

Street Children

The phenomenon of children living and working on the streets of our cities and towns urgently needs addressing. Street children are extremely vulnerable to commercial sexual exploitation, HIV/AIDS and even death. The numbers of street children are not accurately known, but estimates record more than 100 million. One child sleeping on the streets is one child too many.

The material in this 18-lesson module is designed to train people to work with street children. A foundational course, it helps participants understand who street children are and why they are on the streets. It also provides an understanding of the types of interventions commonly applied and gives step-by-step advice for establishing a sustainable street children's project. In addition it highlights the challenges of working with street children and some real solutions to addressing these issues.

This practical course follows an interactive teaching model, incorporates time on the streets and helps participants apply the key principles for working with street children to their ministry contexts. It is based on the experiences of someone who worked with street children for 10 years in Australia and Zimbabwe and who continues to advise street children's projects globally.

The foundational textbook for this module is *Street Children: A Guide to Effective Ministry*, Phyllis Kilbourn, editor; MARC, 1997.

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PLUS

Notes on childhood development
Notes on the cycle of violence
Questionnaires and forms for project research and planning
Book and media resources

AND INCLUDING

A CD containing more than 100 visual aids suitable for producing transparencies and/or handouts and a DVD of video clips for use in teaching the course.

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“ I was tremendously blessed to have read your curriculum. I have a more profound understanding of the global issue and of the need for intervention.”

—Dr. Pat Cook, Faculty member, Philadelphia Biblical University

“ Very relevant and encouraging! At last, a course that focuses on street children, that looks at both theory and practical issues about [street children’s] problems and their solutions. I really benefited from this course. I have found very helpful the principles I learned for setting up and developing projects. I highly recommend this course for anyone working with or wanting to work with street children.”

—Elizabeth Lawrence, *International Christian College, Glasgow, Scotland*

After three years of self-study, I plunged into the Street Children course of study at Fuller Theological Seminary. Rarely in ministry does one get field experience, practical wisdom and academic rigor so cogently brought together. I cannot recommend too highly this thorough course for the equipping of those serious about engaging hurting children. It will challenge your thinking, practices and motives and will further hone you for the global response to street children.

—David Russell (*Youth Worker*)

Our Commission

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, . . . to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve... to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

—Isaiah 61:1–3 (NIV).

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Offering Healing and Hope for Children in Crisis



A Crisis Care Curriculum

Module 2: Street Children

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“Arise, cry out in the night, . . . pour out your heart . . . lift up your hands for the lives of your children who faint from hunger at the head of every street.”

—Lamentation 2:19