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This spring we, just like the rest of the world, paused.

There was the fear of the pandemic, the first cases of COVID-19, and Kenya was placed in lockdown. Schools and churches were closed and so was all international travel.

This way, some of the missionaries spent much more time in Kenya than they had planned. This was a plus for us, but there were many cons too: the school was closed, all services were stopped, and the rehab was very strict about not letting anyone in or out.

This lasted for two months until the situation wasn't back under control. It turned out we needed that time off: we rested in both body and mind, changed our mind about many things, and learned to trust God with our lives and our plans

Project Feeding



The only service still taking place during lockdown, was our project called Feeding. This is a charity kitchen for children from difficult families.

There are currently about forty of them. Some are orphaned, some live with their grandparents and have nothing to eat, and some share a home with alcoholic parents. Most of the time these chil-



dren were starving and on the brink of death.

But now they're provided hot meals two times a day, five days a week. Apart from that they can shower, wash their clothes, and play with others. All of this



is happening in our church yard, which became a second home for all of them. Of course, during lockdown we tried our best to follow the guidelines set by the president.

This way, children would only come over for lunch and dinner. But now life is back to normal, and they spend all day long at the church.

Sometimes we pop in for a visit to talk, play, and draw.



New Home For Homeless Boys



This May our rehab center celebrated its five-year anniversary. The date may be small, but it's important. The celebrations were pushed back because of lockdown and moving. Yes, we moved!

Now our home is much bigger, much more comfortable and much more beautiful than the old one. It would be more correct to say "homes", though - we now have a separate building for dorms, a dining hall, an of-



fice, a building for classrooms and storage. There's even a football field suitable for all sorts of games.

This plot is owned by the government, and was built specifically for taking care of street children. For a long time, however, it's been



abandoned, but we've revived it.

There was lots of effort put into the project - but it would've taken even longer if it was just an empty plot of land.

We're grateful to God that He guided us through negotiations with the children's care department of the local authorities and through the process of rent. We also thank everyone for financial support, and those who helped us out, for their hard work.

Now we can accept more children and serve even more than before.



Embrace News



During lockdown and the moving, Embrace hasn't seen any new child faces in a while. But in the middle of July we were prepared to take in newcomers.

And since life in the streets and the addiction to glue is incredibly hard, we wanted to make their first days unforgettably bright and delicious. What could be better than a week-



long camp?

We selected the theme of family to be the heart of the camp; its importance in our lives, its value in the eyes of God and its initial purpose.

We played, had fun with arts and crafts, and had lots of delicious food and snacks. In the evenings we would sing songs and talk by the

campfire. It was a wonderful time, and not just for the children.

The teachers and social workers who had been helping out enjoyed themselves just as much. Seeing the joyful faces of these children and their will to change was the best feeling.

Especially since we already have great examples in front of us - children who have tak-



en the journey from the streets to normal life.

They spend time helping at the rehab, knowing the hardships of the journey and which paths to take.

Which is why their help is invaluable for both our children and us; it shows that all the effort wasn't for nothing!



We Are Back On Track

After three months of lockdown the president of Kenya toned down the precaution measures.

Large gatherings were still forbidden, but churches were allowed to reopen. There were certain conditions for us to follow, so we stocked up on masks, hand sanitizer, and thermometers, and returned to our weekly services. Even if they lasted for under an hour, they were like a breath of fresh air.

We had missed each other, praying and spending time together.

A few weeks later our youth club also resumed its work. Every Saturday sessions are being held, and hope is back into the hearts of the teenagers.

Thank God the services are still going on. Many new visitors have started attending them in this difficult time.

They seek God, and we hope to be His light where He has placed us!

