## DON BOSCO MISSION NEWS 2024

## **Don Bosco Professional Centers: A great Mission!**

Don Bosco, born in a small hamlet in the countryside, was never able to fully dedicate himself to his studies until he arrived at the Chieri seminary at the age of 20. His poverty had always forced him to work, stealing many hours of sleep at night for his studies. The working class was not a passion for Don Bosco, but a belonging and his heart was always, naturally, inclined to pay attention to poor young people, especially those unable to dedicate themselves to study. For Don Bosco, a young person had the right to work and he wanted his Professional Centers to be at the forefront both in terms of the quality of teachers and the updating of equipment. For his poor young people, he wanted the best of everything.

In Kenya and Sudan, we have 21 major institutions. In them we follow 17 Professional Centres, with thousands of young people and an investment in buildings, teachers and equipment that is almost miraculous. They are intended for young people between 18 and 25 years old. Mostly they are young people who failed to attend high school and were often in parking lots for 4 or 5 years after their studies. No study, no work and no prospects for the future. Don Bosco often welcomes them after they have experienced the streets, the slums, the landfills... and prepares them for a life of dignified and qualified work.



The Don Bosco Boys Town, vocational center in Nairobi, exhibits its masterpieces at a fair.

Day of theory exams for the young people of the Kakuma professional school, a camp for 200,000 refugees in northern Kenya. Here the Salesians have 7 professional centers with 3,500 students.



In a country, like Kenya, in full construction development, the masonry school is of extreme importance, with countless employment opportunities.

The great Don Bosco Institute of Makuyu with two professional centers and numerous specializations: plumbers, electricians, mechanics, motor mechanics, carpenters, furniture makers, experts in solar panel assembly and maintenance, graphic designers, computer experts, hairdressers and tailors.





Apprentice plumbers



It is almost impossible today to enter the world of work without the fundamental notions that regulate the life of companies, via computer.



All this is Mission. Getting kids out of poverty is Don Bosco's mission and, first, of Jesus'; giving them a job is a mission; teaching them to be hard workers and honest in their hearts is a mission. In this Missionary October may all of us care about our young people, especially the poorest and let us make their future be our priority.





In the Don Bosco professional center in Embu, Kenya, agriculture is a valid contribution to the feeding of the students



At the Kakuma refugee camp, in one of the 7 Don Bosco Professional Centres, a tailoring workshop.



There is no Don Bosco school in which young people do not experience the joy of play and sport. Don Bosco wants them to be good Christians and honest citizens, but always happy.



The children of our Don Bosco Mission of Korr – Kenya, are greeting you and wishing you a great

MISSIONARY MONTH OF OCTOBER!