



Help the Franciscan Friars by
**DONATING
TO THE SCHOOL
AND SUPPORTING
THE FUTURE**
of the poor children

275 children
depend on us!



Discover the project of helping others through the Friars Minor.





The irresistible cycle of **POVERTY IN BRAZIL**

From the beginning Brazilian colonialism aimed at agricultural production, thanks to the work of African slaves. The colonial system brought about a society in which wealth and power were concentrated in the hands of the few while the majority of people lived in misery. The above system generated a **vicious circle in which lack of resources and opportunity for education caused poverty from generation to generation**. Even the abolition of slavery, which would have marked the point of change, brought about hereditary poverty and discrimination. In fact, without adequate help, for the former slaves liberation meant little for the opportunity and betterment of their condition of life.

WITHOUT SCHOOL, NO HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CHILDREN

Today the African descendants have no place in society, public schools do not offer adequate formation to those who have no possibility of paying a private school, they are not even accepted to access university education so as to improve their situation of life.

Poverty increases the unease and many children are forced to live in a social context where violence, alcohol and drug abuse are rampant.



In public schools 20% of the youngsters are already using drugs. Young children are found in criminal places involving themselves in criminal activities. The situations of poor families is a concern: many women find themselves alone taking care of their children. Many children have their parents in prisons or are separated from their families because of the violence they undergo.

The Friars Minor helping the poor children of Bebedouro

In **1947** a group of 10 Franciscan Missionaries from the Province of Napoli arrived at Bebedouro in the area of San Paolo, Brazil.

In **1968** the Franciscan Friars inaugurated St. Anthony of Bebedouro educational centre. At that time the orphanage was receiving 12 children.

In **1976** the education centre began offering to the poor children of Bebedouro full time free education.

In **1982** the children who were received were 555 and the activities offered covered all aspects of education, from theatre to horticulture and informatics.

In the year **2010**, **due to the lack of funds, the friars minor were forced to suspend secondary education**, by reducing the number of children received to 275 between the age of 4 to 14.

AT PRESENT, THE FRIARS NEED YOUR HELP!

St. Anthony of Bebedouro educational centre: **A HOPE FOR POOR CHILDREN**

From the beginning the mission of the Friars Minor at the education centre has been to **offer quality education to the poor children and attempt to help their families**, so as to get a future which is good for their community.

Today, the education centre provides free education to 275 children, from the age of 4 to 14, coming from poor and broken families living in neighborhoods with serious social problems such as human trafficking, drug trafficking and violence.

In many families illiteracy is still present especially among the immigrants who are searching for work and survival. **The majority of them descends from former african slaves**, who never had an opportunity of developing themselves.

For these children, the education centre is a unique alternative **to public schools where they receive a basic level of education. In public schools these children get exposed to violence, crime and drug abuse.** At the education centre instead the children get quality education which gives them the possibility of entering university and getting transformed as persons in their uniqueness.

To ensure children's security by keeping them away from high-risk areas the school is full time and the children are involved in educative activities such as music, informatics and athletics. The Franciscan Friars promote development and social inclusion, supporting economically and psychologically about 200 of the children's families.

Despite the biggest support from the community, always grateful to the Friars Minor for their efforts in committing themselves to education, there is a need to continue supporting all these **initiatives of the Friars, which are truly of the highest level.**

At this moment, there is a lack of necessary funds for receiving all 275 children for the whole year.



The Friars Minor provide free education to 275 children from the age of 4 to 14 who live in poor conditions.



They assist more than 200 families of students with the objective of reinforcing family and communal relationships.



The education offers protection to children from the risks of violence and exploitation.



At school, children have the opportunity to do many activities such as sports, music, art and gardening.

The Franciscan Friars do not have the funds necessary to receive all the children at the education centre.

**HELP
THEM
NOW!**

The Friars Minor have no necessary funds to receive at the education centre all the children: **LET'S HELP THEM TOGETHER!**



To offer a real opportunity of future to the poor children, the education centre **providing them free education with full time care**, to protect them from the social violence and evils.

The costs which the Friars Minor incur in helping them are very high. Taking 3 meals a day per each child, the payment for teachers and the workers.

For the year 2024 there is a lack of 60.194 euros, so as to offer services for the whole year to 275 children.



Annual costs for running the school	519,454 €
Funds received	459,260 €
TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED	60,194 €

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