

Mwandani

Rehabilitation of Destitute and Street Children

Section 58 Nakuru, Kenya

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Shosho's Message

The best thing one can do for a child is to equip him/her with what they need to succeed in life, starting with the most immediate and basic needs, love and sustenance. We receive our strength from God, our creator who is loving and gracious toward us and 'who sent His only son, Jesus Christ to die for us and that whosoever shall believe in Him will not perish but have eternal life' (John 3: 16-19). Ultimately, we are to love our neighbors just as God loves us.

My faith in God is steadfast and I was led by Him to the street children (who I now refer to as street people). I feel it is my duty to do His will and minister to others so they too may do God's will and love others especially the least fortunate amongst us. God sees me in the same light as He sees the street people and as we do our work we marvel at His power.

When I started this work, it was with the vision of leading these children to God. When we give the street people food we start out with the word of God and prayers. Some of them have come to know God very well and they witness to other street people and their friends. We have two pastors who work with us, Pastor Isaac Nakalo and Pastor Teresia Maina by ministering the word of God to the street people as well as listening to their trials and tribulations.



The faces of hunger, desperation, uncertainty, and hopelessness

We start out with food though our emphasis is to empower the street people. That is our mission. We have assisted some to get into educational institutions, others into some form of rehabilitative situation, and some have found employment or are self-employed. Some have married one another and as they start their new families we find ourselves in yet new roles of providing some sort of support as they chart their path through life as God has willed.

Often there are new challenges we have to face yet God has been gracious towards us and allowed us to accomplish many a task. We thank God for leading you to us and, in that grain, for your support of our mission. We pray that God will continue to bless you and that you continue supporting our mission.



Niva Kegode (Shosho)

"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you".

Matthew 6:1-4.



Pastor Isaac Nakalo sharing the Gospel with the street people before a meal.



The faces of empowered young men, full of hope and certainty about the future.

As I write this, it is pouring down rain...another blessing because it has been so hot and dry lately and I am ready to trade it in for some ice, cold, and snow. Let me share with you the story of a young man, Peter Maina, who used to live on the streets of Nakuru and has been an inspiration to me for a while now. Peter is about six feet tall, has remarkably huge hands, and always has a story to tell anyone who can listen. He is extremely industrious and will work at literally anything. He unloads trucks, carries 90 kilograms (200 pounds) on his back and when you think he is tired and ready to quit he asks for more work. When people are going home after working, he is sorting through trash choosing particular plastics that are used for recycling in the industrial area in Nakuru town.



Brownie with Peter Maina

Peter does all these things to support his family (he has a wife and child), his brother who is in school, and a child fathered by a relative who died during the 2008 post-election violence here in Nakuru. They live in the slums in Bondeni- a suburb of Nakuru town. Peter has been taught how to read so that he can get around. He only made it to standard five (5th grade). His wife did not go to school. He wants his brother to go all the way to university. We pray that he does and we support them in every way possible because, this is the ultimate plan...to get the street children and adults off the street and able to take care of themselves, their families, and

others while being full of self esteem and proud to be children of God.

God bless you all for all the support you provide us. Without help, Peter Maina would not have got an identity card that enables him to do what he does. Thank you and may God bless you all.

If you would like to make a donation please send it to:

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Happenings

6th FWCC World Conference of Friends

Kabarak University, Kenya is the venue of the 2012 World Conference of Friends. Kabarak University is located approximately 15 miles from Nakuru town where *Mwandani* operates. We know some of you will be attending the conference between 17th and 25th, April 2012 and we would like to invite those of you who may be willing to come to Nakuru town and witness a session of feeding and counseling the street children. We shall organize this hour to start at about 2.30 pm on an appropriate day of least interference with the conference program. Let me make you aware of the fact that *Mwandani* has no premises so far, and as such we operate on the streets - a challenge we hope will one day be history if our dream of more meaningful rehabilitation of street children in Nakuru and indeed everywhere are to come true. Both Niva (Shosho) and Marcie (**Brownie**) will be attending the 6th FWCC World Conference of Friends gathering at Kabarak University, Kenya.

And if you draw out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall your light rise in the darkness and your darkness be as the noon day.

Isaiah 58:10

I have showed you all things, how that so laboring you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Acts 20:35



Seeking His presence before a meal—the perfect starting point



The perfect end to a meal—faces of Contentment

