Every great story has a hero. Sometimes they even have a few. UNICEF estimates that there are over 30,000 children living on the streets of Nairobi. These are the heroes of our story. While we have not met all of them and likely never will, we have interacted with enough of these wonderful children to know who they are. They are full of life, full of joy, and full of a desire to experience life to the fullest. Some are infants who enter the world living on the streets. Others are in their late teens or early twenties. In many ways, they are just like children anywhere else in the world. They like to play soccer, laugh, and be hugged. Yet in other ways, they are worlds apart. Most street children in Nairobi exist on less than a dollar a day and earn that by stealing, prostitution, or difficult service jobs that no one else wants. They survive each day through steely force of will and superhuman endurance and strength.

These children—dirty, ragged, and joyful—are the heroes of our story.
Huffing glue is a common way to numb hunger pains.
In every story, the hero experiences conflict. Unfortunately for the children living in the slums of Nairobi, their conflict is not a storyline but a reality. Poverty, fueled by an unemployment rate above 40 percent, runs rampant in the streets of Nairobi and pushes these street children to the edge of existence. Violence, rape, and drug abuse are common. Hope is not. For most children living on the street, their chance for success in life is bleak. Jobs and government assistance are not readily available for them. Many resort to a life of crime just to survive. Jail or an early death are often the result of this life. The only refuge the street kids have is within their own community. In the absence family structure, the kids often band together and form gangs, known as bases. These bases are hierarchical and operate upon fear and violence. Bases frequently fight with one another and sexually assault female members. Yet for many street kids, their base is the only family they know.

This is not how life was meant to be.
This is where Made in the Streets enters the story. The children we meet on the streets and who join our ministry instantly become family. We hurt with them during their low days and we rejoice with them during the process of recovery. Made in the Streets was established on the foundation of faith intersecting with the real world. Our philosophy is that Christ came not only to grant eternal life, but also bring restoration in the present time. Jesus models this throughout the gospels by His interactions with those in need. In this way, our story is not unique, but instead borrows from the greatest narrative of all time—God’s love for mankind. In 2012, Sarah (pictured) gave her life to Christ through baptism. This is a natural step and a common occurrence for our students while at MITS.
EASTLEIGH

Eastleigh is an impoverished district of Nairobi. It is also the setting where our heroes’ story begins. Our staff works tirelessly building relationships with street children, encouraging them to leave their lives of addiction to glue and street life. Each day, MITS outreach staff walk the streets of Eastleigh to visit and pray with our friends living on trash piles and in alley ways. It is through these relationships that street kids first connect with MITS. Every student who joins our program does so out of desire for a new life. We simply welcome them with open arms.
KAMULU

The Kamulu program, or “The Farm” as we call it, is located approximately an hour outside of Nairobi and serves as a Christian boarding school for the students who have chosen to leave Eastleigh and join our ministry. In addition to their studies, students who move to Kamulu must learn to cooperate with one another and contribute to the greater good of the community. Having fun is also a requirement.
At present there are 87 former street kids living and studying at Made in the Streets’ school in Kamulu.
Core classes such as science, English, math and Bible are taught during the first 2-3 years at the Literacy Center.
Students who join us at The Farm spend between four and five years completing their education, building their faith and focusing on a vocational skill. Under the instruction of our excellent team of Kenyan instructors, students complete coursework in the Literacy Program. Once their traditional education is complete, students select one of several different skills including catering, auto mechanics, farming, computers, hair dressing, tailoring and woodworking. After spending two years learning their trade, students search for a job post-graduation with the help of MITS’ exit program.

Our goal is that each student enters the workforce with marketable skills, self-confidence, and a relationship with Christ.
Fourteen students turned 18 in 2012 and began their exit programs.

Dennis Kamau (above) has a contract job producing music videos at Good News Productions. We are so proud that he has followed his passion for digital media into a promising career. His skills were developed through hours of practice with his Adobe Elements software, which was a gift from an American visitor.

Mary Wangui (left) has a job in a salon in downtown Nairobi.

Another student, David Mutimbi, works at an auto repair shop in Buru Buru. Several students have internships at various companies and shops with hopes they will perform well enough to get permanent jobs.
And remember Mary Waithira? After graduating from MITS in 2011, Mary (shown in November with friend of MITS, Hung Le) has excelled in her role at Artcaffe, a popular restaurant at Village Market, for the past 2 years. In 2012 she received "Employee of the Year" for her excellence and dedication to her role in the kitchen.

If you haven't already, take a minute to look these MITS alumni up on facebook. They and the rest of the students at MITS love connecting with their American friends as much as possible. Your encouragement affects them more than you'll ever know.
We are excited to welcome CJ and Traci Wilson to the MITS team in 2013. The Wilsons, along with their daughter Adelyn, will move from Texas to Kamulu to spend the next three years developing a medical ministry at MITS. Their work among our students and children living on the streets will be life giving and we eagerly anticipate their arrival in June.

The Eastleigh Center is due for a face lift! In May 2013, we’ll replace the roofing materials and renovate the building.

This fall, two visitors will lead a business development seminar to which we will invite business owners in Nairobi with whom we have relationships. Several of the attendees will be companies that have hired MITS students for internships or jobs.

We hope to finish construction of a new sewing building and girls’ residence and move into both by the end of May. We also plan to hire a new sewing instructor to our staff. This position will free up Jackton Omondi to perform more effectively in his many other ministry and leadership roles.

