



amos  street child

# Resource Pack





## thank you for downloading the amos street child resource pack.

We have designed this pack to help you raise awareness of the issues affecting Street Children and to raise funds for Amos Trust's partners working with Street Children around the world.

It contains activities, readings, prayers and links to images and films to help you raise awareness about the issues facing street children, in a youth group, a place of worship or a school. You may also like to [download the Amos Street Child Fundraising Pack](#) which is designed to run alongside this pack.

Thank you for your support. We hope that this Pack will provide you with everything you need. Please contact Amos Community Engagement Manager, Katie Hagley ([katie@amostrust.org](mailto:katie@amostrust.org)), for further support and ideas and to let her know what you are up to.



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## amos street child

Across the world millions of children live and work on the streets where they are visible yet unseen, heard but not listened to and suffer a daily cycle of neglect and abuse.

We believe that all children are created in the image of God. Our partners befriend children on the streets and then use sport and the arts to let children develop their self worth and confidence and begin the journey away from street life. They also seek to change the way that others view these children.

Everyday Amos Street Child's partners prove that street children can retake their place in community when:

- they are befriended, gain confidence through sports, arts and education and receive support to address their abuse and trauma
- families learn parenting skills and are offered mediation and practical support
- communities understand why children are on the streets and how they can work together to address the issues these children face
- governments implement laws and policies that recognise the needs and rights of street children.

### – UMTHOMBO STREET CHILD

In Durban, South Africa, the advocacy work of the former street children who set up Umthombo, together with their pioneering surf programme and the inaugural Street Child World Cup, ended police round ups and abuse of street children. This was a major achievement.

Their reintegration programmes are so successful in supporting children to leave the streets and maintain a place back at home, that they are now developing preventative work in townships where most street children come from and in-depth work with teenage mothers who are trapped in street life.




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**– NEW GENERATION BURUNDI**

New Generation grew out of the genocide and civil war that swept Burundi between 1993-2005. Dieudonne Nahimina was orphaned in the genocide and he saw that among the orphaned children on the streets of Bulumbura, the ethnic divides that had divided the nation were not there.

He set up New Generation to allow these children to reach their full potential and to become leaders of a new Burundi.

**– KARUNALAYA CENTRE FOR STREET AND WORKING CHILDREN**

Karunalaya was set up in Chennai, India in 1995 to protect the legal rights of street children and to give them the opportunity to leave the streets with the skills needed to choose how to shape their future.

This has led them to:

- support children who have fled to Chennai on the railroads, some even from as far away as Nepal (3,000 miles), to be integrated back into their homes,
- run street based education programmes for working children, develop drama, music and sports programmes
- provide HIV testing and support for young women in the sex industry, and to protect the legal rights of pavement dwelling communities.

**– OUR NETWORKS**

Amos Street Child also works closely with COET in Mwanza, Tanzania and Casa Alianza in Nicaragua. In 2010, together with a core group of Amos supporters, we set up the inaugural Street Child World Cup in Durban bringing together street children from 8 countries.

It was so successful that we set up ‘Street Child United’ to take this work forward to Rio De Janeiro in 2014, when children from our partner projects joined street children from around the world to declare “No Child should have to live on the streets.”


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## Suggested outline for an all-age service

All the readings and materials mentioned in this outline can be found later on in the Pack. The outline is a starting point to add your own hymns, prayers and intercessions to your own all-age service.

We suggest that you provide an Amos Street Child leaflet for everyone at your service, and provide Amos Gift Aid cards for a collection. Please also use the sign-up sheet at the end of this Pack and encourage people to sign up for our newsletter so that they can keep in touch with our work.

### – OPENING READING

‘Unseen’ on [page 16](#) – a meditation to be read as an opening to your service perhaps with quiet music playing behind. Let people take it in before introducing the theme of the service.

### – FAMILY-FRIENDLY IDEA

Throw a soft football to members of the congregation, ask them to say what springs to mind when they think about street children.

