Chased out of their native Uganda, the Lord's Resistance Army has filtered west into Congo, where in the past two months they have killed 900 civilians and displaced another 150,000, according to the UN. They are notorious for the forced conscription of children as soldiers and sex slaves. One of these children was **Richard Mitambwoko**, 17, who was kidnapped from his school last year.

seven September was the day when they came into his school obvious they tried too escape but that failed. So the LRA tied us up. They had to march and steal of a priest after that they had to walk to until it was night . They separate the older and the young. The older could leave in the morning They children between the age of eight and seventeen had to stay. Next 3 day they had to walk with soldier equipment to a camp of the LRA. They were split up into a group of girls and a group of boys. The girls were given to the officers! You can full in yourself what happened…The boys were put in brigades from then on everyday of them was the same they worked in the fields all day long with a two hour break. The guards beated up the boys. This situation all changed when they were boomed Richard fled with nineteen LRA soldiers. No one tried to escape but they were 1 month in the bushes, they were terrified. They had seen their own mates being killed Once we were attacked by the FARDC and we got split up again into a group of 6 with 2 LRA soldiers. We fled away from them we had no idea where we were going but Richard remembered what his father told him if he ever was lost in the bushes he should follow where the sunsets. After days of walking they found a road and came up on a sweet patatoe field. At that moment the FARDC find us and toke us to their thief officer. The story we told them got confirmed and they put us in touch with our family.

Live with LRA is not normal the LRA soldiers make you kill people and steal from people. Richard never killed anyone but stolen a lot of stuff The LRA is a Christian army but we Richard didn’t see anything Christianity. The LRA hard burned down Richards old city. Richards thirteen year old sister is still with the LRA and Richard self has night mares every night about the LRA