

DON BOSCO'S MISSIONARY DREAMS



the summer session of the General Council!

As we contemplate the missionary heart of Don Bosco we are invited to rediscover, this month, his second missionary dream. In fact every missionary dream of our Father reveals his heart beating to bring the Gospel to the young of the whole world. Let us learn from his way of thinking!

Probably the materials for the Salesian Mission Day 2011 (DVD, poster, etc) have already arrived in the Provinces, with the theme *Volunteers to proclaim the Gospel* [download from www.sdb.org].

We make Don Bosco's dreams a reality with the formation of a missionary group in every house, and of the missionary volunteer service in every Salesian Province all over the world!

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One of the missionary dreams of Don Bosco - the second - was a dramatic allegorical representation about the future of Salesian Missionary work throughout South America: Those who were with Don Bosco had already an intuition that there was something more than human in these epic dreams. Don Bosco narrated this dream on September 4, 1883 during the afternoon session of the General Chapter. [For the full text see MB XVI, 385-398; SDL.SDB.ORG].



«My young friend continued: - Well: these mountains are like a bank, a boundary. So far, there is the harvest promised to the Salesians. There are thousands and millions of people awaiting your help, they are waiting for the faith. These mountains were the Cordilleras of South America and the sea is the Atlantic Ocean ... And without knowing how, I found myself at a railway station. ... We got on the train. I asked where we were. The beautiful new train moved on, always going forward. ... we travelled through forests, going into tunnels, we passed over huge viaducts,

we went through mountain gorges, lakes and swamps using bridges, we crossed wide rivers, run through prairies and plains. We passed along the shores of Uruguay. I thought it was just a short river, but instead it is very long.

At one point I saw the river Paranà which flows close to Uruguay ... And the train was always going down, it was turning on one side and then to another. After a long period of time it stopped a second time... The train resumed its journey across the Pampas and Patagonia. The cultivated fields and houses scattered here and there indicated that civilisation took possession of those deserts.



In the place where Patagonia begins we passed a branch of the Rio Colorado or the Rio Chubut. ... Finally

we reached the Straits of Magellan, I looked at it. We went down. Before us was Punta Arenas. ... My friend mentioned to me all these things. Then I asked: - And now what do you mean by that?

He answered: - What is being planned in the future, will one day be a reality. ... Given the wonderful progress of the Catholic Church, of our congregation and of civilisation in those regions, I thank Divine Providence that he had deigned to use me as an instrument of his glory and salvation of so many souls ...»





Come, Give us a Hand in Mongolia!

arrived in Mongolia on 14 November 2009 to fulfil my missionary dream. I have long dreamt to be a missionary and I am very happy that now that dream has become a reality. I believe that Don Bosco will not abandon me and will always protect me, so that with the help of Mary Help of Christians I may serve the Lord Jesus until the end of my life in the missions.

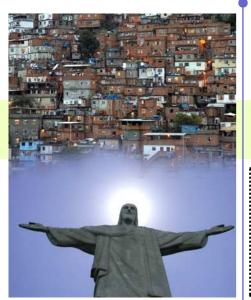
Our missionary work in Mongolia is full of dreams and full of promises. I am sure that Don Bosco had also seen Mongolia in his dreams. Now we have two communities; one in Ulaanbaatar and one in Darhan. In Ulaanbaatar we have a community made up of four Salesians. There are also four Mongolian Cooperators. In that community all of our confreres work in our technical school and centre for the poor. In Darhan our community is composed by four Salesians. All of them work in our parish church, school for non formal education, printing shop and daily oratory.

When I arrived in Mongolia, I stayed in our community at Darhan where I studied the Mongolian language and helped Bro. Chris in the animation of our young people in the daily oratory. Four months later I moved to Ulaanbataar. In Ulaanbataar I continued my study of the Mongolian language but I also gave a hand to Fr. Victor as assistant of young people at Don Bosco Care Centre where we have 21 street children. These kids have all lost contact with their families who live in the country side. They stay in our Care Centre and we send them to our school. We also search for their parents so that they could be reunited with them.

I am very happy here in my mission land. Here I have learnt to be flexible and work hard to save souls especially of young people. Gradually there are young people who come and inquire about our life, our spirit and our apostolate. And some of them

come to church and join our boys in the oratory. I truly believe, as Don Bosco said, that all young people who come to our house or our Centre are brought to us by Mary Help of Christians. We also work together with the other congregations to evangelise and to help young people. Our only problem is that we do not have enough confreres to start a Salesian presence in the other places in Mongolia where many young are waiting for us. Please come and give us a hand!

Br. Anton Werun Indonesian, missionary in Mongolia





Salesian Missionary Intention

The Salesian Family in the Interamerican Region

That the members of the Salesian Family who operate in the metropolis in North America and Latin America may know how to journey alongside young migrants and their families.

Ever since the apostle Paul, the Church has launched the Urban Missions. Today in the era of great worldwide migration we are called to rediscover its dynamics (cf. Acts of the Apostles - Corinth, Ephesus, Athens ...). In America we see double migratory movement - from South to North, from the rural areas to the urban centres. The first generations of immigrants also face many challenges at the religious level, sometimes without Pastors who understand their language and culture.

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