### – QUOTES AND FACTS

From the street children themselves (read out some of the quotes from [‘Voices From Beyond The Streets’ on page 10-13](#)) and facts taken from [‘Street Children - A Global Phenomenon’ on page 10](#).

Say a little about Amos Trust and our work with Street Child projects (see introduction).

### – FILM

Show one of the films. You can find links to the films at the end of this pack on [page 31](#).


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**– STORY**

Have a teenager read one of the ‘Stories From The Street’ on [page 14](#).

**– READING:**

Luke 18: 15-17 – you may also want to use one of the other readings included in the ‘Reflections and Readings’ section on [pages 16-18](#).

**– SERMON**

Use the sermon outline on [page 25](#).

**– PRAYERS**

Use some of the prayers from [page 19](#). Invite people to come forward and light a tea light as they pray for street children. You could have a map upon which people can place their tea light.

**– CLOSE**

Use the closing blessing by Revd. Martin Luther King on [page 24](#).

## Activities for Young Children and Youth Groups

**– GET THE FACTS**

Ask the children to say the first thing that springs to mind when they think of street children, they could throw a football to each other and whoever is holding the ball can speak.

Give different children a mixture of quotes and facts on [page 10](#) and ask them to read these out. [You may like to use some of the photos in the Dropbox.](#)

**– GET COMFORTABLE**

Get the children to lie down on a hard, cold floor (preferably stone), you could go outside for this. Ask them to try to make themselves comfortable ready for a good night’s rest. Suggest they use jumpers, coats, etc. as blankets and pillows. Ask them if they think they would get much sleep like this.


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**– GET TALKING**

Now the group is bedded down, get the group to think about and discuss the following:

- what makes children go and live on the streets and what would force you to leave home?
- what would it be like to live on the streets and what things would you miss about home, parents, family?
- how do you think children survive on the streets and how do they get food and how would you survive?
- what would you be afraid of?

**– GET THE STORIES**

You might read out one of the stories to the group and/or Wilf Whitty's meditation from [page 16](#) to help them think about these issues. You could split into groups and give each group a different story to read and then they can share it with the other groups – they could tell the story, act it out or make a poster.

**– GET INFORMED ABOUT OUR PARTNERS**

Use the films and the background information about our partners to tell people about the kind of work Street Children projects do.

**– GET PRAYING**

Get the group to write prayers for children around the world, living on the streets. You could hand out pens and paper, or if there is a playground or concrete space outside, how about using chalk to write their prayers on the ground outside?

Alternatively, cut some simple house shapes out of paper and ask children to write what they are thankful for on one side and a prayer for children surviving on the streets, or working with our partners, on the other. Children can then hang these on a washing line with pegs as a display.



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**RESOURCE PACK****– GET CREATIVE**

In many countries in the world children with very little, will often make footballs and other toys out of anything available to them, – plastic bags, straw, string, tights and stockings. Get the children to make their own footballs with materials that people might throw away and have a kick about.

Many children living on the streets have no official identity, they do not have a birth certificate, they do not even know their date of birth. A thumb or finger print is something that we see as linked to our identity – it is also a sign of our uniqueness, we are all unique and special and this applies to all children.

Get the children to make posters using finger and thumb prints or hand prints. Then to write alongside their prints what makes them unique and special alongside their prints.

**– GET THINKING AND RESPONDING**

You may find that the children would like to respond to what they have heard and to do something such as fundraising or telling the older members of church about the situation. If this is the case you can:

- use the outline on [pages 6-7](#) for a Service to present something in Church
- [download the Amos Street Child Fundraising Pack](#) to come up with ideas about how your group can make a difference.



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## The Facts

**STREET CHILDREN: A GLOBAL PHENOMENON**  
**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

It is estimated that 100 million children live and work on the streets of our world's cities. These children are exposed to sexual and violent abuse, exploitation and trafficking and seldom receive any protection from the police and judicial systems.

