



A new well for St. Bonaventure School in Tanzania

St. Bonaventure is a successful school owned and run by the Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette. There are currently 107 students enrolled. The school was founded to provide education for orphan children.

Previously the orphans were cared for until the age of two, when they were placed in the care of relatives. But it soon became clear that many families could not afford the expense of educating an extra child, so the nuns started a kindergarten where the orphans could learn to read and write.

As this was the only source of early-years education in the area, the local community soon asked to enrol their own children. So St. Bonaventure English Medium and Primary School was officially opened in 2018.

Sr. Justina (pictured) wrote to SPICMA requesting our financial support for the excavation of a well to supply 150,000 litres of clean water for the school and nearby community. The total cost is £9,500.

We believe this project will make a meaningful improvement to the lives of many and ask for your help.

Mingana Hospital needs your help

Mingana Parish covers 7,500 km² in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It has a hospital founded by a German missionary priest of the Society of The Missionaries Of Africa (White Fathers) which is the most important health facility in the area. Unfortunately, since the death of the founder



and consequent tapering off of support previously provided by his friends and family, the hospital has faced serious problems. In the absence of Missionary control, corruption and mismanagement led to a severe deterioration in basic facilities and equipment.

Now the White Fathers have taken back control of the hospital and are trying to help the many patients who come to them. The sick pay what they can, but it is nowhere near enough. People are dying because there aren't the drugs or facilities to treat them. The next health centre is 70 kilometres away along unmade roads, only suitable for motorbikes.

Therefore, the Missionaries are desperate to keep the hospital open and, faced with chaos in local government and lack of even the most basic facilities, they have appealed to SPICMA as their only lifeline.



They need money to buy drugs, mattresses, laboratory equipment, a refrigerator, solar panels, - in fact, almost everything!

Please Help

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