

Newsletter

June 2021

June began with the birthday of Embrace, our Rehabilitation Center. For 6 years we have been working to pull children away from the street and the street away from the children. In our hearts, we are deeply grateful to God and to all who support us during this time. Thousands of children have passed through our center, hundreds of children now live in trustworthy families. Many have already graduated from school and went on to study or found work. There are even those who already have their own families. God continues doing His work, and we are delighted to be part of His plan to save the children.



In June, we were able to send 10 children home, visited many others and helped them with groceries. During the school year, we often have to help with school expenses, because most families can't even cover their own food costs.



This month would not be June without a fair, where the kids were able to dress up and buy shoes. Traditionally, they love this day very much and are always looking forward to it; they try very hard to help teachers and behave well. We're incredibly glad that even this way we

can teach the children how to be responsible, take care of themselves and others and respect each other.

We are also glad that local organizations sometimes help us by coming to cheer up the children and bring food and clothes. This month, a whole delegation of doctors came to visit us. They prepared a program for the children, instructed them and supplied us with a lot of food.



A year ago, Ezra Ngaira, who used to run away from home all the time, came back from a boarding school. The boy stayed at Embrace for several months. During this time, he changed a lot: he became active, proved to be a leader, once even tried to preach to the guys in the center. We brought him back to his aunt's family. There he was sent to school. But problems began

again in the family. Our social worker tried to visit him more often, to bring food. Over time, they found another aunt who sheltered Ezra at her house, where he's very happy. He goes to school and is grateful to Embrace for helping him in due time.



Edgar Simiyu is one of our older kids, with whom we have been working for many years and looking for ways to help get the street out of his head. By the age of 16, Edgar had tried many drugs that older boys usually try on the street. He didn't get along with his mother, although she tried to help her son in every possible way. Each time after the boy returned home, a few days later we met him on the street again with glue in his hands. The last time we decided to try another option and tracked down Edgar's father. By that time, he already had another family. To our surprise, he was glad to see his son and agreed to take him in. We visited them in June. Now the kid goes to school and helps his father with household chores. They even became good friends, which is very rare in Kenya.

When our social worker found and brought home 11-year-old Yan Vanjala, his mother burst into tears and thanked him that their son had been returned to the family. She said that she had already contacted the police about her missing child and they were looking everywhere, but never found him. This was the first time Yan ran away from home. It was most likely influenced by his friends. His mom gave him money and sent him to buy groceries, and he decided to run away and try his luck on the street instead.



Within a month, about 10 new children came to the center to change their lives for the better. We ask that you remember our children in prayer, so that God touches their hearts and changes them, and gives us wisdom to find an approach to everyone.

We are also still looking for financial help - people who can donate \$30 a month.

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

May God bless you abundantly!