



A MISSION OF HOPE: *The Xaverian Brothers in Africa*



Congo

55 BROTHERS
SERVING IN
CONGO

Dear Friend of the Xaverian Brothers,

Imagine a place where the simple desire for an education is a radical act of hope. A place where dedicated men of faith have committed their lives to fostering that hope, day after day, year after year. This is the story of the Xaverian Brothers in Africa, a story of steadfast commitment, compassionate service, and an enduring belief in the potential of every human spirit.

For decades, the Xaverian Brothers have maintained a vibrant, powerful presence across the African continent, weaving our founder's mission into the very fabric of local communities. Today, our dedication is as strong as ever, with 55 Brothers serving in the Congo and 27 in Kenya.

Our Brothers are not just educators and administrators; they are companions, mentors, and beacons of faith, leading by example in environments often marked by significant hardship. They live out the core Xaverian spirituality of "unaffected simplicity" and a profound dedication to "the service of the most needy," principles we, as fellow believers, hold dear.



Kenya

27 BROTHERS
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KENYA

The mission is expanding; driven by the profound needs of the people we serve. We have been called to open new missions in Tanzania and Lusaka, Zambia. This growth is a testament to the impact of our work, yet it presents immense logistical challenges.

The proposed mission in Lusaka, for instance, is a demanding 11-hour drive from the nearest Xaverian community in Likasi, Congo, underscoring the vast distances and isolated environments in which we work. It is this deep-seated, shared calling to serve the marginalized that compels us forward, echoing the Gospel's challenge to care for our neighbors.



WHERE HOPE TAKES ROOT: A DAY AT ST. PATRICK'S

To truly understand the heart of the Xaverian Brothers' mission, look no further than St. Patrick's School in South Sudan. Here, every morning, the school community strives to faithfully embody the mission of "faith, compassion, and respect." Our Brothers' presence extends far beyond the classroom. Alongside their vital work in teaching and school leadership, they actively evangelize through chapel services and small Christian community gatherings in the surrounding villages.

This pastoral outreach strengthens faith, unites families, and draws more souls toward Christ, offering stability even amidst uncertainty. Our work is a living testament to the spiritual conviction that every person, regardless of their circumstances, is made in God's image and deserves dignity and opportunity.

The challenges St. Patrick's faces are daunting. Lack of resources is a daily struggle. They desperately need learning materials. **The most urgent concern, however, is feeding the students; the school often has to close the term early due to a lack of food.** Compounding these issues are limited staffing—despite our collaboration with the Kiltegan Missionary Society priests.

AN UNBREAKABLE DESIRE TO SUCCEED

Brother Festus offers a powerful message from the front lines: "Yet, even in the midst of these overwhelming challenges, we wish to emphasize one truth: hope is alive at St. Patrick's. Still believing in our founder's mission, vision and most importantly his desire for the service to the most needy." This hope is not merely optimism; it is a spiritual certainty, rooted in a shared faith that God is present in their suffering and their success.

The Brothers provide constant emotional support, encouragement, and spiritual accompaniment, reminding learners and staff that "It is in harmony that small things can grow." These students carry the heavy wounds of poverty, conflict, and neglect, but they also carry something far more powerful: dreams, determination, and an unbreakable desire to succeed.

The Xaverian Brothers are committed to standing alongside these resilient communities as they build a brighter future. But we cannot do it alone.

Your support is the lifeblood of this mission. It ensures a student receives a warm meal, a teacher has the necessary resources, and a new mission can be established to serve those in critical need.

Will you help our Xaverian Brothers continue to foster a community of faith, compassion, and respect in Africa? Your generous donation today will plant seeds of hope that will grow for generations to come. Please join us in supporting these good works.

Yours in Christ,

Brother John D. Hamilton, C.F.X.

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General Superior

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Top to bottom:

- St. Patrick's students taking exams
- New students planting a tree with their teacher
- Students attending a revision session under the supervision of Brother Festus