

# Richard



Name: Richard      Age: 11 years  
Village: unknown      Diagnosis: Epilepsy, Developmental Delay

Richard is a precious little boy who came to live at Home of Hope in 2017. His mother was unsure who his father was, as she was seeing two men at the same time. Because he was born with developmental delay and epilepsy, she abandoned him with his grandparents. His grandparents took him many places searching for a cure for his epilepsy without success. Eventually, they also abandoned him with a witchdoctor who took him to the police. The police then brought him to Home of Hope.

Richard has made substantial progress over the past year, due to the love and attention he receives at Home of Hope, daily meals, daily antiepileptic medications and occupational therapy sessions. When first coming to Home of Hope, he would not interact with others and did not want to be close to anyone. He was overactive and limited in his abilities. At our visit this year, Richard would come up to meet anyone who arrived at Home of Hope. He loves to interact and play with others. He is still nonverbal, but understands both Lugandan and English. He has become accustomed to the schedule and is very helpful. For instance, he has learned that lunch is served at noon, so at 11:45, he comes to the kitchen to get plates and begin handing them out. He also begins cleaning up after others as soon as they are finished. His occupational therapy sessions are focused on improving his self-care activities. He is very bright and can attend the local day school, where he can interact with both typical and special needs peers.

Sponsorship for Richard would allow him to enroll in school, providing for his tuition, books and supplies. The cost is \$45 per month via Paypal. Sponsorship includes updates on Richard throughout the year and following Our Hope's annual trip to Uganda. If you are interested in sponsoring Richard, please contact [ourhopeinternational@gmail.com](mailto:ourhopeinternational@gmail.com) or complete the form under the 'Donate' tab, ensuring you check the box for an automatically repeating payment.