Marian Apostle Mission

Executive summary and organization profile

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Executive summary

Marian Apostle Mission is a Christian charitable organization registered in Kenya under the societies act and as a registered trustee. It cares for orphans, vulnerable children and marginalised groups in eastern and central Kenya under the stewardship of its founder, Father Gonzalo María, a volunteer missionary priest of Nigerian origin who came from Spain.

The organization has helped to house, feed, clothe, educate and care for several hundred orphans, despite many challenges, among them rented premises and home-based programs that do not always give the expected results.

Its greater vision is a fully fledged community center: an orphanage and home for the elderly, a kindergarten, a primary and a secondary school, a vocational training institute, a health center, a formation center for young people and adults willing to embrace religious and pastoral life, and a sustainable farm project. Together these will give children, young people and the wider community the knowledge and resources to be self-reliant in the future.

The mission already owns about ten acres of land outright and is paying for another six in the Mavoloni area, intended for this project, and asks friends, well-wishers and donors for the support that will make this great dream possible.

Background

Marian Apostle Mission was founded by a missionary priest to work with children, families and their communities so that they reach their full potential, tackling the causes of poverty and injustice, bridging the gap between rich and poor, and improving moral conduct among young people so as to bring them closer to God.

Mission

To facilitate the development of communities with little or no access to resources, so that they improve their livelihoods through community support services, rights-based and value-based approaches, and the active participation of children, young people and women.

Vision

To help communities recognize and use their full potential to improve and sustain decent livelihoods, with access to quality education, health and food security through sustainable agriculture. The project is designed to answer, through a communal approach, the complex challenges that high levels of poverty present in Kenya at community level.

Programs

- Food relief services.
- Education support for underprivileged students.
- A focus on children, young people and women.
- Capacity building.
- Advocacy on issues affecting children and the family at large.
- Support for single mothers to set up small businesses.
- Pending: clean water for the community by drilling a borehole.

How to support

Anyone wishing to support the mission can write to the organization or to Eccekenoo, which passes the contact on. The bank details in the original are not reproduced in this recreation; they are provided directly on request.

God bless you as you support His work.

> *An edited recreation of the original executive summary in Eccekenoo's format.*