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Dear confreres and friends of the Salesian missions!

Cordial greetings during the missionary month of October. I thank you all for your prayers during the month of September for the 36 new missionaries and for Salesian missionary vocations.

Having accompanied more than 200 new missionaries during the six year period from 2008 to 2014, I thank

the Lord for his constant call! The Salesian missionary vocation is very beautiful! It is the best expression of our charism, our spirituality is made available to the whole Church! I thank the Lord for this grace to accompany many confreres in their journey of discernment of this beautiful vocation "within the Salesian vocation"! How beautiful it is to accompany the first young Salesians from Albania, Russia, Myanmar, Madagascar, Togo, Ukraine, Cuba, China to respond well to the missionary call! The first missionaries from young Provinces show the trust of the Lord in us! The freshness of the faith in the 'global South of the world' invites all to let ourselves be surprised by the gift of faith!

I wish you all a fruitful celebration of World Mission Sunday 2013 as an opportunity to revive our faith and help the Church to journey to all the the outskirts of existence where Jesus Christ is not yet known and loved!

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The Church is not an NGO but a community which announces Christ!

The work of evangelisation often finds obstacles, not only externally, but also from within the ecclesial community. Sometimes there is lack of fervour, joy, courage and hope in proclaiming the Message of Christ to all and in helping the people of our time to an encounter with him. Sometimes, it is still thought that proclaiming the truth of the Gospel means an assault on freedom. ... It is urgent in our time to announce and witness to the goodness of the Gospel, and this from within the Church itself. ... The Church - I repeat once again - is not a relief organisation, an enterprise or an NGO, but a community of people, animated by the Holy Spirit, who have lived and are living the wonder of the encounter with Jesus Christ and want to share this experience of deep joy, the message of salvation that the Lord gave us!

(For the Pope's message for World Mission Day 2013 see <http://tinyurl.com/k8krv77>)

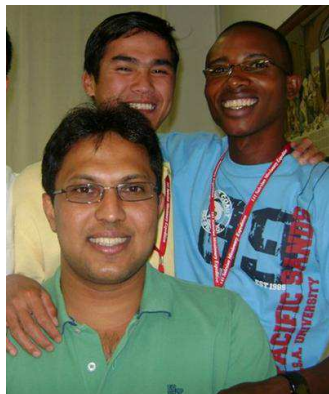


MISSIONARIES SOUGHT FOR AFRICA (145th Missionary Expedition)

Province - Country	Necessary languages	Environment and necessary qualities of the missionaries
AET Ethiopia <i>Vicariate of Gambella</i>	English local languages	<i>Apostolic vicariate</i> : entrusted to the Congregation, few personnel, first evangelisation with opportunities for implanting the Church
FRB Morocco	French, Arabic	The only community in the country, school-CFP (vocational training centre), parish, small community
ISI Tunisia	French, Arabic	Only community in the country, primary school and oratory, small community

My missionary vocation was born When I read an appeal for missionaries

I joined the aspirantate when I was 16 and I had a wonderful time with some missionaries. As my desire to become a priest developed so did my interest to become a missionary especially through some missionary news we read.



During my first year of practical training in Negombo, our Salesian 'motherhouse' in Sri Lanka, I had an amazing experience. At that time Sri Lanka was a Delegation of Chennai Province. That evening the Rector gave me the Circular letter of the Provincial to be read at spiritual reading. In that letter Father Provincial spoke about the Rector Major's appeal for missionaries for Papua New Guinea. While I was reading, I turned to the economist, a missionary in Sri Lanka, and said "Father shall we go? What do you think?" "Why not, let's go," he replied with a smile on his face. That same day I called my superiors and asked whether I could apply. I consider this as the moment when my missionary seed began to take root. It was the moment I realized that God wanted me to become a missionary. I was sent to Solomon Islands, which is now part of the Delegation of Papua New Guinea.

Some ask me: "Sri Lanka needs missionaries, so why become a missionary abroad?" Surely Sri Lanka needs missionaries to strengthen the growth of our Salesian work. But we should never forget that our Salesian presence in Sri Lanka was started in 1956 because missionaries came to the country, particularly Fr. Henry Remery, a French Salesian of the Chennai province. I still remember the day, when I expressed my desire to go to the missions to the Provincial, Fr. Benjamin Puthota. His answer was an immediate "yes of course, even though we have very few confreres, if it is the will of God he will bless us with many vocations. It is by giving that we receive!" Indeed, Sri Lanka has been blessed by God. Now it is a Vice Province.

I am truly happy to be a missionary. Sharing the Word of God in the daily Eucharist, teaching various subjects in the seminary, participating in the daily life of community give me ample opportunity to share my vocation with others. I also have the opportunity to live and relate with people of another culture as well as experience their love and affection. I know that what is important is not to do spectacular and remarkable things, but to keep my heart open to do God's will in my life.



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Sri lankan, missionary in the Solomon Islands



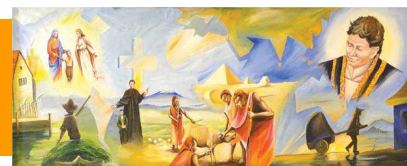
Interview of Fr. Gianni Rolandi, Provincial of East Africa,
in English
<http://vimeo.com/74915948>



Salesian Missionary Intention

Region of Africa

That the faith journeys of young people in Africa may be qualitatively strengthened and accompanied by the Salesians of Don Bosco, who are joyful and committed to catechesis and the catechumenate of young people.



The fruitful tradition of African lay catechists, courageous proclaimers of the Word, is connected to us - Salesians of Don Bosco as we were born "through a simple catechism" (Don Bosco). The three Salesian communities for theological formation in Africa - Lubumbashi (DR Congo), Nairobi (Kenya), Yaoundé (Cameroon) - strive to instill in the soul of the young African Salesians, aspirants to the priesthood, this lively and enlightened catechetical consciousness.

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