

Quotes by Children at the Village:

“I am still not tired of asking God to create more and more Father Riwas. If there were more like him, the earth would be almost like heaven.” Charity, 12 yrs.

“It was a night of terror when thugs killed my parents. At dawn, I left the house to stay on Nairobi’s streets. Life was hard; there was no food or water, so I picked dirty food from the rubbish. In my mind, I had no future. As time went on, I was blessed to have Father Riwa rescue me, take me to the Children’s Village, and treat me like his own child. Now, I am looking to a bright future.” Geoffre, 16 yrs.

“It was a miracle that led Father to rescue us. Now, I live in the Children’s Village, where Father is my parents.” Philip, 14 yrs.

“I thank God for the wonderful life I have. I love my teachers, fellow pupils and, of course, Father Riwa. Every day, I pray for everyone who is helping us. It will always be the best place to live.” Mercy, 13 yrs.

“If it were not for Father Riwa, today I would be a thief or dead.” Peter, 15 yrs.

“We have beautiful classes, dorms and even toilets. No longer do we need to eat under the trees.” Ann, 14 yrs

“I was rescued from the streets in 1999. God bless Father Riwa for the great help he has been. I can now see the light at the end of the tunnel.” Benson, 16 yrs

”When I was 4 years old, my mother died. I went to the streets and lived there for many years, sleeping in store fronts without food and clothes. I begged for money, for something to eat. I didn’t have food, money, clothes or friends. My only brother died because of missing food, so I started thinking to end my life. I then saw Father. I told Father I heard you were taking street girls. He said ‘yes,’ but you need to pray for me to get money to continue building the school, so I can take you there’. Finally, Father came and took us to St. Francis Hospitality Center and, at last, to St Clare. Now, there is no sleeping in store doorways, no wearing dirty clothes, no crack glue. Here, I study well and live like a rich person. I am planning to be a pilot or a missionary.” Ivyne June Moraa, 12 yrs.

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