

## Special Edition

In our last edition of the Life4Kids Journal, we informed you that Jane Wasike (Executive Director of Life4Kids) and her staff had been in the slums and at the garbage dump seeking little boys that needed to be rescued. The experience was quite traumatic and distressing for Jane. In the end, she brought home three starving, abused, traumatized and desperate little boys.

## Our Challenge

Of course, we completely support and applaud Jane and her team for undertaking additional responsibility and work.

But it does pose a challenge.

## HOW DO WE PAY FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE NEW BOYS?

With the Eastern European crisis, drought, floods, and a raging COVID pandemic in Kenya, we were already stretched to our financial limits.

We hate to sound like “one of these charities,” always asking for money. But, frankly, that’s why we exist ... to raise funds to provide these little boys with a chance in life, to receive the necessities of life, an education, love, and support.

## Introduction to New Boys

Will you do us this favour? Will you just read what follows? And then you’ll understand why Jane and her staff were compelled to bring in these three little boys, to rescue them from starvation, sodomy, beatings, the elements, and fear. And to give them hope and love.

## Meet Kings

Kings is a three-year-old boy who was born on the streets to a street mother. At his tender age, he has survived against all the odds, living on the streets in rough and vulnerable conditions.

Kings has experienced much in his day-to-day life in the slums: Going without a proper meal every day at his young age has been a huge challenge. He has slept rough on the streets. He has waited day and

night for a miracle to happen so that he can get food to eat from a well-wisher. He has been sodomized by the older boys on the streets. His mother is an alcoholic and a prostitute, She prostitutes herself to feed her five children. She is not sure who their fathers are.

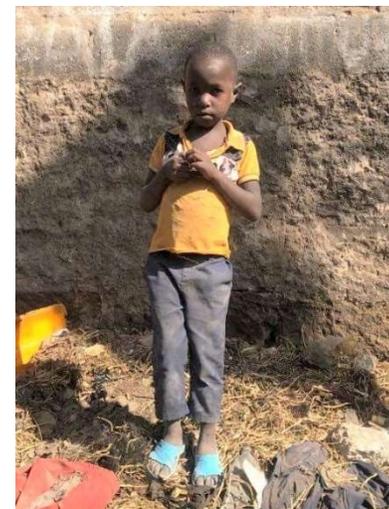


Kings’ mother had been planning to poison Kings because she feels he is a burden. Because he is so young, he is not able to walk around the streets to beg and survive on his own. It is a miracle that he is alive.

Jane has noticed since the arrival of Kings at the Life4Kids home that his stomach is not used to eating proper, regular meals. He has really struggled since he ate his first meal at the home. Kings has never lived in a proper house. He was shocked when he was brought to Life4Kids. His reaction showed that he was not sure of where he was and that he found it all overwhelming. During his first night at Life4Kids, Kings suffered from anxiety and nightmares. All the staff and the other boys have comforted him.

## Meet Isaac

Isaac is a 4-year-old boy. Isaac was born and has lived in the Mathare slums since birth. His father is unknown, and his mother engages in prostitution to survive. He is the fourth child in a family of five. His mother is sick, having contracted HIV. She is a single parent. Because the mother cannot afford to pay rent, she and the children live in a





cardboard-constructed house in the slums. Isaac and his young sister almost died in December after their house caught fire. The neighbours luckily saved them.

The family depends on well-wishers. They all walk from one street to another begging for food for survival. At his tender age, Isaac has seen and experienced horrific things on the tough streets of the slum. He has been sodomized and has seen his mother and sisters raped and beaten by street men on a regular basis.

Isaac has spent a lifetime begging and scavenging. He is not used to having three meals a day. Jane and the staff have seen that he is really struggling to eat a full portion of food. In time he will be able to take more and build up his strength. Our staff will give him the diet he desperately needs.

During his first night at Life4Kids, Isaac could not settle down and sleep. He feared the darkness and his new surroundings. He spent the night having nightmares and screaming.

## Meet Ramadhan

Ramadhan is 5 years old.

When Ramadhan's mother was young, three men raped her while she was returning from a late-night pharmacy. She had gone there to buy medicine for her ailing grandmother in the slums of Mathare. This is the harsh reality of how Ramadhan was born. Following the birth of Ramadhan, his mother ran away from the slums and left him to survive with his grandmother.

Ramadhan has been through horrific experiences. His father is unknown. He has never seen his mother since birth and has never felt the love of his mother. The only reason that he has survived is the care of his ailing grandmother. She cannot take care of him properly. When Ramadhan turned three, he started begging on the streets



for food to eat. He has now been on the streets for more than two years.

Ramadhan is a survivor. He has a large scar and bump on his forehead, and several scars on his body, the result of being savagely beaten by older street boys. He almost died. Luckily, a street woman found him and took him to a local hospital. He was in a coma for a month.

## WILL YOU CONSIDER A SPONSORSHIP?

These little boys deserve a better life. Life4Kids can provide that. But the boys need sponsors.

The cost per month is \$170. That's less than \$40 a week. For that amount, we can provide for all the needs of one of these special boys including:

- three wholesome and nutritional meals a day
- clothing, medication, and toiletries
- counselling and therapy
- education (tuition and supplies)
- a bed in which to sleep, safe and secure.

You could sponsor one of these boys yourself. Or can join with others to sponsor one of these boys. Or you could suggest to us who you believe might be able and prepared to help.

It is no secret that, without the support of our current sponsors, the Life4Kids home could not have remained open. Their support has been literally lifesaving.

As a sponsor, you'll receive regular photos, artwork, and updates on the progress of your sponsored boy. You'll participate in periodic online conferences with Jane.

And, most significantly, you'll know that you are providing life, hope and love for a little boy who has been so neglected until now.

**For more information** (and without obligation), contact Fred Hacker, Chair and President of Life4Kids Canada at [info@life4kids.ca](mailto:info@life4kids.ca) or by calling 705.528.8787

This is your love in action!

Thank You!