

GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN MISSION

PROJECT PROPOSAL

FRANCISCAN SISTERS' SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE



Kibeho,
Rwanda

Overview

The Order of the Franciscan Sisters, Servants of the Cross (FSC) originates from Poland, and was founded in 1918 by Mother Elizabeth Roza Czacka.

It is the first female monastic Order to be founded in Poland, after that country re-gained independence. The ministry's mission is very special and unique: They are called to serve the physically and spiritually blind. The Sisters learn to serve the blind throughout their lives in a way that may help them to be useful members of society and to be apostles of God's love.

In 2006, Mother Elizabeth, herself afflicted with blindness, began the ministry in Rwanda. However, this mission is focused on the most needy and vulnerable children.

The school has a current population of **196** students who come from all over Rwanda, and some from Tanzania, as well. They are housed in three hostels for the younger children, for boys, and for girls. Many of the students are also afflicted with albinism, and encounter social difficulties because of this.

The school, which is accredited, accepts any child who has difficulty studying in mainstream schools due to their visual impairment. During the school year, the children receive a well-rounded education, and are cared for in a nurturing environment. They receive basic medical care, and are accompanied to regular ophthalmologic appointments as well as hospital visits, if required.

The students are taught musical instruments and traditional dance, and their choir performs at many events. They participate in various competitions, such as writing, Spelling Bee, dance and poems, and have won several awards.



***“Whoever welcomes this little child in My name welcomes me;
And whoever welcomes Me welcomes the One who sent me.
For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.” Luke 9:46-47***

Where They Are



Coordinates: -2° 37' 59.99" S 29° 32' 59.99" E



Project Snapshot

Global Humanitarian Mission, understanding well that all children truly are a gift from God, is moved to respond to the special needs of the Franciscan Sisters' Special Educational Institute.

The *Franciscan Sisters' Special Educational Institute* project is therefore being established to come alongside this Order in support of the incredible work they are doing for vulnerable children in Rwanda.

The most immediate and pressing need for the school is that of Braille paper.

Like a notebook for a sighted student, Braille paper is a basic tool for the blind.

Braille paper is not only used for writing notes, it is also used for printing textbooks.

Rwanda does not have Braille press, so all school books and exam papers are printed at the Institute.

*Your gift will provide the Institute with a year's supply of Braille paper.
This will ensure that the students' education will not be interrupted.*

TOTAL COST: \$6,000



Our Message

From Global Humanitarian Mission

The *Order of the Franciscan Sisters* is truly an inspiration!

While some parents are able to pay a nominal fee, the school relies mostly on the benevolence of caring donors. And they remain undaunted in their mission to work with vulnerable children!

The **Franciscan Sisters** are transforming young lives in a country where opportunities are limited. Where once, these children seemed to face a bleak future, through the Franciscan Sisters, they have hope restored. Their lives are being enriched and they can look forward to a future of possibilities!

Students perform for visitors



Global Humanitarian Mission seeks your support of this vital ministry in Rwanda.

Your compassion will bring light into the darkness for children in Rwanda!

"Jesus said, 'If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, Then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.'" Isaiah 58:10

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