

THE BRIDGE MINISTRY



NEWS LETTER

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God works in miraculous ways, seven years ago, The Bridge ministry was focusing on children connected to streets. We have come to learn that walking with God is the most amazing thing because you will never go wrong. 2 Corinthians 5:7 – “We walk by faith and not by sight, what motivated us to do ministry at the slums? After we did a survey, we came to discover that a big number of children coming to the streets are coming from this community where The Bridge headquarters is located. So, a thought come and we decided on prevention than curative, this is the reason we decided to prevent children going to the streets. This has helped a lot and reduced a big number of them flocking in town. Children in slum areas face numerous challenges that significantly impact their development, health, and overall well-being. These challenges are multifaceted, encompassing issues related to living conditions, education, health, safety, and social stigma.

Poor Living Conditions

Slum areas are characterized by inadequate housing, poor sanitation, and limited access to clean water. Families live in overcrowded and poorly constructed shelters, exposing children to various health risks. The lack of basic amenities such as toilets and clean drinking water leads to the spread of diseases like diarrhea, cholera, and other waterborne illnesses. In many slums, garbage and waste disposal systems are either non-existent or poorly managed, creating unhygienic environments. This exposure to filth and waste exacerbates health problems, contributing to respiratory issues and parasitic infections like hookworm.



• Teaching lesson middle class.



* Feeding program.

The Bridge has done a lot in this community especially during covid time to the elderly by giving them food and helping them rebuild their house due to terrible condition that would lead them to sickness and diseases.

Leviticus 19:32 (NLT): "Stand up in the presence of the elderly, and show respect for the aged. Fear your God. I am the Lord."

We thank God that this far we have seen the Lord working in us and we have been able to bring this changes in this community, the place where children and the youth couldn't finish school some don't go to Church but now this is a long gone history. Glory be to God as we share this successful story with you.



- High school boys' transformation through word and education.

NUMBER OF BOYS WHO HAVE JOINED HIGH SCHOOL AND THOSE WHO HAVE MANAGED TO FINISH.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Start sec.	25	10	12	16	20	8	12
Finish sec	6	3	10	15	14	8	12

Total number of boys enrolled in form 1 = 103
 Dropouts = 35
 Attained form 4 certificate = 34
 Still in school = 34

REASON FOR DROPPING OUT.

1. Peer pressure.
2. Drugs.
3. Joining gangs.
4. Internet games.
5. Gambling.
6. Dependency on success of their parents.
7. Lack of discipline.
8. Victimization at (school/ community)
9. Poverty.

WHAT THEY DO AFTER DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL.

Touts around section 58, through research 20 out of 34 are touts.

1. Bodaboda (motorbike riders), 4 out of 34.
2. Conmen.
3. Play kamare.(Gambling)
4. Join gangs.
5. Defrauding people through phones.
6. Grazing.

NB// One can be involved in all of the above activities.

SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

1. Mentorship programs like the one we have as bridge ministry.
2. Creativity/ sports.
3. Educating and encouraging those who have succeeded to be good role models to others.
4. Teaching them Christian values and encouraging them to go to church.
5. Encouraging parents to be good role models.

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