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Dear Benefactors:

Many of you have been an important part of our Don Bosco Mission Office for a long time now. We have built and supported oratories, provided technical training, and education for students who otherwise could not afford to go to school, fed the poor, provided medical assistance, improved transportation for children to get to school and much more.

Today, we are asking for your help to build a greater community by raising funds to support a Refugee Camp in Kenya! Can you help make this project a reality?

Your tax-deductible donation will be a benefit and a blessing! Your gift will help provide the needed care and hope to many young children. Thank you for caring.

KAKUMA, KENYA

A REFUGEE CAMP - A HOME

Kakuma, Kenya, is home to over 160,000 people from about twenty countries, which have suffered or are suffering from war and conflicts. Approximately two-thirds of the refugees and asylum-seekers in Kenya have fled general insecurity in their respective countries since the 1990s. Our Salesian Missionaries have been living in the midst of the refugee camp for many years. This is unusual, yet this is the reality. We have five Salesian Missionaries in the midst of immense suffering who keep an open house of hope and consolation. Their very presence, their dedication and service to the refugees is truly the works of Don Bosco! They run a parish with several out-stations in which they take care of the spiritual needs of the Catholic refugees. They also have a technical school that teaches various subjects aimed at empowering the refugees. They learn skills that they can one day use to earn a living. Some examples of the training activities are: Cabinet Making, Basic Computer Skills, Masonry, Secretarial Studies, Carpentry, Metal Work, Basic English, Motor Vehicle Mechanics, Plumbing and Tailoring & Dressmaking. These are all simple trades that allow these young people to live a dignified life when they leave the refugee camp and once conditions of peace and of survival have been established in the places where they wish to go. Every day, food is provided for these young people. The Rector Major, Father Ángel Fernández Artime, SDB, ate with them sharing generous helpings of rice spiced with great joy and huge smiles. "They taught me about their little handiwork and what they were learning. I truly felt that they are in a true school that prepares them for life. They receive a simple education, which does not make it less valuable; indeed, it is quite the opposite, for they learn each day about living in communion with each other. They learn to live with others from such diverse backgrounds, to live in peace, valuing differences, respecting everyone's opinion, and respecting the various expressions of culture". People of the most diverse races, tribes, customs, and religious professions all live together. In the midst of this diversity, our brother Salesians of Don Bosco continue to be for many of them what Don Bosco was for his boys at Valdocco, Italy."





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During a visit to Kakuma, the Rector Major took the opportunity to greet the lady in charge of the UN (United Nations) operations in regards to the Salesian Missionaries' work being carried out there. "She came to join us and share our plate of rice. I was very happy to hear from her lips that they very much value the presence of our brother Salesians and the collaboration between the UN and the Salesian Congregation in this part of the world. The UN permits in the midst of people, for it is social assistance may begin that arrive in a this work is soon the preparation life. The joyful the house and the made me very happy. The young people truly feel that they are at home during all the long hours that they spend here at the refugee camp. Within this camp, the Lord Jesus is very present. Indeed, Jesus rose for all, especially for the poorest, the displaced, and those whom the world ignores. **I later returned home. The others remained. My heart was filled with the joy of having witnessed how, in the midst of poverty, there is so much humanity and such a great a presence of the 'God of Love'.**" (Fr. Angel Fernández Artime, SDB)

Never lose your sensitivity for the young, women and men such as our friends at the Kakuma Refugee Home! Help us to Support, Protect, and Provide for the needs of so many vulnerable children in Kakuma Refugee Camp. With your help, unaccompanied and separated children can be given a better and dignified life!

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On behalf of the Don Bosco Mission Office and the Don Bosco Family we would like to extend to you our heartfelt appreciation and our warmest wishes for a Blessed Christmas.

Thank you for your support! Please fold, tear and return with your donation.

Enclosed please find my donation of \$ _____ for the support of: Refugee Camp / Other Urgent Needs
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