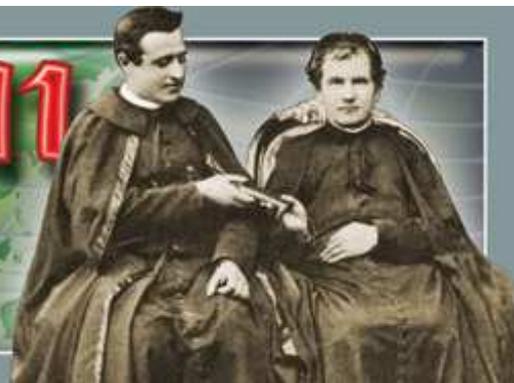


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Dear confreres and friends of the Salesian missions!

Cordial greetings for the new year 2014! January is the Salesian month. For some Provinces it is the time to prepare or start the new school year while for other Provinces it is the time to celebrate the Salesian Mission Day. The **Salesian Mission Day 2014** is an invitation to broaden our vision and open our hearts to the world of migrants around us: "We are the Others." The prophetic gesture of the first pastoral visit of Pope Francis outside of Rome (to the island of Lampedusa on July 8, 2013) confirms our intuition.

The seven video of the SMD 2014 show us the passion of the confreres and lay coworkers of Sweden, Spain, Italy, Germany and France who have opened their hearts and doors to migrants (http://www.sdb.org/it/Dicasteri/Missioni/GMS_2014). By now the prayer of the SMD 2014 should have reached all the confreres. The printed resource booklet is still available in Rome. The exchange of good practices during 2014 will help the whole Salesian Family to encounter Jesus in the migrant! I wish you a good start of the Bicentennial celebrations!

Václav Klement
Fr. Václav Klement, SDB
Councillor for the Missions

On hindsight, I have to admit that they have enriched me tremendously: their joyful spirit, emotional sensitivity, friendship and celebrations are a great gift to me. My work with them pushed me to be more patient, humble and have a deep spiritual life. With them I understood the excellence of Don Bosco's Preventive System based on the three pillars of faith, reason and loving kindness.

In my work among the gypsies every encounter with good people is a source of deep joy. And I'm finding friends everywhere! I'm happy when I see any little progress among our families children and youth, like their decision to change ways and their effort to persevere in doing good whatever the cost and their effort to help others to do so. To me these simple successes are of great value which I am very grateful to the Lord!

Fr. Jaroslav Fogl
Czech, missionary in Bulgaria

For me being a missionary is a source of profound joy!



After I finished my postnovitiate studies in České Budějovice the Provincial asked that one among our batch would go for practical training to our mission in Bulgaria. I wasn't excited about the idea because my wish was to do my practical training in the Czech Republic. But the need in Bulgaria was urgent so I asked the Provincial to give me time to pray, visit Bulgaria and eventually decide. During this time of discernment I received a personal letter from Mons. Christo Proykov, a Bulgarian Eastern Rite Catholic Bishop, inviting me to come during the visit of John Paul II (2002). When I finally took the bus to Bulgaria, I felt in my heart that God wanted me to accept this invitation! I have since worked in Bulgaria and, in spite of some difficulties, I want to remain in Bulgaria.

Years later we were discerning about the direction of our Salesian mission in Bulgaria. After a long time of reflection the decision was taken to start a work with Gypsy youth in the city of Stara Zagora. I was again approached by the Provincial. I was not eager to work with the Gypsy youth and I didn't know what kind of sacrifices this entailed, but I also had no clear objections to this invitation. Now, after 5 years I see, that this is where the Lord wanted me to be!

Working among the Gypsies is very demanding - psychologically, emotionally and physically. Unfortunately I am often lost in the challenges of ordinary daily life: problems with the parents, alcohol abuse or domestic violence, lack of education and anti-social behavior towards the wider society, etc. From the early childhood Gypsy children face the challenge of survival, emotional wounds, lack of parental interest. Young Gypsies are often exploited for a lot of bad things, since their parents always choose the easiest way out of poverty. Without any outside help it is difficult to find the solution. They need a friend who could stir up hope in them and journey with them to-



NEW MISSIONARIES SOUGHT FOR ...

Province - Country	Languages needed	Features of the location and qualities required of missionaries
ASIA		
CIN China services	English, Chinese - Cantonese	Helping the Province with young confreres (Macau, HK, Taiwan) Needs solid Salesian vocations, Brothers.
INC Nepal	English, Nepali	A young mission , cf. mission appeal (2000), social and educational work,
LKC Sri Lanka	English, Sinhalese, Tamil	Country has been affected by civil war, needs missionaries from outside South Asia; Brothers
SLK Apostolic Prefecture Azerbaijan	Russian, English, Azeri	Only 600 local and migrant Catholics, moderate Islam; request to internationalise (non-Slovak confreres)
MIDDLE EAST		
MOR Egypt, Lebanon	Italian, Arabic, English	Schools for Christians and Muslims, Oratory - youth centre, need for young SDBs
MOR Turkey	Italian, Turkish,	Only one community in the country, school, migrant work
OCEANIA		
AUL Australia Samoa, Fiji (Pacific)	English, Local languages	Australia: secularised, multicultural society. Few young Salesians, educational works (school, youth centre). Samoa, Fiji: need for formators in the Pacific

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**LET US DRAW UPON
THE SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE
OF DON BOSCO**
*in order to walk in holiness
according to our specific vocation*



Salesian Missionary Intention

For Salesian Mission Day 2014 in every Province

That SMD 2014 may help Salesians throughout the world to be more sensitive to the mission to their migrant brothers and sisters wherever they are to be found: around our works, or in them.

Our experience in Europe invites us to see migrants not only as people to help but also as a resource for giving new life to our charism (vocations, a committed laity). There are 220 million migrants around the world who have had to leave their country and a further 800 million internal migrants. Migration is one of the most important socio-cultural phenomena of our era. WE ARE THE OTHERS - the theme for SMD 2014 helps us to open our hearts wherever we live. Seven short videos in 7 languages and other material to help us on our journey.

