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*“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults.”*

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**A 9-YEAR OLD BOY FROM A DISADVANTAGED FAMILY WHO HAD NEVER ATTENDED SCHOOL WAS REPORTED TO THE CMR.** By the age of nine he should have been in the schooling system, receiving an education for at least 3-4 years.

Often children that are not in a structured and disciplined environment are bored and start displaying challenging behaviour, as was the case with this child. This behaviour brought him to the attention of the community where he lived. They were both as concerned for his welfare as they were annoyed by his dysfunctional behaviour.



They asked CMR to intervene. Being so much older than the average grade 1 learner, schools were reluctant to accept him and the mother had made several unsuccessful attempts to enrol her son in school before.

**THROUGH PERSISTENT FOLLOW UP AND NETWORKING WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE AND AUTHORITIES, CMR WAS ABLE TO GET THE BOY ENROLLED IN SCHOOL.** He is being educated, has friends and his behaviour has improved dramatically. Although this family is still facing many challenges, step by step, with the grace of God we are supporting them to overcome each stumbling block.