

## TWO CURRENT PROJECTS

### Kenya, Bulimbo: New Mission



In February 2015, our sisters of the Vicariate of Uganda started a new mission in Bulimbo, Kenya. The people of Bulimbo are poor. Their income from their own sugar factories or their work in other sugar factories is low and often irregular. There are great numbers of HIV-infected persons and orphans of such families. In government schools, there is not enough room for them, and the needed resources for additional buildings are also not available. Moreover, there are neither enough qualified teaching personnel and

teaching material, nor learning material for the children.

Two sisters and a candidate are in the process of getting to know the people with their needs and problems. In a small building of the parish they have opened a kindergarten. This building, however, does not really fit the purpose. Therefore, the sisters occasionally teach under a tree.

They aim at promoting the children in a holistic way as far as possible. In meetings and personal encounters, parents are offered help in questions of health, nutrition and children.

At present, the sisters are working at the following projects:

- Construction of a kindergarten
- Establishment of a health center
- Building up of a service in the socio-pastoral area

### India, State of Bihar: Promotion of Dalits



In the Indian State of Bihar, our sisters are engaged in promoting the Dalits, especially their women and children.

The Dalits belong to a section of people at the very bottom of the Indian caste system. They are considered “untouchable“. This means that they are excluded at almost every level: from access to education and medical care, to restrictions in their space for living, possibilities for work and conduct of life. Many are impoverished and illiterate. The exclusion of Dalits is

particularly precarious because of the number of persons affected; there are about 160 million Dalits in India, i.e. about 16% of the total population.

The sisters aim at an empowered and self-reliant society, where women, children and marginalized persons are an integral part and are able to live in freedom and dignity. They



work, most of all, for the advancement of Dalits and the improvement of the conditions of Dalit women and children.

Their way to this is the following:

- Basic education for children in the villages -teaching them reading and writing.
- Teach them skills, non-formal education, adult education,
- Empowerment of women by means of self-help groups
- Promotion of holistic health programs

For their project, the sisters do not get any support from the government. They have employed some coordinators, helpers and teachers in the villages, who are to support their efforts. These are getting a minimum monthly salary. Due to lack of resources, they are not able to offer them a better pay.

The sisters need about 37,881. Swiss Francs - per year for their various programs and salaries for the employees.

