

# THE SLIEDRECHT FAMILY

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## Freedom Boys Reunification

It was a great day for and surprise to his uncles, grandmother, and siblings, as well as neighbors, when 'Awoja' stepped home after being away for



over 3 years.

At first, they failed to recognize him but then Awoja's grandmother came ululating and shouting, "My child has returned home!" She carried him on her back at the climax of expressing her joy.

His siblings could not wait to gift him with oranges and guavas and show him around. To prove their happiness and acceptance of him, his grandmother and uncle gave him two chickens and potatoes. Neighbors also came appreciating the Freedom Boy's Ministry for restoring hope for and helping bring change in Awoja.

The warm welcome by his uncles and grandmother made Awoja so happy, especially because he had feared that they would beat him when he returned home. Awoja assured them that he will never return to the streets after he moves back home.



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The Freedom Boy's Ministry in Soroti, Uganda is in the





midst of the Reintegration process of the 25 Rescued boys who have been undergoing Rehabilitation for the last 10 months. The first step of Reintegration is family-tracing whereby they locate and visit each family to understand their situation and home condition and to prepare the family and community to not only receive the boy, but furthermore be ready to help him cope up and live in harmony with family members.

At each reunification, parents (or grand-parents/uncles/aunts where there are no parents) and relatives expressed incredible joy upon seeing their boys after such a long time. A number of them confessed having given up hope on whether their boys were actually alive. Parents and boys alike could not hold back their tears as they hugged each other.

To the parents' amazement, the boys looked healthier than expected and they demonstrated through their testimony and character the new life in Christ they had received while at the Rehabilitation Home. Even just the fact that they prayed with the family members during the visits was a huge surprise for the parents.

The parents have all promised to fully welcome and care for their boys when they are Reintegrated. Expressing their joy, the parents appreciated the Freedom Boys Ministry for following God's call to help restore hope to their boys and them.



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