



# Street Children Ministry (SCM)

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## **ANNUAL REPORT- 2023**

The past year, 2023, was a year where we saw the Lord leading in the ministry. We, as a ministry, have experienced the Lord’s extraordinary blessings in many ways. We have seen the Lord’s hand in the children’s lives at home, and we have come into contact with them in the streets. At the school, we had registered 25 children (15 from the street and 10 orphans from the community) last year. The children were doing amazing work in their classes. We were overwhelmed to see children’s willingness to come to school and to learn. The Lord was/is their strength and guidance through the school year. All 25 children performed so well, and they will be in different grades this year. Vocational skill training school—this was another ministry for which we thank God for his providence and faithfulness. This programme impacted the community and our boys positively.

The school year 2023 went well, with so many testimonies from the children and the community at large. The children who had no hope are now hopeful and see their bright future getting closer. The Lord has been using them in wonderful ways. What a blessing when we can tell how the Lord’s great plan for these children is clear! One of the heart-touching testimonies from the children last year was that one of the children came to me and asked, “Uncle, what do people think of us?”

I answered that people think that you are intelligent, wise, talented, creative, smart in mind, thoughtful, and a good children. And the matter of all is that you are willing to serve the Lord and eager to learn in school; that’s always our big encouragement from you. We are proud of you and thankful to serve the Lord with you.



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With a smile, he looked closely at me and said, “Thank you. I am asking this question because I want to tell you that I have gained hope and courage that I will be someone in the future. When I was in the street, I didn’t know how life in the future would be. I did not know that I would survive. I did not know that I was important and loved by God. I felt rejected and abandoned, and I thought that no one would like me. But now, I can see God’s great plan for me. God has restored my hope through the Street Children Ministry. I am so thankful to God for transforming my life and restoring my hope.”

Another testimony is that one of the single mothers whose husband was killed in the war stood up at the end of the school year ceremony and said, “I am very happy that my child can read and speak good English. He always tells us to pray to God, and he leads us in prayer. He is much more obedient and kind now than before. I thank God for changing my son’s life. I can proudly say that Street Children Ministry has been a blessing to me and the community. I have come to know the Lord through the SCM and my son.”

With all these encouraging messages from the people we share the gospel with, we can tell that God is our strength and our portion, although there were some challenges we encountered at work. We did not do much outreach ministry last year due to financial ties, but we ministered to over 2,000 homeless children in the streets. We shared the gospel with them, bandaged their wounds, stood with them in difficult times, played with them, fed them, and joyfully interacted with them. We were encouraged to see that most of the children we came into contact with were blessed by our team in many ways. Those who had broken legs were helped and healed, and those who were abused in many other ways were encouraged after sharing the gospel with them.

We reunited some children with their parents last year after so many years away from their families. It was such a great joy for their families to see them again. Some children visited their families, stayed for a few nights with them, and were later collected by the SCM team. The reunion reminded us of how their lives were on the streets, and now they are amazing young men who can be accepted in their own families.

Thankfully, God has provided the finances for the outreach ministry this year, 2024. We aim to share the gospel with over 5,000 homeless children, bandage their wounds, and fill the gaps this year. We will register 45–50 children in our school this year. The 5–10 homeless children will be housed next week, and the tailoring and carpentry students will graduate in May. Thank you very much for being our partner. We can’t do all of this without your financial and spiritual support. Here are the prayer requests:

1. Pray for the finances to complete the building and work.
2. Pray for the process of housing the children next week, that it will go well, and that the Lord will lead.
3. Pray for the wisdom and strength at work and the upcoming VST students’ graduation.
4. Pray for school registration and classes in February.
5. Pray for the South Sudan election in December to be peaceful and fair.