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International Children's Mission



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Living to serve the
broken-hearted

OUR VISION

Our vision is to remove all street children from the streets and to rehabilitate them to be productive members of society . . .

The International Children's Mission is an interdenominational Christian Children Ministry and a registered NGO with headquarters in Nakuru, Kenya. Our main objective is to rehabilitate street children and to help orphans. The basic approach in changing the life and behavior of the children is the gospel of Jesus Christ and prayer. I.C.M was founded by Pastor Michael Nieswand, who currently serves as the Executive Chairman. His vision is to remove all street children from the streets and to rehabilitate them to be helpful members of society.

Pastor Michael initially came to Kenya in Feb. 1983 as a missionary with the Africa Inland Church. He was mainly involved in street evangelism and worked with the AIC. DIGUNA team. It was at their mission station near Mbagathi Nairobi where he was attacked by a gang of thugs in 1984 and seriously injured. After narrowly surviving, he seriously

wondered why unruly youths would attack and even kill others for no apparent reason.

He found the answer a short time later, when he met the street children in Nairobi town and realized how they grow up in a street school of violence, hate, crime and horror. Once graduated from that destructive course, it is only natural for this person to engage in all kinds of violent and criminal activities, since that has been his life experience since early childhood. Nobody should therefore be surprised when people get attacked or killed in any city as long as many children there are left on the streets, being educated and raised by criminals and evil spirits.

After seeking GOD in prayer Pastor Michael realized that all children must be removed from the streets and given a home, where they can experience love, care and discipline as well as learn the Word of GOD.



How we do it!

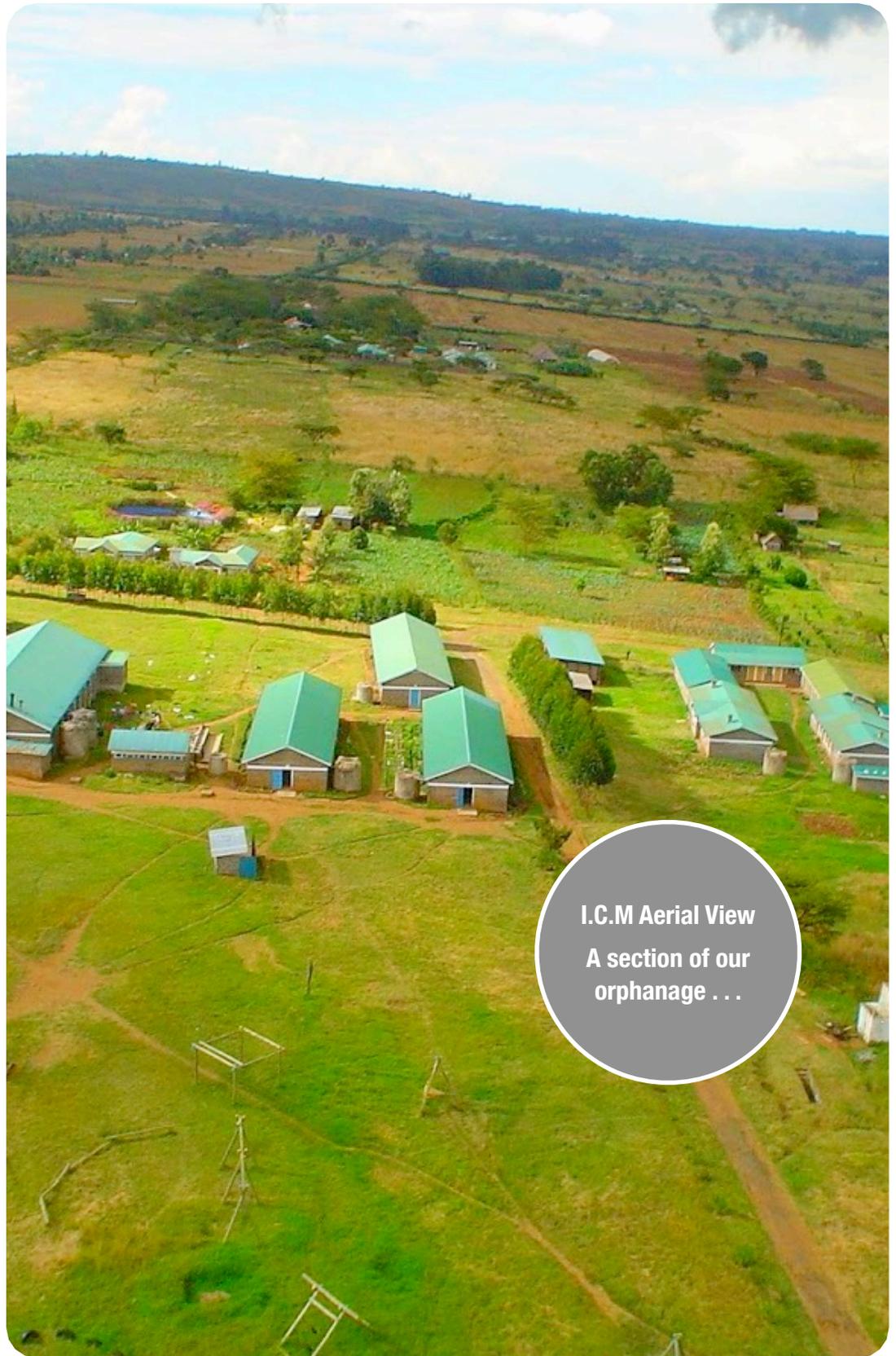
"Successful rehabilitation of street children can only be achieved if the child is physically & permanently removed from the streets and settled in a more positive environment with access to the word of God, education, prayer and counseling"

- Pastor Michael Nieswand

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I.C.M Aerial View
A section of our orphanage . . .

JAMES 1:27

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

MATTHEW 25:37-40

" . . . The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

After focusing on these scriptures, it dawned on Mr. Michael Nieswand that by leaving the children out in the cold on the streets, Christians have actually left the Lord Jesus outside in the streets and he started wondering which God they were worshipping.

PICTURES



Rehabilitation

They come from the streets in their most wretched state but here at ICM, they are transformed into productive members of society, they finally find a home, where they can experience love, care and discipline as well as learn the Word of GOD

A Life in Desperation & Hopelessness (Facts About Street Children)

There is a large number of abandoned children and orphans on the streets of Nairobi & other towns in Kenya. Street children come from very poor families and many are orphans whose parents have died from diseases like HIV/AIDS

They grow up in a very chaotic and dangerous way without any parental guidance, love & care

Some even jump onto moving vehicles in order to search for anything they can take to satisfy their hunger

They are rejected & outcasts in society because of criminal tendencies & very bad behaviour

They create disturbance & post a threat to public safety

They grow up in a hostile environment of being constantly rejected & chased away

Running away & fighting for survival by all means is the daily routine of their childhood

They sniff petrol glue & other toxic substances in order to forget the hunger, the coldness & the hopelessness

Begging for food is part of the daily struggle for survival

A regular meal and a safe place to sleep is not available for them

Many times they beg in vain

The constant inhaling of toxic substances destroys their health and their reasoning capacity

They have no safe or secure resting place

Peaceful sleep is unknown to them

The garbage dump is their home. That is the only place at which they are not chased away all the time

That is where they scavenge for food, clothing & accommodation

The food from the garbage is un-hygienic & poses a big health risk

Half-rotten fruits found in the garbage are at times the only meal for the day

The permanent inhaling of toxic substances helps to forget the environment and the hunger, but over time it destroys the lungs and damages the brain

Depending on waste & garbage for their basic needs de-humanizes their childhood

The children are traumatized and end up in a state of frustration & hopelessness

Many of them die early because of sickness, accidents, drugs & violence



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The I.C.M. Experience . . .

Street children are constantly admitted for residential care at the ICM children's home. When finally the old dirt from the street life is washed away, they have enough reason to celebrate with a cup of tea and some bread

After the meal, they can now explore the playground, a totally new experience for the children who had come from the streets

It takes a long time for them to forget the horror of the life in the garbage dump & for the wounds in the heart to heal

Here at International Children's Mission, the children finally can eat well in our own dining hall

The children get quality education in our own primary school

Because of the small number of pupils in each class, our teachers can give individual attention to the children, which is very important for the rehabilitation process

After school, the boys help in the housework e.g the cutting of firewood for our kitchen

In this way, the boys also learn to take responsibility

The cutting of grass is part of the routine work in the home

And the vegetable garden is very very important for the daily meals

The children learn many skills and are busy with different activities, very different from what they did before, feeding the calves for example

The children finally can eat well in our own dining hall. They are served by professional certified chefs

There are adequate & tranquil housing facilities for the children

ICM provides all basic needs for the children including medical care, formal education as well as spiritual help and counseling.

ICM also assists the community though it's water project and tries to create public awareness concerning street children, family and youth problems, as well as HIV AIDS.

We bring these kids up in the the most GOD-fearing way that embraces holiness & moral righteous standing in society.

Embracing The LORD and Christianity in our orphanage has indeed totally transformed the entire orphanage and gone a long way in the rehabilitation process to heal the wounds of pain & rejection in the hearts of our children.

