



# M 28 : 19



Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

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## SOLOMON ISLANDS

This is an island country in the South Pacific Ocean. Its largest islands are Choiseul, Guadalcanal, Malaita, New Georgia, San Cristobal, and Santa Isabel. Its many other islands include Bellona, Rennell, and the Santa Cruz Islands.

The country's largest islands are also called the Solomon Islands. But not all the islands in the chain belong to the country. Bougainville, Buka, and a few smaller islands in the northern part of the chain are part of Papua New Guinea.

The United Kingdom (UK) ruled the Solomons from 1893 to 1978, when the islands became independent. Honiara, on Guadalcanal, is the capital and largest community that has a population of about 60,000 today.



He had tossed the idea around "as a bit of a joke" while back home in Valtellina (Italy) and some friends promptly brought him down to the Aeroclub at Caiolo. "Go on, climb up in, let's go for a test spin", a young instructor said. "And I said to myself, bringing the Gospel from on high would make things easier. So here I am now, promoted to pilot".

Up until now - and for the moment he must continue this way - Bishop Capelli has a motorboat for moving around his far-flung diocese. 10 hours and 500 litres of fuel later he is likely to arrive at his destination. Now he figures he can do the job in an hour and a half.

The Catholic Church in the Solomon Islands is just a little about a hundred years old. It was established by the Marist Missionaries who are strong in the Pacific. They have done a great job in establishing the Church - some even dying for the faith. They share the mission with other congregations among which are the Dominicans, Vincentians, Salesians and MSP. The Salesians are happy to be part of the growth of youth in Solomon Islands.

**The Salesians care for:**  
*Christ the King Parish, Tetere*  
*Catholic Communications Solomons*  
*Rove Vocational Training Centre*  
*Don Bosco Youth Centre*

Bishop Lucianno Capelli SDB, 62-years-old, is priest for 35 years and now a Bishop for almost 3 years. He is the pastor of the Diocese of Gizo. "Our indomitable 'don Luciano' as he prefers amongst friends, took advantage of an extended stay in Italy, not only to attend the Rector Major's invitation to Salesian bishops at Valdocco but to catch up with his ageing mother, raise some funds for various diocesan projects 'back home' in Gizo - and get his pilot's license!



### WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR SOLOMON ISLANDS

I NEED A COUPLE OF GOOD AND EXPERT INSTRUCTORS (ALL AROUND) FOR INTRODUCING THE SECONDARY TECHNICAL CURRICULUM. WE ARE RUNNING A TEACHERS' TVET COLLEGE AND OPENING TWO CENTERS  
REQUIREMENT: MUST BE ALUMNUS OR ASH

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CIAO...  
**+CAPO**

# COMMITMENT TO DOMISAL 2010

## GIVING QUALITY TO MISSIONARY ANIMATION

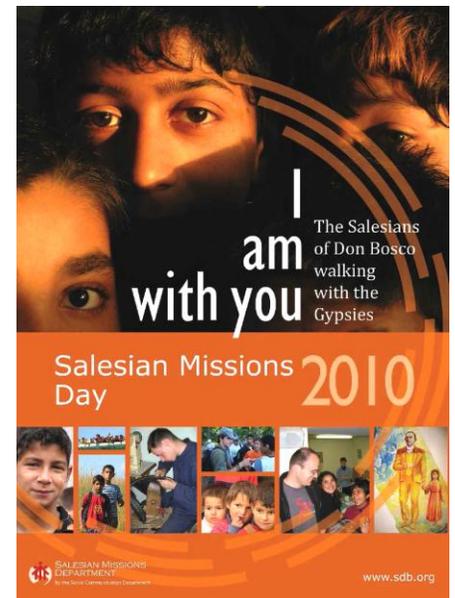
Since 1988, its main aim has been to give **IMPULSE to missionary animation throughout the Congregation by offering something by way of an annual project**, and it is usually based on some frontier situation; it is set up along similar lines to the World Mission Day proclaimed by the Pope. It is not an isolated event, rather a chance to involve our SDB and EPC communities in the missionary dynamic of the universal Church, so it has a broad perspective.

### DOMISAL aims to arouse

- \* Missionary cooperation, by presenting some current Salesian missionary work
- \* Fervour for mission in Salesian communities and their work (SDB, youth, Salesian Family, lay people)
- \* An opening up of minds and hearts to make room for the missionary activity of the universal Church and the Congregation
- \* A new faith-filled enthusiasm for missions and especially missionary vocations *ad gentes*

The campaign of the Salesian Mission Day 2010 *The Salesians walking with the Gypsies* wants to contribute through the means of social communication in overcoming the prejudices towards this most numerous ethnic minority present in the European continent for centuries. At the same time we also want to make known to the Church and society the truly missionary commitment of our confreres with and for the Gypsies in the various countries of Europe (Albania, Bulgaria, Germany, Italy, Czech Republic, Spain, Hungary)

In the Philippines, we remember to pray for the Salesian Family in Europe during 2010, especially for the intention of overcoming prejudices against Gypsies. We should realize and answer the question when will people stop persecuting this vulnerable minority for their way of life and realize that they are part of the fabric of humanity for hundreds of years including other marginalized groups in society



### MISSIONARY ANIMATION VISIT TO SALESIAN SETTINGS BOTH SCHOOLS AND PARISHES

Once again, we would like to make our rounds of visit in the different Salesian Settings to monitor the missionary animation desk we have begun last year.

For this year's agenda, we would like to present the following:

- Feedback on EAO Regional Missionary Animation Meeting of November 2009.
- The celebration of the DOMISAL with the theme "**The Salesians of Don Bosco walking together with young Gypsies**" (2010)
  - Poster Making Contest for Elementary and High School level
  - Essay writing contest regarding the DOMISAL theme
- Missionary Animation Symposium
- Lay Missionary Volunteerism Ad Gentes Ad Extra
- **Volunteers proclaiming the Gospel (2011)**
- Missionary Animation Desk

Thank you very much.

