

Missionary Sisters' benefactors provide much needed school bus!



Our Lady of Lourdes School for Girls -- located in the town of Embassy in central Kenya -- is hours away from the country's capital. Far removed from cars and public transportation, students walk for hours upon hours to reach the the Missionary Sisters' school that has been changing the lives of hundreds of children. Now, the Sisters and the students are getting some much needed help!

As a result of the kindness and generosity of several benefactors, the Missionary Sisters have been able to purchase a school bus which will enable them to reach out to those children

living in even the most remote regions. What an incredible blessing! "The school bus will help us reach out to more children, explains Sr. Mary Keziah who works at the school. "The children who come here not only have the desire but the ability to be leaders in their communities," she continues, "so these girls are challenged at a greater level in their education. It is our deepest hope that once they finish at Our Lady of Lourdes -- even though many of them come from desperately poor families -- they will be able to go to college -- and then have careers. If they can do this, then we will be making a real difference! Thanks to those whose sacrifices make this possible!"



They need your help now more than ever!

Without a doubt, the worldwide recession is affecting the work of those charities working in the United States. But it is also having a devastating impact on charities serving sub-Saharan Africa as well. As the financial crisis worsens, organizations are facing tough choices in an effort to continue desperately needed work. According to one report, over 50 million people, many of whom live in Africa, could be thrown back into absolute poverty. The economic and political challenges facing Africa are clearly enormous.



*"When I was thirsty,
you gave me to drink!"*

Matthew 25

The Missionary Sisters of Mary Immaculate gift annuity program is a unique way for someone to provide a new well which will ensure a continued supply of fresh water for hundreds of orphaned children -- especially during these most challenging economic times.

A charitable gift annuity will: 1) provide hot meals for orphaned children; 2) provide **you** with fixed payments for as long as you live (you may also add a second annuitant); 3) enable you to enjoy a charitable income tax deduction for the gift portion of the annuity; and 4) receive part of each payment tax free. **To request a personalized, no-obligation proposal to help you see your specific benefits for funding a gift annuity, call our Mission Office at (856) 358-4644 -- Mon. through Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (EDT).**