

Don Bosco Missions News 2025

It is a sin to preach Jesus to the hungry, leaving them hungry!

In Kenya, the disparity in the distribution of wealth forces half the population to live below the poverty line. Many children under five are malnourished. "I hope I can give my children something to eat today," a mother in the slum tells me. The average basic salary, for those lucky enough to work, is about 25,000 Shs a month. Renting a tiny home costs no less than 30,000 a month. This is why in Nairobi, with about 4.5 million inhabitants, 2.6 million live in slums. Consequently, as I said in the letter, in that family in the slum, 6 people live on 50 Shs a day, each. Wealth is not distributed and there are enormous inequalities. Just think that 10% of the population holds more than half of the national wealth, while half of Kenyans, over 27 million people, live on a dollar a day.

The well-being of a few (2%) is paid by the misery of many: about 50% of the population lives below the poverty level. What to do? Is it better to pretend not to know? For us who believe in Christ, it is not enough to welcome the poor, we must go in search of them, as Don Bosco did. The poor we meet, even just through this piece of paper, should not leave our conscience in peace, until we have managed to do something.



We are in Korr, in the Don Bosco Mission, in the Kaisut desert, in Kenya. Very poor children, but Don Bosco becomes for them food, water, fun... Don Bosco's love truly knows no limits and boundaries.



On Sundays, a group of Salesian Cooperators attend the first Mass at 7:15am and then head into the city, where they meet about 50 street children. They spend the morning with them and then offer lunch to everyone. When we thought of doing this, there was no money and we didn't know how we would do it, but since we started, the money has never been lacking. Now, many of these children who feel loved, leave the street and enter Don Bosco Boys: a school just for them, on the outskirts of Nairobi.



Eng. Mungeria (Salesian Cooperator), Sr. Mary and Deacon Giovanni Bosco (that's his real name), posing for a photo with these kids who know nothing but the street.



A group of street kids gather on Sunday mornings waiting for our Salesian Cooperators to arrive.



In the Don Bosco hut in Kariua, distribution of used clothes. Perhaps, if they offered them to us, we would feel offended, but for them they are a gift: finally, a clean and not torn dress.

At the Don Bosco Center for street children, in Nairobi, this child receives his plate of rice and lentils. When not at the Centre, morning and evening, will this child be able to have another meal?



14 years old. She slept on the sidewalks. We have been following her for 3 years, but we have not been able to tear her away from the street. A real defeat. Now, at 17, she is expecting a child. Fortunately, she trusts Don Bosco Missions and when she is sick or hungry, she gives us the gift of coming to us: we really feel like we are

welcoming Jesus who is hungry, sick, poor, "foreigner" and marginalized.



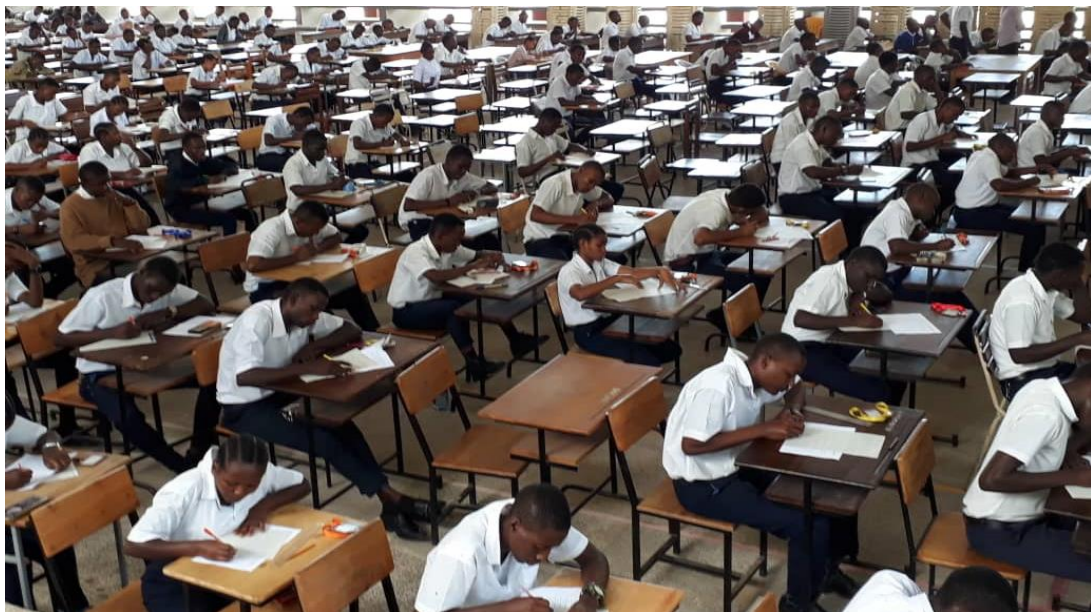
The same kids who were once on the street find themselves serving those who haven't managed to get out yet. But can you imagine your child queuing up in front of that pot? Isn't it time we see if we can change something in the lives of these outcasts of society?



Providence is here! In our Don Bosco Boys center a generous benefactor gave us a little (!?) of oil and we go from amazement to amazement, because when you think of the poor, you don't know where She is coming from, but Providence always arrives. Do you want to be part of the Providence group too?



And now we start. We have left the road and with Don Bosco it is a whole different music.



From the street and hunger to the final exam. With Don Bosco, the One of the Providence group, you can also make this leap starting from hunger and ignorance.



“Don Bosco embraces all of you, my beloved boys, you in particular, the poorest and most abandoned,” says Chihiro, the then Japanese volunteer and now a priest at Don Bosco in Sudan.



“Goodbye to the makeshift dormitory. Now I am at Don Bosco and I can look to my future with joy”. Can we join hands and make this October Missionary month a month entirely dedicated to the care of young people and children (that some consider waste) and put them in our hearts and share with them bread, the smile, the joy of being able to love and, why not, even suffering? May the Lord give us a Missionary Month like this: a heart wide open to embrace the world.