



MARGARET  
UGANDA



## MARGARET

Margaret is 40 years old and she still struggles with bad dreams. What happened to her over 15 years ago could have been yesterday, yet she is still able to share her story with a beautiful smile.

She lost most of her family to the Kony soldiers. They were all led around the northern parts of Uganda bordering Sudan. She witnessed her 5 uncles and 3 sisters being killed. Her sisters were killed because they became too tired to carry the heavy loads and as they sat down to rest for a moment the rebel soldiers shot them. Margaret is now supported by Life Ministries, partnered with Elim Missions.

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A portrait of a young Black woman with short, dark, curly hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a white t-shirt. The background is a textured, light-colored wall, possibly made of mud-brick or stone. The entire image has a warm, reddish-orange tint.

VICKY  
UGANDA



## VICKY

Vicky is 21 now, but as a 12 year old her village changed forever when Kony's soldiers stormed in with all guns blazing, setting homes alight.

Vicky's parents were taken away and her siblings were also taken separately. Her sisters and brothers were all killed along the terrible journey as the army moved through the bush fighting the Ugandan army and killing innocent people.

Today, she misses her family very badly. Remarkably she has a dream to be a nurse. Elim Missions are journeying with Vicky, in partnership with Life Ministries, to see her dream come to fulfilment.

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CHRISTOPHER  
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## CHRISTOPHER

In 1991 at 11 years old, Christopher was with his father and returning to their village when they heard that Kony's soldiers were coming. His father ran ahead but Christopher stayed with the rest of his family. His father did not return so he decided to follow the path which His father had started to travel. Christopher saw from a distance that his father had been arrested and as he ran to be with him, he was arrested too. His 18 year old brother was also arrested but resisted and so was beaten badly. They started on a long journey and when they eventually stopped to cook, the soldiers wanted to take Christopher and his brother to be killed. Christopher's father requested that they take him instead so as to spare his son's lives, but they took Christopher's brother and his father and they shot them both. There was no time to cook because the Ugandan army was following closely. After three weeks marching, the Ugandan army started an ambush where gunshots were exchanged. Bombs were dropped from the air and Christopher took the opportunity to escape. He ended up in a man's house where he could be well hidden, as Kony's soldiers were still around the next day the man who had hidden him took Christopher to the Ugandan soldiers barracks where he was questioned on the whereabouts of Kony's soldiers. Christopher was then transported to the World Vision Project who returned him back home. After continuing with his studies, Christopher met his wife and they now have five children together. Christopher was introduced to Jesus, and this helped him to forget his experiences. God encourages him as he battles daily with these past hurts.

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JOHN  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
OF CONGO



## JOHN

John was taken by the rebel soldiers when he was 15 years old. He was trained with a gun and forced to kill people. John watched many of his friends be killed if they were not compliant with the older rebel soldiers. On one occasion they were ambushing a town when he was met by the local church in that community. They offered support and told him they would help him escape. When he returned to the camp he looked for an opportunity to run away, when he did, he found the church he had met and they helped him restore what he had lost of his childhood. John is now 23 years old and studying engineering at university. With the help of Comfort Rwanda and Congo, in partnership with Elim Missions Be Free Campaign, John also looks after a number of boys who have similarly run away from the rebels and helps to rehabilitate them back into society.

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**HARRIET**  
**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**  
**OF CONGO**



## HARRIET'S STORY

It was 2006. I went to the fields to farm my Cassava when 3 men came to me, they raped me there, in the field, and then left me. It was late and I was hurt but when I eventually got home my husband was not there so I kept it a secret as I was ashamed of what had happened and worried about what he would say. Much later on, around 2 years ago, I went for a consultation as I wasn't well and found that I was HIV+. I had to tell my husband and when he went for a consultation he was told he had also contracted HIV. My husband left me because of what had happened to me. I came to Goma for treatment and the church here helps me. You must keep eating with this illness but I have no income and so, sometimes, no food for 2 or 3 days at a time. I often feel dizzy and sick but this is just my life. I put myself in the hands of God every day. I have faith in Him. The church is very important to me, it is where I find comfort.

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SOKIM  
CAMBODIA



Sokim was taken when she was just 4 years old. She served as the housekeeper in two families, beaten and treated terribly until she was 16 years old. She managed to run away from this to an organisation who took care of her and educated her. It was there that she fell pregnant, after meeting a man she fell in love with. As soon as he heard she was pregnant, he ran away. The shelter Sokim was with provided counselling and encouragement so that she felt like she could keep her baby. She named her Kiara. After some time she was introduced to Be Free Cambodia and the Early Learning Centre. Kiara was able to receive free education at the Early Learning Centre and the Be Free Centre provided much needed support and care for Sokim, disciplining her and teaching her new skills so as to be able to earn an income. Sokim is now manager of the Be Free Centre in Cambodia.

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CHANDRA  
CAMBODIA



## CHANDRA

Chandra started work from a young age, so young that she wasn't able to do the jobs required of her. She would then be beaten. Chandra then followed her dream of a better life, moving to Malaysia, yet found herself sold into forced labour. She managed to escape and returned to Cambodia where she was cared for and then joined the Elim Missions Be Free Campaign, enrolling on the 12 month programme. Chandra has now graduated and has a job at the Early Learning Centre helping children have a great start in life. She is walking with God and knows He is with her.

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