## THE CHALLENGES OF ALLAMANO SPECIAL SCHOOL



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## UP AND AROUND FOR VISITING VOLUNTEERS and FRIENDS OF ALLAMANO SPECIAL SCHOOL: KENYA

When we started working on the Friends Of Allamano Special School website project for the mentally handicapped /\*retarded\*/ challenged/ ... \*- ]\*[-Children with developmental disabilities, few of us had any inkling or idea on what we were up and against. We were entering a world and territory we knew little about. Now that we have seen, heard and know a little more about the children at Allamano special school and of the long history of cultural stigmatization against which persons with disabilities worldwide must sail through, We owe it to our times and the future generations to make a difference, since that technology is now available to pass the word. This website is no more than a "WORK IN PROGRESS". Hopefully it will shed some light. A LIGHT that was not available in the last years of the  $20^{th}$ Century, leading us to broach into the DARK NIGHTS of community service that involved children with mental and physical disabilities. The information is RAW, and will require the concerted efforts and use of tools and knowledge henceforth un-presented to the broader public outside the archives of research libraries. We welcome professional quidance from the many "Friends of Allamano" worldwide as we move beyond the years of trial and error of our founding Fathers, who equipped with minimal resources started what has now become an "OASIS OF HOPE" around which we can all drink and celebrate life as part of our common humanity which includes persons with mental and physical disabilities. The majority of the elder members of the pioneering team of Consolata Missionaries and volunteers have crossed over. We pay Tribute to them all -:-May they "REST IN PEACE".

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