Children go onto the streets because of a combination of “push and pull” factors. The most common push factor is extreme poverty in urban slums or rural communities. This will often result in children not attending schools as parents cannot afford to pay for their uniform or school books, and more seriously cannot provide food to feed them before school.

These circumstances in turn lead to many children working on the streets where they have a transient life between home and the streets.

It is when this is combined with some form of domestic abuse, (physical, sexual or extreme neglect), often triggered by alcoholism or drug use among parents, that many children are forced to leave home and to go on to the streets.



We used to run away and live on the streets at the weekends. The township was so violent at weekends – everyone was drunk, shacks would get burnt, people stabbed and girls raped. It was safer on the streets. We'd then go back home on Monday or Tuesday.

**MANDISA**  
**FORMER STREET CHILD**


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In most countries the number of children who are orphans is very low (unless there has been conflict/ civil war or a pandemic such as the early days of the HIV /AIDS crisis) – but breakdowns in relationships or a new partner can lead to many children feeling forced to run away.

There is also the allure of the large city streets and the desire to earn money and have the advertised benefits, but for most, arrival on the street is a very cruel wake up to a life of hunger, physical and sexual abuse and constant solvent abuse to take away the fear and the hunger.

Amos Trust has been involved in creating new alternatives for South Africa’s street children since the early 1990’s and since that point has campaigned for an end to the abuse these children experience.

We believe the experiences of these children need to be at the centre of a new call to end the escalating numbers of children who are forced to survive on the streets.

The level of abuse of street children increases around major sporting events when organisers seek to remove those who do not fit with the image that the hosts are seeking to promote and that is why Amos Trust helped to set up the Street Child World Cup.

## voices from beyond the streets

### Quotes from Street Children around the world



When people see us by the streets, they say that we are street boys. But when they see us playing soccer, they will say that we are not the street boys. They will say that they are people like us. We are people like them.

**ANDILE**  
**SOUTH AFRICA**

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Whenever people come across me they laugh. It seems like my mouth is zipped because they talk for us, I wish they could give us a chance to talk for ourselves.

**MBALE  
 SOUTH AFRICA**

When I surf I feel like I am flying. I am far above street life and can see a new way for me to be.

**KHOTSO, AGE 15  
 SOUTH AFRICA**

On the streets I was constantly hungry. The only thing that made me happy was when I had the chance to kick a football. It felt like a magic cure for all my troubles.

**DENNIS  
 TANZANIA**

If I could speak to children who are still on the streets I would tell them about my life in the dump site. I would tell them how my life has changed after getting a place in a home for street children.

**MEMBER OF KENYA STREET CHILD WORLD CUP TEAM 2014**

Don't treat street children like they're nobody; treat them like they're human. Street children have a right to life, education and shelter.

**MEMBER OF KENYA STREET CHILD WORLD CUP TEAM 2014**


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Those street children in the world who use drugs need to be engaged in different activities like dancing, football and basketball.

**MEMBER OF KENYA STREET CHILD WORLD CUP TEAM 2014**

Street children are important. Please give us a voice.

**MEMBER OF MOZAMBIQUE STREET CHILD WORLD CUP TEAM 2014**

It was very hard to go home because of the habits you get into on the streets. I was there for 4 years. You get to do what you enjoy – clubbing and boys – when you go home you just go home. But home is far better – my family is happy that I am home and I am back at school and can grow up to be something.

**HLOBISILE  
SOUTH AFRICA**

It was easy to go home. I was ready. I had made the decision after 3 years on the streets I was ready. You are cared for and get enough food, get enough clothes, don't sleep outside. I'm safe at home – when I am sad someone is there to share my feelings, if I'm injured or ill parents take care of you.

**MONDE  
SOUTH AFRICA**

I had two weeks on the streets and I wanted to go home. I didn't want anything to do with the streets. I saw children surfing and then met Umthombo and told them about myself. They asked if I was ready to go home' then two of the staff went home with me to talk to my parents, my parents were happy as they had been worried.

