

9-Year-Old Boy Drowned In Calabar While Swimming

From Agosi Todo, Calabar

A nine-year-old boy simply known as Christian has drowned in a river in Calabar, Cross River State Capital.

It was gathered that Christian, a pupil of Great Star Nursery and Primary School on Idang Street, lost his life on Thursday morning while swimming along with his friends in a river situated at Ibesikpo Street, by Ambo in Calabar South.

An eyewitness, Peter Ibanga, alleged that the boy's aunt whom he was leaving with sent him to fetch water from the swampy river where he met his untimely

death.

According to Ibanga, the water only returned the lifeless body of Christian later in the evening when it resurged.

"It was when the water brought back the body that the search party and divers were able to bring his body home. We noticed that his belly was not swollen from swallowing water neither were there any cuts on his body. He seemed to be normal. Yet he had died!"

One of the neighbors, who pleaded anonymity, disclosed that the parents of the boy were not living together and the father was in Benin when the incident happened.