At the end of every day, the boys come together & sing worship songs to The LORD

ICM also has a bus that takes the children to trips all over the country to serve GOD and worship Jesus.

PICTURES



Teacher engaging the students in Class



Basic Approach

The basic approach in changing the life and behavior of the children is the gospel of Jesus Christ and prayer. ICM was founded by Pastor Michael Nieswand, who currently serves as the executive Chairman.



RADIO STATION

Highlights

- 1984 Mr. Nieswand comes to Kenya
Brushes with unruly youths
- 1993 Starts Bindura Children's Family
- 1997 Eldoret Children's Rescue Centre
- 1998 Nakuru Children's Rescue Centre
- 2001 Int. Children's Mission Registered
Rehema Primary School Established
- 2002 Jesus is LORD Radio Goes ON AIR
- 2006 Jesus is LORD Bible School



Jesus is LORD Radio Station

When we finally started leading the children to The LORD, their Creator & Maker, we did see a meaningful real change in the reformation and transformation of their character. This is what made us embrace The LORD and Christianity in our orphanage to the extent that having transformed the entire orphanage.

We felt that this wonderfully new found discovery was worth extending to the larger society in order to bring healing to those who may be out there, but in similar pain and rejection.

That is what birthed out the genesis of the idea to start a Christian FM radio station that would minister to the larger society

We started a FM radio station at which the former street children could now minister the gospel of the healing and saving power of our Lord Jesus to the very society that had rejected them and abandoned them in garbage dumps.

Our radio at which these precious salvaged lives are now ministering.

Our broadcasters are the same former street children who have volunteered their lives in this service

The radio station reaches out to millions both in Kenya & internationally.



A SECTION OF THE MAIZE FARM ...

ICM Farm

Engaging the children in farming helps them be productive members of society, since the Kenyan society is largely agrarian

DEPARTMENTS

Our Strategy, Facilities & Activities At The International Children's Mission

Our Strategy

The Children who still live on the streets are being reached by the "Jesus is Lord Team" mainly through street gospel crusades and personal counseling. Others come on their own to the ICM center or are being brought by relevant government officials or concerned members of the public. ICM. networks with the Ministry of Home Affairs - Children's Department and also receives many children from it's Juvenile Remand Homes.

Once a new child has been received and has settled, the ICM field-work team tries all means to find the relatives of the child in order to establish the root cause of the child's problem at home. If the problem at home can be solved the child will be reconciled with the family and later repatriated. Other children are being admitted for residential care at the ICM children's home.

Education

In order to completely rehabilitate their lives and avoid their recycle to the street garbage dumps, It became apparent to me that they needed some form of education as a means of rehabilitation. there was a greater need to reform their character from violence to normal citizens.

a school, at which they would be taught in the process of transforming their character from abandoned street children, with extreme hate and anger, to productive members of this society.

The children get quality formal education in our own primary school. The primary school is run using the 8-4-4 system with a full-time

teaching staff the schools is run by qualified born-again christian teachers who are sensitive to the needs of the children. The staff first assess the education needs of the child and then place him in an effective grade where the child will be constantly monitored for educational progress and counseling needs by the teachers. Because of the small number of pupils in each class, our teachers can give individual attention to the children, which is very important for the rehabilitation process. There are living quarters for the teachers in the school so that they can constantly be available to the children for 24 hrs a day. This allows the children to develop close relationships with their teachers, & spend quality time accessing parental love, guidance & fellowship.

Farm

The institution has it's own farm where the children grow their some of their food and keeping the livestock. The children learn agricultural skills by learning how to grow various vegetables and crops and keeping livestock within ICM.

This allows the children to learn various skills that are especially useful as 80% of kenyan economy is reliant on agriculture.

The farm-work is made more effective by the set of farm implements that they are trained to utilize.



Our FM-Radio Streaming Division

The vegetable garden is very important for the daily meals

Activities

The children learn many skills and are busy with different activities, very different from what they did before.

ICM as an institution spends a great deal of time to give the children skills that could be reliably used to be productive citizens in future

The talents of the children are being identified and developed through various activities.

Our youths are also taught technological skills to help them in their near future.

At the end of every week, we come together as a community to thank & worship The LORD in our I.C.M church.

Prospects

Future plans include: expanding the existing school & children's home facilities in order to help rescue more street children and orphans. It is planned to enlarge the coverage of the Radio Station through various booster stations. The farm land needs to be expanded & production enhanced as well as an enhanced public awareness & Gospel Campaigns including more Radio & TV productions.

Rescue Centre

I.C.M has now become the orphanage that is a rescue centre for many street children, that no child in the garbage dumps of this nation may ever lack where to go.

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