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Dear friends,

Greetings from Nairobi/Valdocco. I feel privileged and blessed to join the team at the mission sector of the congregation, in which we collaborate with the councillor for the missions Fr. Alfred Maravilla, in enhancing the Salesian missionary dimension according to the mind and dream of Don Bosco.

As the preparation is underway for the 154th missionary expedition, I am reminded of some of the parting souvenir of Don Bosco to the first missionary expedition; "Take special care of the sick, the children, the aged, and the poor, and you will gain the blessing of God and the goodwill of people". These words remain relevant not only to the missionaries who are getting ready to venture into the mission world but to all of us sons of Don Bosco.

While I wish the new missionaries God's blessings as they move to the new missionary lands, it is my hope that many more Salesians will daily be touched and moved to respond to the missionary call. May Don Bosco continue to guide each and every one of us. Best wishes to all the readers of Cagliero11.

■ Fr. Eric Mairura, SDB  
New member of Salesian  
Missions Sector

## 154th Mission Expedition 2023



Rector Major blesses and sends from Valdocco **24 members** of the 154th missionary expedition on **24 September 2023**.

N°	PR. OF ORIG.	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	NAME	PR. OF DESTIN.	COUNTRY/ REGION OF DESTINATION
1	ACC	Congo	S. BOUANGA, Lyonnel Richie Éric	PGS	Papua NG/ Solomon Isl.
2	ACC	Congo	S. GUIELLE FOUETRO, Jean-Bernard Junior Gérald	GER	Germany
3	AFC	DR Congo	S. KASONGO MWAPE, Jean	BPA	Brazil
4	AFC	DR Congo	S. MULUMBA NTAMBWE, Blaise	GER	Germany
5	AFC	DR Congo	S. TUUNGANE NZIBI, Elisée	IME	Albania
6	ANG	Angola	P. GIME, Miguel Rafael Coelho	MOZ	Mozambique
7	ECU	Ecuador	S. SANCHEZ, Klimer Xavier	MOZ	Mozambique
8	FIN	Philippines	L. VALEROSO, Kerwin	C.N.A.*	North Africa
9	INB	India	S. BHURIYA, Shivraj	SLO	Slovenia
10	IND	India	P. KUJUR, George	INC	Nepal
11	INS	India	S. WANTEILANG, Khyllait	BPA	Brazil
12	INM	India	S. ARPUTHARAJ, Soosai	INE	Romania
13	INM	India	S. RAJA, Sarathkumar	LKC	Sri Lanka
14	INT	India	S. BROON, David	IME	Albania
15	ISI	Italy	P. PATERNÒ, Domenico	C.N.A.*	North Africa
16	MDG	Madagascar	S. MINO, Nomenjanahary François	PGS	Papua NG/ Solomon Isl.
17	MEG	Mexico	L. JIMÉNEZ FLORES, Mario Alberto	D.S.S.**	South Sudan
18	PGS	Papua N.G.	S. TARERE, Joshua	D.S.S.**	South Sudan
19	PLS	Poland	P. CEBULSKI, Michał	ICP	Lithuania
20	VIE	Vietnam	P. PHẠM VĂN THÔNG, Joseph	AFM	SAR/Lesotho/Eswatini
21	VIE	Vietnam	S. NGUYỄN VIỆT ĐỨC, John the Baptist	INE	Romania
22	VIE	Vietnam	S. NGUYỄN QUANG QUI, Thomas	GBR	United Kingdom
23	VIE	Vietnam	L. NGÔ ĐỨC THUẬN, Joseph	C.N.A.*	North Africa
24	VIE	Vietnam	S. NGUYỄN QUỐC OẮT, Dominic	GBR	United Kingdom

C.N.A.\* – Circumscription North Africa | D. S. S.\*\* – Delegation South Sudan  
L. – Salesian Brother | P. – Salesian Priest | S. – Salesian Cleric

**Origin:** Africa-Madagascar 7, East Asia - Oceania 7, South Asia 6, Interamerica 2, Mediterranean 1, Central-North Europe 1, America South Cone 0.

**Destination:** Mediterranean 7, Africa-Madagascar 6, Central-Northern Europe 5, East Asia - Oceania 2, South Asia 2, America South Cone 2, Interamerica 0.

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# EDUCATION AND FORMATION – KEY THINGS IN SAMOA



*Dear Fr. Petelo, Samoa lies on the margins because it is geographically remote and isolated. Does this fact in any way affect the life and work of the Salesians there?*

Samoa is in fact geographically remote and isolated from many developed countries of the world. Its economy is dependent mainly on the development aid and private financing from overseas. The country is vulnerable to devastating storms and effects of climate change. More and more people, especially the young are leaving the country for overseas, looking for a better future. There are more Samoans living overseas than the residents in Samoa. There is a lot of unemployed young people. Many young people have left schools without any qualifications. A number of students have left schooling prematurely to find work, in order to help their parents.

Because these facts affect a lot of young people, consequently the life and work of the Salesians in Samoa to are aligned to address it. Salesian work here in Samoa depends mostly on overseas assistance, by way of finance and missionaries. Moreover, because of its remoteness, responses for any assistance are very slow and take a long time to arrive.

*How do you perceive the contribution of Salesian missionaries and Salesian missionary volunteers in Samoa?*

Extremely useful and invaluable contribution from the Salesian missionaries and Salesian missionary volunteers have been received. We are grateful for the wonderful contributions they have made. Our Salesian Work in Samoa was established by Salesian missionaries and there were many volunteers who came to help us especially at two of our schools. They help not only to lift up the standard of education but also to lessen our financial burden because we don't have the money to pay commercially and to employ many teachers in our schools. Salesian volunteers are a gift to our Salesian missionary work. They are not only sharing their expertise and their own cultures, but they are partners/sharers with the Salesians in the work of St. John Bosco for the young. They have a unique approach and charism which contributes to the Salesian way of life and work.

*If we return to the missionary intention of this month, what do the Salesians, or the Salesian family in Samoa, do for young people who are on the peripheries?*

The Salesian family in Samoa (SDBs, FMAs, cooperators, and past pupils), should cooperate together to make education as our top priority in order to combat the problems of young people that abound. The youth face lots of difficulties, poverty, are assigned no importance and lack dignity. When I said education, I'm thinking also about our Salesian System of Education, our founder Don Bosco's Preventive System, a system of education which is based on Love. "Education is a matter of the Heart." I strongly believe that the Salesian Family in Samoa must work together to promote the Preventive System. This will greatly change young people's lives. Making education a priority will change their lives for the better.



**Fr. Petelo Vito Pau, SDB**

My name is Petelo Vito Pau, a presbyter and I am the director of the Salesian community of **Salelologa** on the island of Savai'i in **Samoa**. I am also parish priest of the parish of San Giovanni Bosco and principal of the Don Bosco high school and professional centre.

The Pacific Delegation, which is part of the Australia-Pacific Province (AUL), includes: **Samoa, New Zealand and Fiji**.

In 2022, I concluded a six-year term as the initial Delegate of the Pacific Delegation, so I have **extensive experience** throughout the AUL Province, with particular attention to Samoa.



## SEPTEMBER SALESIAN MISSIONARY INTENTION

### For people living on the margins

SAMOA

That the Salesians in Samoa help  
the marginalized effectively and fairly

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. [Prayer intention of Pope Francis]