

# XAVERIAN BROTHERS

IN HARMONY SMALL THINGS GROW

Mission Appeal 2020

*Your support is critical for us to continue our mission.*

*Meal time at the Ryken Center of Hope.*

*As a disciple of Jesus Christ, you are called to follow in His footsteps and minister God's healing touch of love to all whom you meet in your journey of life.*

## *Fundamental Principles of the Xaverian Brothers*

### **DEAR FRIEND,**

In December, the General Council and I visited our Brothers and our missions in Kenya. We saw extreme poverty and learned about some of the difficulties of daily life for the people. Our missions in Bungoma and Lodwar are providing education and care in the name of the Xaverian Brothers. We also witnessed the good work of the Brothers and

our partners in mission. There is much growth and a recognition by regional authorities and the people we serve that the Xaverian mission is thriving and serving a tremendous need.

In Bungoma, Kenya, a young boy nicknamed "Baby Bahati," meaning "lucky boy," spent six months at the Ryken Center of Hope, our home for Street Children. Because he was deaf, a Bungoma County Children's Officer, who found him, could not determine his real name or his whereabouts. Additionally, his right leg could not fold to allow him to sit or walk properly. Our staff at the Ryken Center of Hope cared for Bahati and were able to get him medical help at the local hospital. Through medication, although expensive, he was able to feel comfortable enough to move around. Eventually he was placed in a home for special needs. Aside from Bahati, there are many other children who are being given the possibility for a better life because of the generosity of our donors like you. A good number of boys from our first group at the



"Baby Bahati" at his new school.



*Bro. Simon, along with volunteers, and children who receive daily meals through Mary's Meals.*

Ryken Center of Hope in 2016 are now doing well in school. They arrived at the rescue center without any direction and lived on the streets. Now they have a clear vision for the future and the means to make that vision real.

In the Turkana Desert, Brother Simon works as a field officer for Mary's Meals, a nursery school feeding program under the direction of the Diocese of Lodwar. The Brothers have ministered in this very harsh region of Kenya for over 40 years. Most families in this desolate and often forgotten region of Kenya are extremely poor and cannot afford daily meals. The children in these families depend for their survival on the one meal the feeding program provides them on school days.

Your financial support allows our Brothers to continue to minister to the people of these regions in Kenya. Your generosity also supports our missions in Congo where our Brothers are following in the footsteps of our Founder, Theodore James Ryken, by responding to the needs of many marginalized people. In the midst of the

current turmoil in Haiti, our Brothers continue their ministry of accompanying young men in their educational journey and have expanded their ministry to include the teaching that Brother Vincent does, as well as the health care that Brother Adolph provides.

Your financial support is critical for us to continue our mission. It is through your relationship with the Brothers, your prayers, and your commitment to our mission that you help "minister God's healing touch of love." I hope we can count on your support because now more than ever, we need you.

I, and all Xaverian Brothers, as well as our partners in mission are grateful for your support, and will keep you and your family in our daily prayers.

God Bless you,

*Brother Daniel*

BROTHER DANIEL SKALA, CFX

*General Superior*