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RETHINK



Dear Friends,

150 years ago, Don Bosco, moved by the fire of the Gospel and the cry of young people, sent the first missionary expedition to Argentina, not with riches, but with burning hearts. That humble departure from Valdocco marked the beginning of a global dream: a Salesian presence on distant frontiers, a presence that brought hope.

Today, we are heirs to that prophetic courage. The same Spirit that drove Don Bosco to send his sons to the ends of the earth now calls us too, not simply to go further, but to go deeper: into the wounds of the world, into the lives of abandoned young people, and into the very heart of humanity in search of meaning.

We are not celebrating past glory. We are rekindling a living fire. This Jubilee is an invitation to rekindle missionary audacity, to overcome comfort, and to repeat with new ardour: "Da mihi animas", wherever young people await us. Under Mary's mantle, we find the courage to dream without boundaries and to live the mission with generous hearts, wherever we are.

Fr Fabio Attard SDB

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Rector Major

156th missionary expedition

Sent by the Rector Major from Valdocco on 11 November 2025

19 members of the 156th missionary expedition:

N°	ORIG. PROV.	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	NAME	DEST. PROV.	COUNTRY OR REGION OF DESTINATION
1	ACC	DR Congo	S. NGUSU NSIMBA, Josuè	-	Greece
2	ACC	DR Congo	S. NTUMBA LILEY, Jean	PGS	Vanuatu
3	AFC	DR Congo	S. MBUNGU MAKUTUBU, Michel	CIL	Chile
4	AGL	Kenya	S. BALIKUDEMBE, Solomon	INC	Bangladesh
5	AGL	Uganda	S. OFOYRWOTH, Isaac	PGS	Vanuatu
6	ANG	Angola	S. DA GRAÇA MIGUEL, Francisco	BMA	Brazil
7	BOL	Bolivia	S. LENAZ, Paolo Estefano	BMA	Brazil
8	GIA	Japan	P. MORITO, Chihiro	AFE	Del. South Sudan
9	IND	India	S. HUMTSOE, Zabenthung Dominic	INE	Del. Romania-Moldova
10	ING	India	P. UTTAM, Molsom Hubert	AFM	South Africa
11	MDG	Madagascar	P. NIRINA RASENDRAMANANA, Charles	GER	Türkiye
12	PLS	Poland	P. WOSIEK, Marcin	-	Greece
13	RMG	Vietnam	P. NGUYEN, Peter Doan Chuyen	AFM	South Africa
14	TLS	Timor Leste	S. DO NASCIMENTO, Tobias Freitas	MOZ	Mozambique
15	VIE	Vietnam	S. NGUYEN THANH SANG, Simon	KOR	Del. Mongolia
16	VIE	Vietnam	L. NGUYEN TIEN NAM, Vincent	CIL	Chile
17	VIE	Vietnam	S. TRAN VAN NHO, Francis	THA	Thailand-Cambodia
18	ZMB	Zambia	S. MUMBA, Mwila	INC	Bangladesh
19	ZMB	Zambia	S. NG'ANDWE, Musa	INE	Del. Romania-Moldova

Del. = Delegation

L. = Salesian brother • P. = Salesian priest • S. = Salesian student

SALESIAN MISSIONARIES SENT 2015-2024 (total 243)

O r i g i n	• AFRICA-MDG	92	D e s t i n a t i o n	• MEDITERRANEAN	53
	AFC 32, ACC 16, MDG 10			IME 12, MOR 11, CNA 11	
	• EAO	67		• EAO	44
	VIE 38, FIN 9, TLS/ITM 6			PGS 11, KOR 8, CIN 7	
	• SOUTH ASIA	36		• CENTRAL-NORTH EU	12
n	INB 7, ING 6, INM 5			GBR 8, GER 6, SLO 6	
	• INTERAMERICA	19		• AFRICA-MDG	39
	CAM 6, VEN 3, HAI and MEM 2			AFE 9, ACC 6, AFC 6	
	• CENTRAL-NORTH EU	12		• INTERAMERICA	30
	CRO 6, other 1			VEN 5, ANT 4, PER 4	
n	• MEDITERRANEAN	11		• SOUTH CONE	29
	SSM 3, ICC 2, SMX 2			ARS 6, BMA 6, CIL 4	
	• SOUTH CONE	6		• SOUTH ASIA	8
	ARN 2, ARS 2, other 1			LKC 7 and INC 1	

WHERE DOES THE AFC'S MISSIONARY GENEROSITY COME FROM?



Dear Father Dominique, over the last ten years, your AFC province has sent more confreres on mission than any other province. Why is this?

Providence has been particularly generous to our province in terms of missionary vocations. Over the last ten years, we have seen a significant number of young confreres in initial formation freely express their desire to go on mission. To date, 36 of them are on mission around the world. This dynamic is the result of several factors. First of all, the various provincials who have succeeded one another have been able to encourage and support this missionary availability, particularly among young confreres. Secondly, many young people have been inspired by the witness of former missionaries who have left their mark on their parishes or dioceses. These figures have left a lasting impression on their discernment.

Furthermore, the presence of experienced missionary confreres in formation groups plays a key role.

How does the discernment and selection of confreres for the missions take place, and how and by whom are they accompanied in this missionary process?

Missionary discernment begins as early as the novitiate. The novice is invited to express openly, in dialogue with the novice master, his attraction to the mission ad gentes. Subsequently, in the post-novitiate, this discernment continues through the accompaniment of the community, the director and the spiritual companion.

Regular pastoral experiences, particularly Sunday commitments with children, young people and the most vulnerable, also contribute to forging this missionary generosity. The person responsible for missionary animation (DIAM) organises quarterly meetings to address various topics related to the mission. At the end of the formation cycle, after consultation with the local community, the provincial and his council may propose the confrere for a mission ad gentes, provided that he has clearly expressed his request. It is therefore a process that is at once personal, communal and structured.

Are these missionary confreres, who have been sent to another province, in some way beneficial to you in the AFC, or are they rather considered as those who have weakened the province?

Far from being a loss, these missionary departures are perceived as a source of enrichment. It should be remembered that since 1911 our province has been built up thanks to the generosity of confreres from other parts. Today, with the same humility, we in turn contribute to the universal mission of the Church.

These young missionaries are true ambassadors: they bring with them their personal experience of Christ and the Salesian charism lived in the AFC and spread it in other contexts. Their departure is a source of pride and responsibility for us.

Furthermore, the AFC province not only sends missionaries, but also welcomes them. The presence of confreres from other horizons enriches our community and pastoral life. It is a constant reminder of the universality of the congregation and a protection against any temptation to close ourselves off nationally. These exchanges are a true prophetic sign for the people of God. The encounter of cultures, in a spirit of faith and fraternity, is a source of renewal and growth for the whole province.



Fr Dominique Kubuya SDB

Originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo, born in Goma. Initial training in Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo and Kenya. In 2008, missionary cross in Turin and sent to the Sudan delegation. Ordained priest in 2013. I carried out my apostolate in South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Burundi. Director of the Planning and Development Office, Rector of the Chapel, formator at the Post-novitiate in Kansebula/Lubumbashi. I hold the role of Provincial delegate for Missionary Animation (PDMA) in AFC.



NOVEMBER SALESIAN MISSIONARY INTENTION

RETHINK THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT

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We pray for the gift of the missionary spirit that poured forth from Don Bosco's heart; may it always be the fire that animates us in our day-to-day Salesian missionary work.


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Missionaries