor is a harrowing story of adversity and inner strength.

Christiana was born in the Central Region of Ghana, and is the first of seven children. She had a difficult childhood, moving back and forth between various relatives. At the age of 13, Christiana's parents divorced, and she was trafficked to Ivory Coast. Christiana spent four arduous years performing domestic labor, salting and smoking fish, and operating a bar. She was not able to attend school during this period of her life. Christiana was physically and emotionally abused by her master and sometimes starved. Her condition gradually worsened.

Christiana was rescued by an organization called International Needs. She was reunited with her grandmother, who was unable to care for her properly. International Needs asked BTCTE to take over support for Christiana. We placed her in a boarding school so she could be fed three meals a day, concentrate on her schoolwork, and have a childhood for the first time. During school breaks, Christiana would stay with an Aunt, but the care was lacking, and we had to provide her with money for food.

Upon completing Junior High School, Christiana decided to pursue a career in tailoring and fashion design. BTCTE arranged for her to do a three year apprenticeship with a master tailor. BTCTE provides Christiana with equipment for tailoring, an apartment, money for food, and medical care. In addition, our field agents meet with her frequently to check on her progress and welfare. Cristiana is thriving and will be graduating in October. At that point, we will assist her with renting her a store for two years, and she will be able to begin her career as a tailor.

Christiana is passionate about tailoring and eager to begin her career path. This young woman's resilience and enthusiasm for the future serve as an inspiration to us all. Thanks to your generous support, we are able to help our beneficiaries overcome immense obstacles to achieve their goals!



Would you like to support Christiana or any of our beneficiaries? **Click here** 

When You Support a Child:

-You will receive a video about the child, including a description about the child's background, education/career goal, current circumstances and photographs.

-Updates will be provided every two months about how your child is progressing. These may include photos, a video message from the child, and relevant information about how your child is doing.

-If you are interested, you will be able to send letters or photos to your child through BTCTE.

## A Supported Child Receives:

-Financial support to successfully achieve an education and a career

-School fees, housing/boarding costs, uniforms, food, toiletries, school supplies, etc.

-Food for families who have sponsored children living at home

-Periodic visits by our field officers to check on our children's welfare.

-Self-esteem that comes with growing skills.

-Emotional support and comfort that comes from knowing that someone cares about their wellbeing.

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