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Newsletter for Salesian Missionary Animation



DON BOSCO'S MISSIONARY DREAMS / 5



My cordial greetings during the month of missions!

"How much Mary loves us" (MB XVIII, 74)! This exclamation of the three listeners in the last missionary dream in Barcelona in April 1886 helps us to understand the missionary heart of Don Bosco. The Shepherdess that accompanies him shows the roads to the new missionary frontiers in all continents.

In the refectory of several Salesian community there is often a world map, where one can see a line drawn from Valparaiso in Chile to Beijing in China, similar to the one narrated in this dream.

The dream becomes reality, little by little every last Sunday of September with each new missionary expedition. The majority of the 42 new missionaries in 2010 have come from the lands seen in the 5th dream - from Africa (6) and Asia (24). Let us give a hand in realising the dreams of Don Bosco 125 years later! This October, I invite you to join in praying the missionary Rosary offering it for new missionary vocations in Africa (green), America (red), Europe (white), Oceania (blue color) and finally Asia (yellow).

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From Beijing to Santiago

The night between April 9 and 10 1886 Don Bosco had his fifth missionary dream in Barcelona. The next day he narrated it to Fr. Rua, Fr. Branda and Viglione, his voice cracking at times by sobs. [For the full text see MB XVIII, 72-74, or <http://sdl.sdb.org> (= Salesian digital library)]



Don Bosco found himself in the neighbourhood of Castelnuovo standing on the hillock known as Bricco del Pino near the Sbornau Valley. ... He gazed around in another direction, looking toward limits of the horizon, ... At length he saw a vast crowd of boys who ran toward him, crying, "We've been waiting for you. We've been waiting for you so long. Now at last you're here. You're

among us and you won't get away from us!"

Don Bosco did not understand at all ... But while he was standing there, dazed in their midst, gazing them, he saw himself an immense flock of lambs led by the shepherdess. She stopped in front of Don Bosco, to whom she said, "Do you see what's before you... Then she summoned the boys to Don Bosco's side, telling him, "Now look in this direction. Look further on - all of you, look further and read what is written over there. So what do you see?" I see mountains, then the sea, then hills, and again mountains and seas." I read Valparaiso", one boy said. Another boy said, "I read Santiago." I read both these names," added a third. "Well," continued the shepherdess, "set out from there and you will form an idea of how much the Salesians have to do in the future. Now look in that direction. Draw a visual line and look," "I see mountains, hills, and seas!". The boys too focused their eyes and exclaimed in chorus, "We read Beijing!" ... "Good," said the maiden, who seemed to be the boys' teacher. "Now draw a single line from one end to the other, from Beijing to Santiago. Establish your centre in the middle of Africa, and you will get the idea of how much the Salesians have to do." ... "And where can so many people be found, and how can missionaries be sent to all these places? ... "Look," the shepherdess answered. "Be of good will. There is only one thing to do: recommend

**The dream continues:
141st missionary expedition**



Give Pastoral Activity A Greater Missionary Character

Message of the Holy Father for World Mission Sunday 2010

(for the full text see
[http://www.fides.org/index.php?
lan=eng](http://www.fides.org/index.php?lan=eng))

The month of October, with the celebration of World Mission Sunday, offers diocesan and parish communities, Institutes of Consecrated Life, Ecclesial Movements, and the entire People of God, an occasion for renewing their commitment to proclaim the Gospel and give pastoral activity a greater missionary character. ... may we all see ourselves as active participants in the Church's task of proclaiming the Gospel.

Missionary zeal has always been the mark of vitality among our Churches (cf. *Redemptoris Missio*, 2) and their cooperation is a unique testimony of unity, fraternity, and solidarity that makes them credible heralds of Saving Love! ...

The 15th On-Going Formation Course for Missionaries

This year the Faculty of Theology at the Pontifical Salesian University in Rome organised the 15th on-going formation course for missionaries from September 20 to December 9, 2010. The course is open to all who are interested to have a qualified updating on the latest challenges regarding the Church's missionary activity today.

The course requirements are similar to a semester at a university level. It is programmed as an on-going formation course offered to the missionaries who have had some years of missionary experience. Classes are held in Italian, by a team of university lecturers, many of whom have missionary experience. The course concludes with a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. For more information contact the department of missions or Fr. Placide Carava (pcarava@gmail.com)

World Consultative Committee for the Missions 2010

From September 28 to 30 the World Consultative Committee for the Missions was held at the Generalate in Rome. It is a meeting held every two years to advise the Department for Missions regarding missionary animation, and formation in the Congregation through assessments, research, studies and personal contributions.

The World Consultative Committee is a collegial body that brings together experts in different fields of missiology, animation and formation, collaborators of the Department for Missions from the various regions of the Salesian world, along with representatives of the Salesian Family as well as representatives of the Youth Ministry and the Social Communication Departments.

At the conclusion of the consultation, among other proposals, the Committee indicated the need to finalise the *Framework of Salesian Missionary Activity*, and put forward the idea of studying, by 2012, the feasibility of setting up an Association of Salesian Missiologists and of organising a Salesian Missionary Congress in 2015.



Salesian Missionary Intention

The Salesian Family in Centrale and Eastern Europe

That the Salesian Family in Central and Eastern Europe may commit itself to engage in the evangelisation of youth with renewed enthusiasm, courage, humility and patience.

Only twenty years ago some countries of Central and Eastern Europe emerged from a long period of the domination of totalitarian regimes (Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Georgia, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova, Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Kosovo). Now the young people of these countries are facing a double challenge of consumerism and secularism, mixed with the communist atheist-materialist legacy of the past. In some of these countries there is still a lack of consecrated Salesian vocations, the confreres are beginning the construction of the first educational works to express our charism in the context of their cultural and religious backgrounds.

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