**NTANDO  
SOUTH AFRICA**



## stories from the streets

Feza, Burundi



My name is Feza and I am 16 years old. Finding New Generation has changed my life. My father did not live with us and when my mother died I was sent to live with my aunt who mistreated me and worked me too hard. I ran away and went to live with my sister which was much better until her husband tried to rape me.

I ran away again and stayed with another aunt. One of the other girls living there stole flour from my aunt's cupboard. I was forced not to tell my aunt when she asked who had done this.

So my aunt burnt us all as punishment. I have a scar on my leg from this. Again I had nowhere to live. I met Dorine, then Joseline and Jolie and some other girls. We lived together, sometimes under trees, sometimes in straw houses that would be swept away when the rains came, sometimes in half built brick houses with no roofs; it was not easy, street boys would try and find us to try and rape us.

One night we had nowhere to go. Sylvester, a former child from New Generation, spotted us and helped us. He took us to Armella's place (a New Generation volunteer member). The next day, we were told that we would be sleeping at the New Generation Centre in Kinindo. Since that day we have started living here.

Life is beautiful now, we have food and water, a place to sleep and great friends. We can lead a normal life and not worry about where we will sleep at night. We are safe and we go to school every day.

When I grow up I would like to become a lawyer. My body and mind tells me that is what I was meant for.



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## Fabrice, Burundi

**FABRICE IS 11 YEARS OLD. HE LOVES TO PLAY FOOTBALL AND ENJOYS GOING TO SCHOOL. HE IS CURRENTLY IN YEAR 2 IN PRIMARY SCHOOL. FABRICE AND HIS FAMILY LIVE ON A BUILDING SITE.**



I sleep with my parents in a house that is still being built, it does not belong to us. If the owner of the house came to live in this house, I don't where we will go. We also live with other people who occupy other rooms. There are four rooms in that house. The house has no doors or windows.

Fabrice came to hear about New Generation through his friends and he started coming to the centre. Today, he is particularly grateful for the way New Generation helped him in terms of education.

New Generation gave me books, shoes, pen, uniforms... my parents would not have been able to afford it.

When he grows up, he says:

I want to help other children like New Generation helped me. I also want to be a doctor so that I can help the sick.



## reflections and readings

### Unseen

#### A MEDITATION BY WILF WHITTY

You don't notice them at first.

A visitor's eyes adjusting to the sights of a bright new city on another continent are easily distracted by the bustle of the markets, the ranks of customised minibuses, and construction sites.

It is only when you have spent a few days in the city that you learn to see the signs: a pile of clothes in a doorway, a young boy running barefoot across scorched tarmac crossroads, a small group of bodies huddled in the shade of a lonely tree at noon.

Once you have noticed them they are everywhere you look. They are the children who live on the streets. By day they lie low and stay out of sight. At night they are busy staying alive.



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## God's Dream

### **ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU**

Dear Child of God,  
before we can become God's partners,  
We must know what God wants for us.

'I have a dream', God says.  
'Please help Me to realise it'

It is a dream where there will be more  
Laughter, joy and peace,  
More justice and goodness and compassion,  
And love and caring and sharing.

It is a dream of a world whose ugliness and squalor and poverty,  
Its war and hostility, its greed and harsh competitiveness,  
Its alienation and disharmony are changed into their glorious  
counterparts.

It is a dream where there will be more laughter, joy and peace,  
More justice and goodness and compassion  
And love and caring and sharing.

I have a dream that swords will be beaten into ploughshares,  
Spears into pruning hooks.

My children will know they are members of one family, the human  
family, God's family.

In God's family there are no outsiders... all belong.



## An Ambitious Revolution

**TOM HEWITT**

**TOM HEWITT IS THE FOUNDER OF UMTHOMBO STREET CHILD, A CHARITY PROJECT BASED IN DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA HELPING STREET CHILDREN TO LEAVE THE STREETS. UMTHOMBO HOSTED THE FIRST STREET CHILD WORLD CUP IN 2010.**

Ours is an ambitious revolution. We believe that the best way to address the problem of street children is to listen to them. As Paolo Friere, the Brazilian philosopher of education said, “Who are better prepared than the Oppressed to understand the terrible significance of an oppressive society?”

