

Caring In West Africa: Street Children

An Alliance team and its church partner provide meals four times a week to 100 street boys, who have gone hungry due to COVID-19 shutdowns.

For more than a decade, our team has collaborated with our local church partner to demonstrate God's love among the most vulnerable here.

COVID-19, while forcing some of our ministries to shut down, has opened new opportunities to serve. This has included increasing our outreach to one of this city's most marginalized groups: street boys who have been coming to our community center for years.

The families of these boys, ranging in age from 5 to 15, send them to our city to study the Quran. They live in abandoned buildings, or on the streets, with no family to raise them. And they spend much of their time begging for their basic needs food, medicine, clothes, soap, and shoes as well as a daily quota of money to give to their religious teacher.

An Established Trust

Our partner church has built such a solid reputation in this community that two of these religious teachers have begun allowing their students to attend our church once a week to receive medical care, a hot meal, new shoes, and a chance to wash their clothes, bathe, and play in a safe environment. Two years ago, these teachers started allowing us to teach Bible stories to the boys as part of our weekly program.

When COVID-19 forced all schools, churches, mosques, and community centers to close, these boys' needs only increased. Suddenly, they found many doors closed at the homes where they had previously begged due to fears of the virus' spread.

Not Abandoned

The church and our team have stepped up to provide breakfast and lunch for approximately 100 street boys four times a week. Our center and church are still closed, but we can serve these meals at the front door. These youngsters know that the same people who previously played with them, bandaged their cuts and scrapes, and taught them God's Word, did not abandon them when everyone else started shutting their doors.

Even now, we are asking God to provide more so that we can increase our giving to these boys there are 10,000 in our city whom no one else seems to love. We are only an extension of our churches that send us. So thank you for serving these boys through sending us and lifting all these things in prayer.

(by an Alliance international worker couple, serving in West Africa)



WELCOME TO LAKEVIEW CHAPEL

Sunday, June 28, 2020 Morning Worship 10 AM

Welcome

Invocation

Song

Song

Song

Announcements

Children's Sermon

Prayer

Message

Song

Song

Come People Of The Risen King

Indescribable

Eye Of the storm

What We've Missed

Pastor Dave Havener

Blessed Be Your Name

Diamonds

Sermons are available online at:

<https://www.lakeviewwego.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/lakeviewwego>

Events and Information

OFFERINGS AND TITHES – Offerings and tithes can be placed in the offering box next to the missions table before or after morning service.

CHILDREN’S MATERIAL - Personal activity packets will be provided to children at the back of the sanctuary. We'll continue to post material online for you to enjoy at home with your kids each week as long as it is available to us.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY / IMPACT YOUTH GROUP

Meeting Wednesday evenings 6:30 PM-8 PM at Hickories Park in pavilions used in the past. If you’re able to join, please bring a chair and wear a mask.

SMALL GROUPS - Lots of groups have begun meeting in different capacities; some via Zoom, others outdoors, some indoors, at the park, in the fellowship hall, etc. If you do not have a group that you meet regularly with, could you please let us know? We’d love to plug you in with brothers and sisters in Christ that are local to your area.

EMPOWER - Equipping, motivating, and preparing women for effective ministry. Consider an amazing opportunity to join other women from our district in a one-year Bible and Discipleship course. You can register online at <https://www.empowerww.org/register>. Early bird registration ends July 1, which is \$800, AND the district is offering a \$200 incentive scholarship to the first 10 women who register bringing the cost down to \$600. So, ACT NOW. Please see Kristie Kreis or April Boots for more details.

VBS – This year we’d like VBS to come to the homes of church families who will host a 2-day program for their neighborhood. If you have some space outdoors and would enjoy having children come learn and play together at your home, YOU can be a host. We’ll also need volunteers to help facilitate the program at those homes. If you’re able to commit to sharing the gospel to a small group of kids through music, crafts, stories, or games for a few hours over the span of 2 days, please contact the church office 687-3261.

This Weeks Calendar

Tuesday	9:30 AM	Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 PM	IMPACT Youth Group, Men’s Bible Study

Small Group Ministry

Small Groups

Adult Group (Led by Doug & Maybell) Not meeting for the summer but will resume in September.

Couple’s Small Group (Led by Ron & Michelle)

Tuesday evenings, from 6-8 PM at Confection Connection. Reviewing ‘*The Love Dare*’. For more information, call the church office 607-687-3261.

Adult Group (Led by Steve & Kristie)

Meeting via Zoom Friday evenings at 7 PM for personal study reflections and prayer time. For more information, call the church office 607-687-3261.

Adult Group (Led by Dave & Dawn)

Meeting via Zoom Friday evenings at 6:30 PM for sharing quiet time reflections. For more information, call the church office 607-687-3261.

Bible Study Groups

Women’s Bible Study (Led by Ann)

Tuesday mornings 9:30 AM at Lakeview. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Reviewing ‘*Momentum: Pursuing God’s Blessings Through the Beatitudes*’ by Colin S. Smith.

Men’s Bible Study (Led by Pastor Dave)

Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM. Meeting at Hickories Park, pavilion #2. Please bring a chair and a mask.

Wednesday Night Youth Programs (6:30-8 PM)

IMPACT (Teen Group 6th–12th grade) Meeting at Hickories Park.

**Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today and forever.
Hebrews 13:8**