



Action International Ministries
Jesus the Good Shepherd Nursery and Primary School
Village of Hope Gulu, Uganda



Phillip

He was filled with anger. He never felt safe and had a hard time fitting in with others. He always seemed to be waiting for something bad to happen. All these feelings are typical of someone who has survived the trauma of war. But when you are 5 yrs old how do you deal with these feelings? He was born to a mother who was abducted by LRA Rebels when she was 13 yrs old. She conceived him while she was being held captive. In his short life he has experienced gun battles, starvation, sickness and witnessed killings. His mother attempted to escape from the rebels several times, finally succeeding on the third attempt along with her two children. They found themselves with no where to go. When she returned home her parents were missing, her father had been murdered by the Rebels. People didn't want her around because her children were born in the bush.

She came to Action International Ministries in 2005 and found help for herself and her children. She joined the Butterfly club ministry. She attended Bible studies and accepted Christ into her life. She learned to see her children as a gift from God and love them despite the circumstances of their birth. She received adult education and skills training. Her children were able to attend Jesus the Good Shepherd Nursery School at Village of Hope in Gulu, Uganda supported by ACTION.

When Phillip first came to class he was wild and uncontrollable. He brought sharp objects to school and threatened other children. His teachers were patient and kind with him, showing him the love of Jesus. Many people started to pray for Phillip. Through the love and patience of his teachers, Phillip began to settle down. He learned that school was a safe place and that his teachers would love him no matter what he did. He tried their patience a lot during the first school term. By the end of third term his behavior had improved and he succeeded in graduating from K3 to P1. His mother says she has noticed a change in him. He is no longer wild and angry. He always used to run and hide whenever he heard a helicopter or airplane because he was afraid they would drop bombs on him. She says she can see how God has answered all the prayers for Phillip. He will be attending P1 at Jesus the Good Shepherd Primary School, newly constructed at the Village. There vulnerable children, like Phillip, can receive a Christ centered education where they have a chance for a future and healing of their emotional wounds through the love of Jesus.



Phillip with his mother and sister.



Graduating from K3 to P1.