

THE BRIDGE MINISTRY



NEWS LETTER

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In our ministry, the Word of God is real and has been very true, we have witnessed the Word in action. The book of **Malachi 4:6 says and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.**" This is a call to repentance where the person gets to a point to think back and plan to turn to the right direction in life. Getting to this point is not an easy state, it takes a lot of talking, advice and soul searching. In our ministry we have been having these challenges where children run from home at a very early age and into the streets to find life.

Children run away and end up on the streets due to a combination of several "push" factors that drive them from their homes and "pull" factors that attract them to public spaces. These causes are rarely isolated; they usually build up over time.

Just to mention a few.

Extreme Poverty and Hunger: Families struggling to afford daily meals, rent, or school fees may inadvertently push children out, or children may leave to search for food and money to help their families.

Abuse and Violence: Physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, along with severe domestic violence between parents, makes home an unsafe and terrifying place

Neglect and Lack of Supervision: Chronic parental neglect, absence of guidance, or the emotional breakdown of the family unit leaves children feeling unwanted or forced to fend for themselves

Parental Substance Abuse: Alcoholism or drug addiction by caregivers frequently results in severe neglect, aggressive conflict, and family financial ruin.



- Praying, learning the word and health classes.

All this failure to parenting brings to us the challenges and courses us to work as parents, teachers, government offices and religious leaders.

Street connected children experiences a profound shattering and reshaping of their inner world, where their sense of trust, hope, and connection to the divine is severely tested by daily trauma.

One of the spiritual challenge affecting children connected to the streets is; **Loss of safe attachment:** Healthy spiritual development in children requires a foundational trust in caregivers as reflections of a reliable world and a loving God.

Experiencing abuse or neglect from family makes it difficult for a child to conceptualize a benevolent higher power or a safe universe.

Internalized isolation: The child often moves from viewing themselves as cared-for to viewing themselves as inherently unwanted, invisible, or forsaken.



- Integrating them back to their family.

In the month of August, we have done several reintegration from far and wide. We thank God for all were very successful and with touching stories as some have been away from home for two, three or even seventeen years etc.

Meet Dante above who come to the streets of Nakuru when he was five years old from Cherenganyi in Kitale. He has been living in the streets for seventeen years and for the first time we rejoined him back to his family this month. The parents were very happy to see their son alive and well. It was a great time of jubilation from friends and neighbors.

This took me to the Word of God in the book of **Luke 15:32** But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'" What a beautiful story that we see that the Bible is a practical book, if we follow it to the latter. This process comes with lots of challenges, the most difficult one is tracing.

The other interesting story is for George he is second born child in their home and he left to the streets one year ago. The reason was very simple where most of the issues leaders within the community can solve them but we lack basic training to our communities on parenting. He come late in the evening from school and the parents were mad at him and chased him away, the best place he received solace was the streets. This requires intervention of school teachers and the local leaders to help settle the matter.

We are trusting God to have an organization or people who can help us raise funds for train our community and local leaders on child parenting and intervention, this will help a good number of children to understand their purpose in life.

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