

Aunt Prossy and CAFI Give Victor A Dose of Love

Family support with the help of CAFI is making the difference for this 10 year old girl

✘ This is a story of a young girl named Victor, who didn't get her required dose of parental love because of HIV/AIDS. Victor is 10 years old and lives with her aunt because she lost both parents to HIV/ AIDS when she was only two. After first being taken to live with her grandmother, who was unable to care for Victor, her Aunt Prossy intervened and became the only mother Victor has ever really known.

Victor was a sickly girl, and her aunt and uncle did all they could to see that every time she fell ill, she promptly received treatment. As time went on, Victor developed a very bad rash that made her uncle question the health status of his niece. To be sure they were treating the right disease, he suggested Victor be taken for an HIV test at the Children's AIDS Fund Family Hope Centre in Uganda, a place he heard about but had never visited. Although it was a long distance to travel, they made the trip and Victor was tested. That rash was in fact a symptom of HIV/AIDS and the diagnosis and treatment that CAFI provided surely saved her life.

Today Aunt Prossy is a happy woman. She says that the ARV medication that Victor receives from the clinic has greatly improved her health and life. She also says because the clinic offers medical care for its patients, when Victor becomes sick, she does not have to worry where she will go for treatment. Her major challenge in caring for Victor is providing a good diet. HIV positive people are required to eat

well because it helps keep their bodies strong and also helps the medicine work efficiently. She has been able to find a small job which enables her to look after herself and young Victor.

To Aunt Prossy, Victor and CAFI are an inspiration that has shown her that "there is always hope."

Aunt Prossy is thankful for the support of her family and for the CAFI Family Hope Centre, which helps Victor free of charge. Her other family members have also been supportive in many ways. "They understood what killed Victor's parents so this has helped me clearly explain to her what she is suffering from and why she is taking the drugs" she says. "Ignorance was the main factor that made my sister-in-law and brother die of HIV/AIDS, everyone should know their status so as to be sure of the illness they are treating and suffering from."

Aunt Prossy and her family, along with CAFI are making sure that Victor gets her "doses of love."