

My Life

By Modnell Sackie

When I was 12 years old, I moved from Liberia to the United States with my three sisters and dad. When we first arrived in America at the JFK Airport, it was very cold because it was during December in the winter time. It was too cold for me because I was used to being in the heat. I was not cheerful because we had to leave my friends, my brother, and my mom back home.

One month later, in January, we got a phone call saying my grandma had passed away. Two week later, my mom got sick. Three weeks later, my dad almost died. After that I was depressed a lot, but I'm never going to give up when things get hard. I'm going to keep trying my best to be the best. I never knew moving to America was going to cause this much pain in my family, and I feel down and left out. Thank God I moved with my sister to Fargo. She told to me, "Pay attention to school and get excellent grades."

I replied, "I'll try to do my best." Ever since we moved to Fargo, my life has been getting better and easier. I started to feel adored, that I'm living the American dream life, and hope things keep getting better every day.

Well, I'd like to give a special thanks to my sister and my aunt for being in my life. Because without the help and support of my aunt today, I could have been homeless. This is one thing kids or others who are going to be reading this should know: please never give up when things get hard. Keep trying to be the best. Say to yourself, "I got this!" Life is just beginning and it's going to get better in the long run, because the more you quit, the more you're never going to know how to do stuff on your own. So always do your best and never give up because the more you try, the easier things are going to get for you. That is what I've been doing while living without my mom. I keep trying to be the best and make my mom proud.

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