

# EXPLORING OUR TWINNING RELATIONSHIPS

## VIDEO WITH BROTHER GHEBREYSUS HABTE, FSC

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### ■ INTRODUCTION TO VIDEO

As we enter the Lenten season, we remind ourselves that we are united with Lasallians in the Lwanga District of Africa through the twinning program. This program pairs schools in the United States with schools in Africa. Twinning is not only an opportunity for American schools to help African ministries financially, it's also a chance for students to connect as Lasallians and learn about other cultures. In the video you're about to see, Brother Ghebreysus Habte, FSC, the Lwanga District Visitor, talks about how the Lasallian mission connects us, what life is like for young people in his District, how the twinning program impacts ministries, and what we can all do to improve our twinning relationships. Through twinning, together, we transform lives.



### ■ LWANGA DISTRICT FAST FACTS

- The Lwanga District includes five countries: Kenya, Nigeria, Eritrea, Ethiopia and South Africa.
- Thirteen ministries in the Lwanga District participate in the twinning program.
- The twinning program was created in response to a call from the Institute to financially support Districts in need.
- Most young people served in Lasallian ministries in the Lwanga District are financially poor.
- Some ministries do not have reliable electricity or access to sufficient clean water.
- Many ministries do not have access to the Internet or their access is unreliable.
- To many students served in the Lwanga District, the opportunity for education is life changing, so they study hard and do not take it for granted.
- In 2014, schools in the United States contributed nearly \$208,500 to their twin schools.
- Twin schools in Africa use donations to fund scholarships for students in need, purchase books and other supplies, buy food and water, finance renovations, and fulfill many other needs.

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