

GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN MISSION

PROJECT PROPOSAL

NOURISHING & SERVING

THE 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.



"All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace." Isaiah 54:13

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.

Nourishing & Serving The Special Educational Institute is therefore being established to help bring the Institute into compliance with local regulations.

Up until now, the children eat their meals and snacks from plastic dishes and cups. New Rwandan laws, however, require that their meals are served on metal dishes.

This project will therefore provide the purchase of the following:

- 200 Cups
- 100 Plates
- 10 Buckets
- 20 Bowls
- 3 Cooking vessels

TOTAL COST: \$3,600

Your gift will bring the Institute into compliance by using metal serving containers such as these, which are very costly for the school.



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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 beyond their imagination, and they can look forward to a future of possibilities!

GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN MISSION seeks your support in ensuring that this vital ministry in Rwanda remains in compliance for children who so desperately need it.

What difference will a few plates and cups make, you may well ask? For 196 students, A Lot!

However, in Rwanda, where funding is so scarce for what may not be perceived as an important cause, the **Franciscan Sisters** are fighting to keep the school doors open. *And every penny makes a difference!*

Now more than ever, they need your support!

Physics class



Students doing chores



"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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