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## A Day in the Life - Victoria

Dear Friends,

I'd like you to meet Victoria Eduayaw. She is also an Akrampa Mission School success story! Victoria is 20 years old, born May 26, 1992. Victoria is the second of eight children, although one of her siblings is now deceased. She touches my heart because of her determination to surmount all odds to achieve her goal in life



to become a teacher. Victoria's Mother met a tragic end when Victoria was just finishing junior high school. She was harvesting dried wood in the bush to go and sell at market. The wood she was chopping broke suddenly and fell on her, killing her instantly. This tragedy would have brought an abrupt end to Victoria's ambition to become a teacher because it was her Mother who singlehandedly provided for the children and paid their school fees. Victoria's Father had re-married, had five more children, and was no longer helping Victoria's Mother financially.

Victoria's dream to be a teacher started when she was in 6th grade. Prior to her Mother's death, Victoria was sponsored by a woman at FLC. When this FLC member was no longer able, and word came of Victoria's Mother's death, 4 friends from The Chapel in Sandusky took over Victoria's sponsorship. At first it was just to help her with daily needs. Then when these 4 friends found out about Victoria's dream to be a teacher, they decided to work together to pay for Victoria to go away to Senior High School. Victoria is now in her final year of Senior High. In May of 2013 she will be writing her National Examinations which should get her into the Teacher Training Institution if she gets the requisite grades. Victoria is very happy to be one of the few Akrampa children to be so blessed to go on to Senior High.

Victoria is very focused on her education. She often stays up late working hard on her lessons, because she knows what is at stake. She is a little shy, but relates well with her peers and is very respectful towards adults. She enjoys cooking and has been doing it since she was very young to help with her siblings. Her favorite food is Fufu and soup, a local staple food. Victoria attends a Roman Catholic church each Sunday with her guardian, the woman who she is staying with while attending school. Victoria would like to work for at least two years after Teacher Training, before getting married and having a family. She does not want more than three children because of her personal experience of the hardship associated with large families with irregular income.

Blessings, Pastor Ben