Responding to this is not a simple act. Street children are an oppressed group who have been told through actions and sometimes words that they are the rubbish of society.

Little wonder then that they internalize this and learn to see themselves as somehow inferior, and worse still, the architects of their own misery.

Can the street children really imagine they are made in the image of God? Could they possibly imagine that they know things that are crucial to the development of new strategies in the liberation of street children?

We believe so.



## prayers

### A Prayer for street children

**MARTIN WROE**

Dear God

We give thanks that you created us in your image and that each and everyone of us have unimaginable worth and value

That you never forget us,  
Even when no one remembers us;  
That you made us to flourish in company in love,  
respect and mutuality.

We give thanks that we have rights  
Even when everyone sees us as wrong;  
That we have a voice,  
Even when we are being silenced;  
That if we are denied respect and dignity, so are you  
because you made us like yourself.

We say a prayer for all children in our world who find themselves living rough in our cities. Whose bed is a pavement, who wake to the stench of traffic and hunt for breakfast in everyone else's leftovers.

Those who fear a round-up by the police more than a teacher asking about homework. Who miss the love of parents the security of family the safety of home.

In a moment's quiet we bring you these children, your children, our children. We pray for children living and surviving on the streets around the world.

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We pray that the world will wake up to the lives of street children everywhere. That politicians will realise that the time for change is now. And put into place the policies that will give children the protection and opportunity that they need.

That communities will understand why children are on the streets and stop blaming these children for our failures. That parents will receive the support they need to address the reasons why children run away.

That children will receive the friendship, sports, arts and education programmes they need to gain confidence and know their worth; and the counselling and support required to journey back home.

We give thanks that you made us to live together, and not apart. To protect one another, not reject each other. That you give us a voice to join with all whose voices are drowned out.

We give thanks for the work of Street Child Projects like Umthombo in South Africa, Karalunalaya in India and New Generation in Burundi. We pray that we will finally recognise your face looking at us, from the faces of those who live on our streets.



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## A Prayer for Justice

God of all places and this place: you promised a new earth where the hungry will feast and the oppressed go free.

**COME LORD, BUILD THAT PLACE AMONG US.**

God of all times and this time: you promised a new day when the fearful will laugh and the sick find healing.

**COME LORD, SPEED THAT TIME AMONG US.**

God of all people, our God: take what we have and what we hope for; make this a world where the poor find good news.

**COME LORD, MAY WE SHARE IN THE WORK OF YOUR COMMUNITY,  
UNTIL THE NEW EARTH IS CREATED AMONG US.**

God of all, it's so hard to live on the margins – lonely and forgotten, despised... dependent...

May we remember those who are forgotten – journey with them back to confidence, as their dignity is restored.

**COME LORD WALK WITH US SO WE LIVE OUT JUSTICE, WALK WITH  
HUMILITY AND RISE IN HOPE.**

**AMEN**



## A Prayer for Street Children

**GARTH HEWITT, FOUNDER OF AMOS TRUST**

Compassionate God,  
May we be those who listen to the voices of the forgotten  
generation.

The children on the streets around your world.

Day by day they face the challenges of abuse, hunger and trauma,  
Always asking 'will anyone care for me?'

God of mercy and justice, may we reach out in love  
As we remember that each day is a battle,  
Each day is a struggle to survive.

Bless the work of those who walk beside them,  
As they seek daily to bring strength, dignity  
And hope for these forgotten children.

May the children of the streets, walking the road to crucifixion  
Find the way to resurrection.  
Because we listen, because we support them.

And because we bring your holy and active love.  
We ask in the name of Jesus,  
Who said 'let the children come to me'.

**AMEN**



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## Hands – A prayer of confession

**CHRIS ROSE, DIRECTOR OF AMOS TRUST**

You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purpose.  
I gave them for a moment then withdrew them because the work  
was too hard.

