

## **Quotes by Father Riwa:**

“These are God’s children. We only have to love and care for them and God will do the rest.”

“The motto of the Children’s Village is ‘Simple Living, High Thinking.’ I want these children to understand, it is not what they wear or own which will secure their future. It is what is in their mind and heart and the values by which they live.”

“These children are the poorest of the poor. They have seen their parents and siblings die. They have no family and no history. They just are, struggling to exist one day to another.”

“People laughed at me when I rescued the first group of children. They told me the children were like animals for they had lived on the streets too long and could not be rehabilitated. Now these people are my greatest supporters because the children have proved them wrong by their academic excellence.”

“When I told my parents I wanted to study to be a priest in Kenya my mother looked at me and said: ‘Don’t forget the children.’ Her words motivate me.”

**These quotes and other materials pertaining to Fr. Riwa’s U.S. visit can be found on the *Friends of Kenyan Orphans* website at [www.friendsofkenyanorphans.org](http://www.friendsofkenyanorphans.org).**