



Christina's Dream

Christina Noble had a terrible start in life. She was abused by her uncle and living in dire poverty as her father drank away the house-keeping money. When her mother died, she was separated from her siblings and sent to a cruel orphanage. Later she ended up homeless and got pregnant after being gang-raped. Her child was taken from her. When she went to England she married what turned out to be an abusive husband who threatened to kill her if she left him. She eventually escaped.

Thankfully, she got a house and a job to pay for the counselling she needed. Her children one by one joined her as they had all witnessed their father's cruelty. She never forgot the dreams that helped her survive the abuse: on tv she had seen children on the streets of Vietnam who were worse off than her, she wanted to go and help them.

When her children were grown she went to Vietnam on her own, with only enough money to stay in a hotel for a while. She wandered the streets of Vietnam and made friends with abandoned street children, she fought off men who were abusing them, and she organised parties and swimming (to give the them a chance to shower in the hotel). She made them feel loved.

Christina called in on businesses to get financial support, she kept begging until she got it, she would even sing in nightclubs to raise money.

Christina linked up with an orphanage who gave her a building she could use to set up a dignified living and play space for the children. Her organisation has started more than 100 projects that help thousands of children each year to get homes with playgrounds, medical support and education. She is an inspiration to all of us never to give up in spite of resistance, cruelty and opposition.

Which of the Courage Strengths was Christina using?

- Bravery
- Enthusiasm & Passion
- Honesty
- Perseverance

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