You asked for my hands to hold that which you treasured most,  
I let it slip through my fingers.

You asked for my hands to tend the sick and be used for healing,  
I used them to look after my own health and wellbeing.

You asked for my hands to interlock them with those who have  
least, I used them to push these people out of reach.

You asked for my hands that I might shake the walls of oppression  
which trap so many inside.

I used them to mix the mortar and build it higher.

You asked for my hands and wrapped them in yours.

Come forgiven one – my scars bear your name.  
Lord forgive my calculated efforts to serve you  
only when it is convenient to do so,  
only in those places where it is safe to do so,  
And only with those who make it easy for me to do so.  
Take us, renew us and use us in your new creation.

**AMEN**



## A Closing Blessing

**REVD. MARTIN LUTHER KING**

And now to Him who is able to keep us from falling  
Lift us from the valley of despair to the mountain of hope,  
From the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy,  
To Him be power and authority, forever.

**AMEN**


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Here is a sermon written by Revd Chris Rose the Director of Amos Trust based on Luke 18: verses 15-17.

We hope this will be helpful for those preaching and planning a service about Street Children. Remember you can also book a speaker from Amos Trust to come to your church and speak about our work with Street Child projects in Burundi, India and South Africa.

**THE LITTLE CHILDREN AND JESUS**

<sup>15</sup> People were also bringing children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said,

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>17</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

**LUKE 18: 15-17**
**INTRODUCTION**

Each time I read this passage I see in my mind the picture book image of Jesus surrounded by ‘the little children’ and a selection of farmyard animals.

But Jesus’ statement would have evoked anything but this picture book image. It would have been highly controversial and reinforced people’s opinions of him.

For some it would have been deeply appealing, yet very hard to fathom; for others, just odd and not in keeping with how people were supposed to behave and for those who claimed to hold the keys of the kingdom it would have been highly offensive.




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**BACKGROUND**

In first century Palestine children had no status, no power and no authority. They were held in very low regard. They had no place in public society, which was dominated and organised by adult males.

Children would typically remain with women in the house until boys reached puberty or until girls were old enough to marry. Proverbs such as sparing the rod and spoiling the child were not the exception but the norm.

There are also long passages in Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) in the Apocrypha, which talk of how children should be treated. They were not to be played with and were not to be given authority too soon. In fact they had no status.

For Jesus to be pestered by children who wanted to spend time in his company would have been seen by the disciples as a failing in their responsibilities. Children should not have been there, let alone be seeking attention or pestering him.

These children have no place on the public scene and should remain unseen and unnoticed. Where were their parents and why were they allowed out? To push them away was absolutely right. Jesus' challenge:

“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

When Jesus said this it would have rocked the disciples and all who heard. The initial shock would have been to hear that the kingdom could only 'be received'. Membership of it could not be earned or inherited. Furthermore, it has to be received like a child. It is to be received by those who have no rights, no status and have done nothing to deserve it.


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The kingdom is a gift from God. It is a gift which is not just for some of us. It is for all of us. It is nothing to do with what we have done or not done.

It has nothing to do with how we see ourselves or how others see us. It is true for every single one of us; we are offered the kingdom because we are – not because of ‘who we are’.

It is true because God loves us with a love that does not change, with a love that does not depend on what we do or achieve. God loves us, period – and that invests us with a value that is incalculable.

**GOD SAYS TO EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US.**

“You are somebody. You are wonderfully and fearfully made. You, with all your failings, you are the pinnacle of creation, as is the person next to you and the one next to them and the people you look down on, they are also the pinnacle of my creation – that homeless man, that beggar, that street child.”

In the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu ‘To treat a child as less than this, is not just wrong, not just evil – what they do when they treat a child of God as if they were less than this, is a blasphemy, a sacrilege, for it is like spitting in the face of God.’

## Street Children

All around the world children are treated as less than human. We know of the headline cases, the newspaper pages carrying stories of abuse toward children, but there are millions who never make the headlines.

