

Made in the Streets
Nairobi, Kenya



MADE IN THE STREETS Family and Friends,

Like many of you, we are prayerfully navigating the current COVID-19 global pandemic and learning to operate in a “new normal.” We hope and pray that this finds each of you safe and healthy. We were faced with changes and disruptions that led to the cancellation and postponement of many trips and events scheduled during 2020. The MITS team in the US and in Kenya has been monitoring the virus outbreak and working thoughtfully to address current and future challenges – and determine the best paths forward.

Here’s an update on the current situation at Made in the Streets and in Kenya:

- The majority of active cases are in Nairobi and Mombasa. The government is taking serious action and putting in steps to control the spread of COVID-19.
- Staff and students have been manufacturing protective facemasks. These masks have been distributed to all students and staff at MITS, as well as some members of the community in Kamulu.
- Sunday worship service at Kamulu Church is being broadcast on FaceBook live - Sunday service can be seen on Francis Mbuvi's personal FB page at: <https://www.facebook.com/francis.mbuvi>
- Since school has been suspended country-wide, MITS has taken the following steps to minimize exposure:
 - Students are staying in their dorms, except for minimal time outside for exercise.
 - Students are not meeting as a large group for chapel each day, but rather meeting in very small groups in their dorms each morning for prayer, worship, and encouragement;
 - Students are not in classrooms at the Learning Center for daily instruction, but they are working on lessons independently and in small groups in their residences;
 - Skills students are not attending skills training, but working independently in the afternoon.
 - All students are staying within their respective residences.
- Although other boarding schools across Kenya are shutting down and sending students home, MITS students do not have this option. You can be assured that all students enrolled at MITS are being completely cared for on the MITS campus – arrangements have been made for MITS to continue full boarding and proper care of all students. Team members are buying food and supplies once a week. Access to grocery stores is available each day – though social distancing is being enforced at stores. They have contingency plans in place to ensure adequate food and supplies for MITS students should country-wide shortages occur.
- MITS final year students in Kamulu were able to graduate on December 5!
- We had an intake of 34 girls off the streets into our residential program at the first of 2021!
- All MITS team members, families, and students are practicing social distancing; avoiding groups and gatherings over 10; washing and sanitizing their hands often; and washing their clothes and residences regularly.

- After full closure in March and then partial access, The Eastleigh Center has re-opened and is feeding street kids daily. The number of street kids seeking food and care continues to grow due to the pandemic and connected economic crisis.
- All team members in Kenya and the students in Kamulu are staying safe and no cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Kamulu.

To our partners at Legacy,

There are still many unknowns at this time. Dealing with change and navigating these unknowns is tough, but we feel optimistic and ready to keep the students and staff at MITS healthy and well - which is our number one priority. We covet your prayers and appreciate your continued support. We have a great global family of MITS partners and a great hope in the One who guides our path. As we say often at MITS, "God is Good....All the time."

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for MADE IN THE STREETS. And thank you for showing and sharing the love of God to street kids!

With much love and thanks,

Brad Voss
Executive Director