

Case 25.2

I'm 17 years old. We are my family consists of 5 members; mom, dad, one brother and my sister and I. One day a cousin of mine came to live with us. He slept with us in one bedroom. That night, my cousin came to me and forced me to have sex with him. I was alone in my room that night. My brother and sister were away and my mom and dad were sleeping in the other room. I screamed but he covered my mouth and threatened to kill me.

Next morning, when I woke up, he was gone to work. This kept happening but no one knew about it. Not even my parents. I started going with my friends to the seawall during school or in the night. I was disheartened and was desperately looking for love.

When I turned 15, I was raped by my uncle. I became pregnant. My parents took me to the private hospital and the doctors confirmed that I was 6 and half months through. Somebody reported the situation to the Women's Crisis Center. I was taken away from home and brought to Homes of Hope.

I was not saved until my delivery. After the delivery, I decided to accept Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior. He has given me a new family who takes good care of me. My baby was adopted in a good Christian family. I am also continuing with my education at the moment. God has given me a second chance at life. I have made new friends in church. I feel comfortable with sharing my testimony to those who are in the same situation I was in.

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