



The Hospitaller Order WITH NAIROBI-Kenya

So far,
yet So near



The Brothers of St John of God in Africa. The first stable foundation in Africa was in Mozambique in 1681, until the May 1834 decree was issued suppressing the Order in those countries. It was not until 1960 that the Brothers returned once again to the African continent. They arrived in Kenya in 2001.

In order to be adequately trained to perform their mission and reach out to *“all those who lack food and drink, clothing, housing and medicine, or who are afflicted with trials and tribulations or ill-health”* (Const. 23) they planned that after their 2-year formation course at the Noviciate at Lomé(Togo), they would complete their Scholasticate in Nairobi (Kenya) where they can continue for two more years studying Theology and the Religious Life at TANGARA COLLEGE, Catholic University of East Africa.

The Hospitaller Order in Africa is attracting increasing numbers of vocations, and ever since it was established there, the formation of its candidates, in both the initial phases and the following stages has been a source of constant concern. It is even more important today because of the challenge of acquiring a high level of technical and professional skills, responsibly and with a genuine religious, spiritual and charismatic sense, as our consecration in the Church demands, at the service of the poor and the sick: in short, the Evangelisation of Peoples

WE NEED: €600.000

THE PROJECT: the formation Centre

The present residence is a rented property, but it has become too small, and increasingly less fit for purpose. About 20 Brothers are currently living there for the 2009-2010 course, and it is expected that 4 Brothers will be taking the second-year course, while they will be joined by 12 more for the first-year course, together with their Formation Master, and another Brother to help him in his task.

There is no other property available there, possessing the required features, because at the moment there are 50 Brothers in the second stage of Initial Formation (Temporary Profession to Solemn Profession), aged between 22 and 32.

They need simple and unadorned accommodation, but sufficient room for them to have the possibility for personal study, prayer, relaxation and to work together, so that they can undergo comprehensive, solid and professional formation, to continue making progress and their response to their Hospitaller consecration.

A plot of land has been purchased of sufficient size on which to build a house to accommodate the Brothers from Togo, Benin, Senegal, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Zambia, Malawi, Ghana, Cameroon and Kenya, who will complete their noviciate at Lomé (Togo) and who must continue their initial formation, by being able to perform their activities.



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