

Newsletter

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The last month of this year passed imperceptibly, just as the whole of 2021. We're grateful to God for helping us overcome any difficulties and giving us the desire to move forward. God blessed us with everything necessary for making the work of our center more effective.



Kevin Kipkoech is 14 years old. He was born in the Cerani Hills, in the Trans-Nzoya District. Kevin's father decided to take his son and flee to his homeland of Uganda after being convicted by the state for raping his daughter. In Uganda, he got married again. Unfortunately, the stepmother didn't show much love for Kevin, and their strained relationship only worsened life in the family. Kevin began to think about leaving. One day, he fled from his family, walking for four days to Kitale in Kenya.

After a month of being on the street, he started sniffing glue after his new street friends said that it helped to fight the cold at night. Of course, "street freedom" didn't bring joy to the child. At his first meeting with our social workers, Kevin agreed to go to Embrace.

While Kevin was in rehab, we were actively looking for his mom. The search was successful, and after a while Kevin was able to meet her again. Now he's happily reunited with her family and goes to school - thank God, because he never even dreamed of it!

Cleophas Kropp was left half-orphaned because his father killed his mother. He had to live with his aunt, but this didn't last for long. His aunt accused Cleophas of stealing her phone, and, finding no other way out, he ran away from home. After some time in search of a shelter, he began to ask for help from the state and was sent to our center.



Cleophas was able to return to normal life at the center, all thanks to the fact that, despite family difficulties, he didn't leave everything as it was, but started looking for the best in everything. At that moment, we found his relatives, who gladly accepted him as a member of their family. Cleophas went to school and now dreams of being a doctor. We believe that one day he will also start helping others!

This month we met with a delegation of officers on a case regarding children from the very capital of Kenya.



Mission representatives, heads of government agencies from Kitale, Kisumu, Eldoret, Nairobi and the senior leader of Kenya for the wellbeing of children were able to see our center with their own eyes and be convinced of the necessity of its existence. We had the opportunity to talk about our work with children, which has been going on for almost 7 years now. We talked about how the center functions; how we work with children and interact with their families; about

our collaboration with the state, and also tried to determine our further cooperation. We believe and hope that they are also not indifferent to the lives of thousands of children currently on the streets.

This month we celebrated Christmas in our center together with SBN-Superbook and Imoce. Together with the children, we remembered the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as His purpose for coming to this earth. The day was filled with interesting stories, games, handicrafts, and, of course, gifts! The children's eyes shone with happiness when they got to meet Robik, the character from the book. It's simply impossible to convey or describe the emotions they experienced. It's amazing to give joy to the children who need it the most.



Happy New Year and Merry Christmas to all of you! May God's grace and peace be in your life and your families! The Son given to the earth is Jesus Christ, and in Him is our common future!