

Help us change more lives today!



Hundreds of African boys like these look to Xaverian Brothers and our missions for an escape from hunger and homelessness.

Dear Friend of the Xaverian Brothers,

Imagine being eight years old, orphaned or abandoned, homeless and hungry. Could you survive? More importantly, how would you survive? Who would you trust and turn to for the most basic of needs?

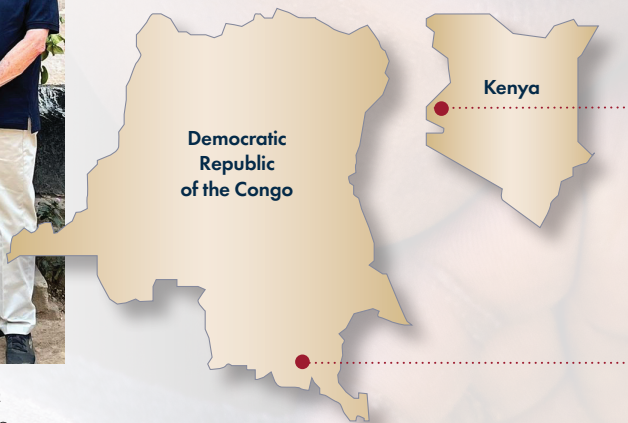
Hard to imagine, isn't it? Sadly, what is hard for us to imagine is the harsh reality for hundreds of boys and young men living on the streets near two of our missions in Africa – the *Ryken Center for Hope* in Bungoma, Kenya, and the *Bon Berger Welcome Center* in Likasi, Congo.

It is here that boys/teenagers ages 8-14 turn to our missionaries for a path that will lead them out of loneliness and despair and into lives filled with hope and opportunity. **We provide the life-changing housing, education, job training and spiritual guidance these children deserve.** But, we can't do it alone.

Our biggest challenge is keeping up with a need that grows daily due to increasing numbers of homeless children in both communities. **Can we count on your continued support?**



Pictured above with some of the boys from the Bon Berger Center are Brothers Zacharie, Daniel Skala and Brian Davis.



THE RYKEN CENTER FOR HOPE
Bungoma, Kenya



BON BERGER WELCOME CENTER
Likasi, Congo

Your gift will allow more and more of God's children to benefit from:

- **The Ryken Center for Hope** where boys who have been orphaned or abandoned by their families find refuge from the streets. The focus of the center is rehabilitation. After completing the six month program, they return to family members (if possible,) or they are transferred to a children's home. Education during and after rehabilitation is an important focus of the program.
- **The Bon Berger Center** that aims to train and supervise boys who do not have the chance to grow up in a family setting. Here the effort to integrate young people into society as independent citizens capable of taking care of themselves is top priority.



The children we help are grateful to all of our friends who give generously in support of our programs. Without a doubt, your gifts make a difference!

Xaverian Brothers have been serving the poor and marginalized in Kenya and Congo for decades. **These two missions speak to the heart of who we are as a community and to a charism that urges us to live simply and with humility as we help those most in need.**

As I reflect on these good works I am reminded of the verse from Psalms 82:3-4, *“Defend the lowly and fatherless; render justice to the afflicted and needy. Rescue the lowly and poor; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”* With your help and God's grace, our programs and missionaries will continue to do just that for generations to come.

May God Bless you and your loved ones,

Brother Daniel

Brother Daniel Skala, C.F.X.
General Superior



At both the Ryken Center for Hope and Bon Berger Center, learning practical skills like daily meal prep is essential to independent living. As the proverb says, “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.”