

DAY 1 • Sunday, November 29



NAIVASHA CHILDREN'S SHELTER, KENYA

Hundreds of thousands of boys sleep on the streets in Kenya, rejected by their families or seeking their independence for a number of reasons. They're marginalized, beaten, sexually abused, and arrested. Many Kenyans regard them as worthless and not to be trusted. They call these boys "trash eaters."

International Mission Board missionary Kristen Lowry and the staff at the Naivasha Children's Shelter in Naivasha, Kenya, see value and worth in the life of each boy. They seek out these boys and bring restoration to families and rehabilitation to broken lives.

If a boy is willing to be rescued, one of the social workers from the shelter schedules a time to pick up the boy from the street and bring him to the shelter. Once there, the boy learns skills, participates in counseling, catches up on education, takes responsibility for chores, and ultimately experiences love and a stable environment.

The shelter is not an orphanage but a place where each child receives personal attention and encouragement, all building to the goal of reuniting him with his family.

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If I could tell a friend on the streets one thing about the shelter, I would tell him, 'Come to shelter and change your life and find your family.'

FRANCES, A BOY LIVING AT THE SHELTER

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MISSIONS ON AND OFF THE STREET

PRAY that Frances and other boys like him will find new life in Christ.

PRAY that as the boys are reconciled with their families, the families will also find hope in Jesus.

PRAY that God will bless the work of the shelter's staff as they reach out in love to boys who are hurting.