



Street Children Ministry (SCM)

“To look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world” James 1:27

OUTREACH PROGRAM REPORT



The Street Children Ministry aims to transform the lives of street children in South Sudan through outreach ministry that involves prayer meetings, wound care assistance, and feeding. The outreach ministry activities are carried out around different markets and streets. The locations included Malakia, Suk Tekki, and Nyakuron. The activities are carried out three times a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday).

Apart from the wound care, prayer meetings, and feeding that we carry out on the streets with the kids, the team also provides guidance and counselling to the homeless children. We focus on follow up on the treatment of other common diseases, such as malaria, typhoid, skin diseases, and the common cold. For serious wound cases, the team

also conducts follow-up to monitor progress and refers complicated cases to nearby hospitals.

How word of God is central?

1. Prayer meetings are conducted with the street children before the start of wound care.
2. The street children are taught Christian songs during the prayer meetings.
3. The team conducts one-on-one counselling and prays with the boys who have big wounds and serious medical conditions, asking for God's healing hand.
4. The team also shares Bible stories with the street children during the prayer meetings.



INVOLVEMENT OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

We partner with the local church in various ways. The outreach ministry team is led by a pastor who is a nurse practitioner and offers biblical counsel and discipleship for the boys at the RCH.

FIGURE 1: OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM IN THE FIELD.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

1. Community members receive medical care for wound dressings and other minor diseases.
2. The team teaches those that come for wound dressing to take care of their own wounds.
3. The outreach program has helped some community members with care, and those whose wounds have been healed have gained faith in God. This is also boosted by the prayer meetings.



FIGURE 2: WOUND CARE PROGRAM IN THE COMMUNITY



FIGURE 3: MEDICAL SUPPLIES SHELF

STEPS TOWARDS SELF-SUFFICIENCY

There are no current steps taken towards self-sufficiency but we are seeking to learn how we can make this ministry self-sustainable in the future.

CHALLENGES FACED

1. Inconsistency in showing up for treatment by the street children, which affects the healing process.
2. Limited human resources compared to the big numbers that show up.
3. Shortage of medical supplies such as wound care materials and medicines due to the large numbers of children.
4. The hot weather affects the team due to the lack of shelter.
5. Limited capacity for follow-up and referral of complicated cases.
6. More children are willing to be recruited into the children's homes.
7. Improper storage means for wound care materials and medicines.

SOLUTIONS

1. Providing health education to the children and encouraging them to constantly show up for wound care.
2. Multi-tasking among staff to deal with human resource limitations.
3. Careful use and management of the available materials to cater for as many children as possible.
4. Finding sites with shades in the outreach locations to avoid the hot weather.
5. Locally dealing with the complicated cases.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Increased funding to cater for the referral of complicated cases, more wound care materials, staff additions, and feeding of the children.
2. Establishment of a clinic in the future to deal with complicated cases and offer both inpatient and outpatient care.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. God's healing hand to help with the healing of the wounds.
2. God's strength, courage, protection, and guidance for the outreach team during the implementation of outreach activities.
3. Continued support from our prayer partners and more prayer partners to effectively run the project.
4. Godly, and willing volunteers who will serve God through the outreach ministry.
5. Establishment of a larger rehabilitation center to help accommodate many street children.

PRAISES

1. God's amazing work in the lives of homeless children.
2. There is a decreased occurrence of big wounds in some locations, like Nyakuron.
3. Some of the boys have learned how to take care of their own wounds.
4. Some of the boys are committed and turn up whenever the team goes for field visits.
5. There is a general increase in wound healing in all the locations.
6. There haven't been any cross-infections with the team.
7. There has been a constant supply of wound care materials to use during outreach.
8. Reduced fighting among boys during wound care.

TESTIMONIES

“This is a great help you are doing; may God bless you abundantly.” — One of the community members joined the team during one of the sessions.

“The number of wounds in some of the locations has dropped significantly due to our interventions. For example, we used to spend over two hours in Nyakuron, but we now spend about thirty minutes due to the reduced wounds.” — Daniel Aret, one of the field envoys.

“There is reduced fighting among the boys when they come for wound care compared to when we first began the program, and I believe this is attributed to the spiritual guidance.” — Pastor Edward Atem is the outreach team leader.



FIGURE 4: WOUND CARE WORK



FIGURE 5: WOUND CARE ON THE STREETS



FIGURE 6: OUTREACH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES