

## Newsletter

May 2021



May has come to an end and we're ready to share our news with you. And there is enough news every month: new kids from the street; new stories, each of which feels more like a nightmare; searches for relatives and happiness of students returning home.

We're grateful to God that we were able to send 14 children home this month, as well as visit and help many of our other children with necessities.

At the beginning of May, a fair was held for children, where they could buy clothes for points they'd accumulated in April. It happens like this: during a month we teach the boys to be neat and tidy and help correct their hygiene and behavior. Points are awarded for making progress.

In May, after a long vacation, children in Kenya went to school to complete their final quarter of the school year. We also sent many of our children to boarding schools - basically, the children who don't have prosperous families to live with and go to regular schools. We ask you to pray for these children. We continue to look for relatives with whom they could live and be safe.



Carlos Mbatia is 15 years old. His parents died and the boy was kicked out by his grandmother and aunt - they said it was bad behavior. Before finding a place where he could stay, we had to go around 5 of his potential residences. First, his grandfather directed us to another aunt, then to another, and then, in turn, to her mother's brother. He and his wife are raising six children and live in unsightly conditions, but this family sheltered the boy. At the moment we are trying to visit them and offer them food.



Paul Njugun's parents left after they parted, leaving him and his siblings all alone. His grandmother took the 13-year-old boy to her house. Paul ended up on the street after running off with a small amount of money given to him by his uncle to spend on school. When the kid returned home, he asked for forgiveness. Now he's doing better: the boy goes to school and helps his grandmother around the house.

Vincent Kifairo's father and mother have also been separated for a long time, and the 11-year-old lived with his father, where he's gone through many difficulties. The father drinks and often turns violent. He could disappear from home for several days, and the boy was left alone and without food. We found a safe place for the child at his uncle's house, who promised to take care of Vincent.



The biggest challenge we often face is when kids come to us and then run back into the street. The dependence on the "freedom" of the streets and glue still prevents them from leaving their old life, and we are very happy when they make a firm decision to change.



Brian Kubwang, who ran away from us several times, was sent on a short visit to his grandmother for two weeks and changed a lot after that. He asked to go home himself. Before finally returning him to his grandmother to stay permanently, we decided to limit ourselves to short visits just to make sure he's okay.

A very big request to pray that both our children and us will be able to overcome all the challenges we face.

At the moment, we are still looking for financial assistance - people who are able to donate \$30 a month.

Many thanks to all of you for your support and prayers!

May God bless you abundantly!