Visiting teams in the summer of 2013 will include teams from the University church of Christ (Malibu, CA), Decatur church of Christ (Decatur, TX), Otter Creek church of Christ (Brentwood, TN), and Lipscomb University (Nashville, TN).

Twenty-four students will be ready to exit MITS at the end of 2013. With new openings in our living spaces and classrooms, our staff has started looking for teens on the streets of Nairobi to enter our program. Already two young girls with babies have moved in at Kamulu in 2013.

We have hired a woman named Stella for a new position as a computer instructor to assist Moses Okoth. Stella will also live in the girls’ residence.

Susan Wambui, 2009 MITS graduate and current hair salon instructor, is getting married and will move out of the girls’ residence in August! Susan will continue in her role as the salon manager, where students of the hair dressing program gain real life experience through working with clients.
Temptation

Jesus said to him, “Again, Scripture says, ‘You will worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

Then the devil left him and angels took care of him.

Temptation has three stages:

1. He comes to you in your own words.
2. He asks you to do something beyond your strength.
3. He offers you something that you want more than anything else.

When you are tempted, resist him and he will flee from you.

God’s Word is the standard by which you should live your life.

The Gospel Message

The Good News is that Jesus has come to save us from our sins.

Calling of the First Disciples

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he went into Galilee.

He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum on the shores of Lake Galilee. This was in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.

So when the people gathered to hear him, he taught them this truth:

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphat, on the way to the sea, across the Jordan River, Galilee, where foreigners live!

The people who lived in darkness have seen a bright light.

A light has risen for those who live in a land overshadowed by death.”

From then on, Jesus began to tell people, “Turn to God and change the way you think and act, because the kingdom of heaven is near.”
THE STORY

In 2013, Made in the Streets and the Kamulu and Eastleigh Churches will be immersed in "The Story." Using The Story will be our preaching, Sunday school, dorm devotionals, skills training classes and our Bible curriculum at the Kamulu Literacy Center. Eastleigh Church will use it in preaching, Bible classes and on the streets. In October we will hold a seminar at Kamulu, inviting members from fifty area churches to spend two days with us learning how to use The Story of the Bible in their churches. We will send them home with a copy of The Story, a copy of the children's Story Bible, and booklets with sermon outlines, small group study sheets, family devotional sheets, youth and adult Bible classes.
SUMMER COLLEGE INTERNSHIP

Each summer, four interns and one intern coordinator commit their summer to telling the story of those living on the streets of Nairobi. These students are selected from a rigorous application process as we seek out advocates for MITS who not only speak love but show love. This group of students will spend a portion of their 2013 summer living and working alongside the MITS staff in Kenya and then return to the U.S. for the Handmade Tour. Last summer (2012), our team of storytellers travelled over 2,000 miles around the United States sharing their love for street kids, MITS, and God to each person they met. Know a college student who can tell a great story?

Applications for the summer 2014 internship are online at www.madeinthestreets.org/interns
A student attendee of IMPACT, an annual youth conference hosted by Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN, models her brand new MITS shirt.
THE 2012 HANDMADE TOUR

... at a glance ...

20 EVENTS >

reaching

4,000+ AUDIENCE MEMBERS

IN 6 DIFFERENT STATES
HANDMADE PRODUCT LINE

One thing that almost every MITS student has in common is creativity. We are able to harness this creativity through our Handmade product line. Students in the woodshop and tailoring programs design and create many of the products which are available on our online store as a way to train for their future in that field of work. All sales support the ongoing ministry and work of MITS.

Browse the Handmade product line at www.madeintheestreets.org/mits-store
This giraffe puzzle, carved from African Mahogany, represents hours of work and is a typical project for the advanced woodworking students.
TOTAL 2012 REVENUE: $581,251*

Fundraising revenue: $39,979 (7%)
Other revenue: $10,247 (2%)

Private cash contributions: $531,025 (91%)

*NUMBERS ARE UNAUDITED
Jackton Omondi, a staff member who grew up in the Mathare Valley slum, feeds a young man on the streets.
TOTAL 2012 EXPENSES: $558,527*

- Program expenses: $478,748 (86%)
- Administrative expenses: $64,523 (11%)
- Fundraising expenses: $15,256 (3%)

*NUMBERS ARE UNAUDITED
WANT TO BE A CHARACTER IN OUR STORY?

Here are four ways you can become and stay involved in the lives of street kids in Nairobi.

George, a 2012 MITS graduate, has joined the Eastleigh street outreach staff, ministering to and discipling street youth.
1. SPONSOR A STUDENT AT MITS
Maybe one person cannot change the world, but you can change the world for one person. We ask that you commit to donating $75 a month for four and a half years, which helps cover the costs of housing, meals, clothes, school supplies and skills training while the student is with us.

2. DONATE
Visit www.madeinthestreets.org/donations for more information on how to donate. Made in the Streets is a 501(c)(3) organization, and your gifts are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Federal Tax ID #20-4044723.

3. COME VISIT US
The best part about MITS is that our students cannot wait to meet you. Please contact charles@madeinthestreets.org to schedule a visit or just swing by the next time you are in Kenya.

4. STAY IN TOUCH
MITS Mail is a great way to stay connected. Visit www.madeinthestreets.org/mail to write a quick note to a student or staff member you care about.
"Our thanks to friends who give for street kids. They get a huge boost in life through the love and training our Kenyan team give them. Not only are they from deep poverty, but that they start life with no opportunity. Your gifts create opportunity for them and we see great success with many youth from the streets. We love and appreciate you."

Charles and Darlene Coulston, founders of MITS
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Brian Ochieng, cafeteria manager
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