These children are seen yet unseen. These are the children who have to survive on our world’s streets – the children who wait on street corners or beg at traffic lights – street children.


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In country after country when these children intrude upon the lives of the rest of society they are seen as a problem, something to be dealt with. They scare us, they interrupt our free time or our journey home.

We stop seeing them as children and instead have labels on them such as street rat, urchin, dirt, cockroach, thief, drug addict, child prostitute. Society calls for a response and this is very often a brutal response based on the label they have been given. Little or no time is taken to find out why these children are on the streets or to hear their stories.

## **amos street child**

Amos Street Child exists to raise awareness of and support an exceptional network of local grassroots projects.

There is an often quoted African proverb which says ‘it takes a community to raise a Child’ – but when that community has been destroyed by HIV/Aids, civil war and armed conflict, or climate change, extreme poverty and urban migration how do you raise a child whose home has become the street. How does a child grow up who has had to flee their home or has no home to go to.

Each of Amos Partners have developed local responses to allow these children to grow up and to be intergrated back into a home and a community.



There is no love on the streets. I would like to tell children on the streets to go home. They must go home, it is far better – don't stay on the streets.

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It was very hard to go home because of the habits you get into on the streets. You get to do what you enjoy, clubbing and boys – when you go home you just go home. But home is far better – my family is happy that I am home and I am back at school and can grow up to be something.

**HLOBISILE**

For it is children just like these who Jesus said have the entry card to the kingdom of heaven. And it is our responsibility that they might experience this.

## conclusion

### Kingdom of Heaven

God calls us to serve his world and so serve him: ‘in as much as you have done this to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you have done it to me’. Amos Streetchild and its partners are ensuring that these children can experience a life that is not a replay of the cycle of abuse they have experienced, but is based on an outworking of the kingdom of heaven.

This is where all children are valued. Where street children are seen as children and their voices are heard. Where tears are dried and where they do not need to get high to end the fear and they do not have to wake up wondering whether they will survive another day.

It is where there is more joy, more laughter and much more love. Where children are able to grow and to have a future. It is where children are able to know that they are precious and loved. And it is where our societies learn how to treat these children as children and where we are able to learn through them how we too might receive the kingdom.



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**RESOURCE PACK**

Please get involved in Amos Street Child so that children like Ayanda know they are loved and others like Andile are able to have a future.



Without (Amos Trust partner) Umthombo I would still be living and working the streets or dead like my friends from then. I am safe now, living a normal life and I know there is hope for tomorrow.

**ANDILE, 17 YEARS OLD**



## support

Thank you for taking the time to look at this pack. If you would like help planning an event or service then please contact [katie@amostrust.org](mailto:katie@amostrust.org). Please find below a list of further support, resources and help that we can provide.

### **FOLLOW THE LINKS BELOW TO VIEW THE FILMS AND ACCESS IMAGES:**

- [Umthombo Street Spirit commercial \(1.01\)](#)
- [The Power of Football: Street Child World Cup \(1:32\)](#)
- [New Generation - Burundi \(3:04\)](#)
- [Dropbox folder with photos and logos](#)

### Leaflets & Gift Aid cards

We can provide you with leaflets about Amos Street Child and Amos Gift Aid cards to hand out.

Drop an email to [office@amostrust.org](mailto:office@amostrust.org) saying how many leaflets and cards you need, your name and address as well as letting us know the name of your church for our records, and we will post them out to you.

### Book an Amos Trust speaker

To request a speaker to preach or speak about Amos Street Child, please contact [office@amostrust.org](mailto:office@amostrust.org)

### Amos Street Child Church Fundraising Pack

Our [Amos Street Child Fundraising Pack](#) is full of ideas big and small to help churches get involved with Amos Street Child and has been designed to be used in conjunction with this pack.



**thank you for raising awareness  
about amos street child and the  
issues that millions of children  
around the world face every day.**

**if you have any questions at all,  
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**thank you.  
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