

# ROSIE'S RESCUE

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### HIDDEN ABUSE

Rosie\* lights up any room she enters. She's only 11 years old, but her "greatest dream" is to finish college. Rosie, her 17-year-old twin sisters, and two young cousins were rescued from cybersex trafficking in an IJM-supported operation in the Philippines.

Rosie's mother was arrested and is standing trial for allegedly setting up a webcam in her home and exploiting her daughters in front of it. Foreigners would pay Rosie's mother to direct the abuse using the internet. Her older sisters have recounted how they would try to stop little Rosie from having to participate in the live "shows."

### STARTING TO SHINE

After a few months in the shelter, Rosie's personality started to shine brightly again. She loves spaghetti and ice cream cones from 7-Eleven. Her answers tumble out when asked what she likes to do for fun, "I like to run around the yard with my friends, I like to color, I like to make jewelry and I like reading."

IJM will continue walking alongside Rosie and her sisters to help the girls heal from the trauma and move forward towards their bright dreams.

She and her sisters now meet regularly with an IJM social worker, who describes Rosie as, "incredibly brave. Her hardships have not broken her spirit. She is resilient and strong." Despite the betrayal and chaos that colored much of her young life, Rosie is resilient. The three words Rosie chooses to describe herself speak volumes: "Smart. Kind. Generous." Rosie will stay at the shelter as the trial against her mother continues.

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"I think that God is generous, is kind, and I believe that God is love. I think that God thinks that I am good. I think that out of all the people that love me, God is the one who loves me the most." – Rosie, on how she views God today



# BREAKING NEWS - IJM & PHILIPPINES POLICE TRAVEL TO BRING RESCUE TO THREE CHILDREN - AUGUST 4, 2018



**In back-to-back operations**, police caught two women who offered to sexually abuse children and livestream the abuse to customers abroad paying to watch online. The suspects' smart phones, which police believe were used to broadcast the exploitation, were collected as evidence.

IJM's team traveled a full day to support the operations, which took place on Saturday. Around noon, police arrested the first suspect—a mother who offered to livestream sexual acts involving her 10-year-old daughter in exchange for a payment from a foreigner online. As police arrested her mother, social workers rescued the girl, along with four other children who were found at the woman's home.

As evening set, police moved to conduct a second operation, targeting a young woman who also offered two children to be sexually abused for foreigners online.

This weekend's successful rescues were the first conducted by IJM's anti-trafficking police partners, the Women and Children's Protection Center of the Philippine National Police, on Samar Island.

The rescued children are now safe and in the care of our social service partners, and IJM social workers will follow-up to ensure they receive the long-term care that they need.

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