



TWINNING

LASALLIANS OF NORTH AMERICA & AFRICA

Walking Together in Solidarity

RONGAI AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

RONGAI, KENYA



ABOUT THE SCHOOL

The Christian Brothers established Rongai Agricultural and Technical Secondary School in Rongai, Kenya, in 1973. It is a secondary boarding school that offers both academic and agricultural skills to students ages 12 to 18. The school maintains its own farm and produces all of its food. Students are taught how to grow cereals and vegetables, and raise poultry, pigs and cows, along with learning farm management skills. Students in form one usually work in the livestock section, form two students work in the school farm, and form three students are the managers. The form four students usually clean classrooms. Rongai currently serves 400 young men. It typically receives 300-400 applications a year and only has space for 102 new students.



ABOUT THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Most students come from very poor families and are raised by single mothers. The biggest challenge students face in obtaining an education is affording the school fees. After graduating from Rongai, the majority of students attend a university or college, while a few join the workforce. Rongai has 21 teachers, comprised of five women and 16 men. It also has 10 support staff members, comprised of two women and eight men.



A TYPICAL DAY AT SCHOOL

Students usually wake up around 4:30 a.m. and go to their classrooms to prepare for class until 6:00 a.m., which is when they have breakfast and do service around campus, like cleaning the compound and tending to the livestock. They attend classes from 7:10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., with breaks for tea and lunch, along with assemblies three days a week. After class, they do their chores on campus until 4:30 p.m., which is when extra-curricular activities start. They attend Mass on Wednesdays. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., followed by studying and remedial lessons. Students go to bed at 9:30 p.m.



RELAN TWINNED SCHOOLS

- La Salle Academy, Philadelphia, PA
- La Salle Academy, Providence, RI



USE OF TWINNING DONATIONS AND NEEDS

Rongai has used previous twinning donations to cover school fees for less fortunate students, which continues to be its most urgent need. The school would also like to purchase students' desks and chairs and furniture for the staff room, along with upgrading its bathrooms. Rongai's other needs include: repairing the stone wall that is near collapse, repainting the buildings, repairing and painting the staff houses, and purchasing a school bus. The school currently has a 14-seat van, which is inadequate for its transportation needs.



CONTACT RONGAI

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*Bro. Bonface became principal January 1, 2018.
More information to come!*



Samuel Kariuki Maina

Age: 17 years old

Grade Level: Form 3 (grade 11)

Favorite Subject: Chemistry

About Samuel:

I come from a family of five. My mother is a tailor, while my father is a farmer. I come from a humble background, where I have been brought up using guidelines of Christianity. Our culture is based on hard work and community, where we come together and work towards a common goal.



About School:

Our school emphasizes faith and hardwork, which go hand-in-hand for success and a bright future. Outside of class, I spend my time singing, based on my talent, and the rest of time playing football.

About Lasallian Education:

It helps a learner to be hardworking, engage God in each and every activity, and emphasizes on unity. The Lasallian education helps to keep me focused and determined for my future endeavors.

About Samuel's Future:

I would like to be a doctor in future and help in treating the sick and entertaining them with songs that would restore their health. I would like to say that if you want to achieve something in life, you have to have passion and engage God in every activity you do towards your success.

