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UPDATES FROM DE LA SALLE STREET CHILDREN PROJECT, DIRE DAWA, ETHIOPIA



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The De La Salle Street Children Project has been a dream for 10 years, but a lack of funding stalled the project. Recently, the government announced that it would take the land unless the Brothers put it in use. On February 1, 2021, the paperwork was finalized with the government to allow for construction to begin. Work on the fence started on February 2. The contractor and his staff will build the fence, along with a small office and a small house for a watchman. The construction should take three months. Previous twinning donations are helping to fund this construction.



The Brothers are discussing potential uses for the land with the intention of serving homeless and orphaned children, along with children of struggling single parents. The Brothers are considering building a dorm where children can sleep, while also providing meals and clothing. Additionally, they would like to build a school to provide vocational training for some students, while perhaps enrolling others in the nearby Bisrate Gabriel School. In the meantime, once the land is

fenced and leveled, and before the buildings are constructed, they hope to use the land as space for students at Bisrate Gabriel School to play.

Brother Rezene Berhe Kahsay, FSC, is overseeing the progress of this project. He has been a Brother for four years and is currently studying business management. He was previously involved in charity work with the Mother Teresa Sisters and leads his students in fundraising and support for those in need. He can be reached at rezberhe@gmail.com.

