

Our **EBA Street Children's Program** often feels like a revolving door. With limited beds, staff, food, and other resources we can only shelter a fixed number of children at a time. Each time we reunite a lost or separated child with their family, another takes their place. The sadness comes from the bonds we form while caring for their many needs, but the joy is in seeing them return to their families.

In late January we found 12-year-old Confiance in prison. Local authorities had rounded up children from the streets in December; some were sent to training camps while others were put into the jail population. When she was released with the other children, we provided urgent care and listened as she recounted the story of her arrest and detention. Her family had no idea where she was and feared the worst.



Confiance's mother in the meantime began sending her older son to search the streets hoping to find his sister. He searched for weeks every day after school, and finally was directed to HEAL Africa. After finding Confiance amongst our EBA children, he returned home and our staff was able to contact the mother.

This Sunday, Confiance said her goodbyes before departing for home with her brother. She took with them food for the family, clothing, school supplies and the doll that she had played with since arriving.



It was a tearful farewell for us, another dear child leaving our care, but this time to a better, more permanent place called *home*.

In His Love,  
Ann and Bill