

MISSION REPORT # 10

Mission Saint Therese of the Infant Jesus

Reaching out to the “Poorest of the Poor”

Mouila, Gabon, Africa – October (**Mission Month**), 2016

by Rev. Canon Henry Fragelli

(For any new reader: These *Mission Reports* are letters to my family and friends. So don't be surprised to find in them very little order and a family-like casual style.)



“Do what you preach and preach what you do.”

I just realized that, in making the Mission Reports, I don't do what I preach every day here at the Mission, namely: “Work first; fun later.”

In our Mission Reports all the “fun” part comes first and the “work” part comes at the end, as if it were secondary or optional.

But in fact, the Mission Reports are meant to reach out to generous souls, missionaries at heart, that are willing to pray and sacrifice in order to support the Mission, so that the Mission can continue to exist, grow and save souls.

So, this time... we will leave the “fun part” for last and talk about sacrificing for the Mission first.

Dear Friend and Benefactor of the Mission,

As the Mission grows, by God's grace, it remains just as dependent of your generosity today as it did on day-one. Why? Because social reality out here is quite different than ours. I have tried over and over to get local financial support for the Mission, with almost zero success. The little success I've had... it comes with so many *strings attached*... it is not worth it.

On the financial side of things: this past year we worked on making two of our workshops totally self-sufficient: the bakery and the carpentry.

This year we are doing the same with the sewing workshop and the soccer team (the *Panthers of Christ the King*), the latter being (yet) just as big of a budget as it is quite an apostolate.

But regardless of all the above, the fact remains that, believe it or not, the salvation of these souls is directly linked to your generosity. That's the bottom line. In plain words: The Mission would disappear without it. And that's why we are so immensely grateful to you.

This coming year (2016-2017) to all the already existing Mission activities we are adding:

- the preaching of one or two Spiritual Retreats per month; (the new dorms will be a great help.)
- we will be hosting more candidates to the Priesthood;
- a Youth Group (weekly programs) for young men and young ladies;
- a Spanish Club;
- a Fanfare (we already have the initial instruments);
- and to the *Panthers of Christ the King* we are adding a third age-group, the “*Minimes*”.

All of that while trying to build, little by little, our *Saint Francis de Sales School*.

So please consider donating to the Mission on this MISSION MONTH. I know it is a sacrifice. A sacrifice that I am asking you not from an air-conditioned office somewhere, but from the “front line” where there is nothing but sweat, blood, toil and tears. We need generous one-time donations for the different projects (that you will see in this *Mission Report*), but mostly we need generous Monthly Donors that will help support that which, by God's grace, you and us have built already.

So please skip to pages 26, 27 & 28, then back to page 2 for the “fun” part. Thank you.

The “English Club”

A promising apostolate that attracts to the Mission twenty or more young men and women.



The Accounting



Thanks to a pristine accounting of EVERY Mission expense, we were recently authorized to open our own bank account at Mouila, so that your donation can be sent directly to Mission, rather than through Libreville, as it was the case before, obliging me to 14-hour drive every month, just for that.



Imprudence or... “leap of faith?”

A good friend from Libreville “sold” us this 30-place bus, for us to pay “when you can”. Eight months have gone by and now...



we can't operate without the bus. The Mission uses it for everything. On Sundays to give a ride to the faithful after Mass; for all the youth programs; for all the programs of the *Panthers of Christ the King*... for everything. Yes, it was a “when you can pay” deal but... it is time to pay.



The market price for the bus is 60.000 dollars. Our friend “sold” it to us for 30.000. We have paid, so far, 4.000.

Our “Little Hospital” or “doctor’s office”.

With the help of our *Panthers* (pictures), we started building our “Little Hospital”. It is meant for the several volunteer, **doctors and nurses**, that wish to come to the Mission to help out with the medical care of our faithful and surrounding poor population. But... the project is at a halt due to shortage of funds. All we have, for now, are the 4 walls and roof. (last picture.)



Help us finish our “Little Hospital”: We got 13.000 dollars to go. (Including the furniture)

The Mission’s Carpentry Shop is finally “self-sufficient”!

The work done at the Mission’s Carpentry produces enough to pay for itself, provide classes for the boys and do a lot of the Mission’s wood work. Believe it or not... it has attracted many good souls to the Mission. More recently, at the sewing workshop, we started making the upholstery too. (See pictures below.)



Our dear Sisters in town:



What would we do without them? Discreetly and always with a smile on their faces, they do an immense apostolate in the Diocese. As our closest neighbors we help each other all the time. It is always a joy and a highlight in our calendar to have them at our table.



Car blessings: Considering how dangerous the roads are out here... car blessing is an essential!



In blessing the vehicles, we forgot to bless the trailer and... sure enough... a few days later we had an accident with it (caused by it) that, besides much damage, almost costed us several lives.

The Choir



New Choir platforms so that the choir is higher than the faithful.

Choir outing to Sindara's former Seminary



Under the direction of Charlie, our Candidate to the Seminary, our little Choir took new life. They went from one to three practices a week and the results are extraordinary. The liturgy is more beautiful by the day.



Choir Presentation at Saint Kisito

Fr. Bias, Pastor of the closest parish in town, on the anniversary of his Saint Kisito's Parish, invited our choir for a "Choir Festival". Out of six choirs, ours came out on second place. I was so proud of them!



HOLY WEEK

Holy week is each year more beautiful. Knowing how little gifted I am for everything liturgical, the good Lord has sent me, every year, an "angel" to help us out with Holy Week: in 2013 an experienced Oblate; in 2014 a Seminarian; in 2015 my Godson Mathew, former MC at St. Francis de Sales; and in 2016 our two Cameroonian Candidates. God is good!

Palm Sunday

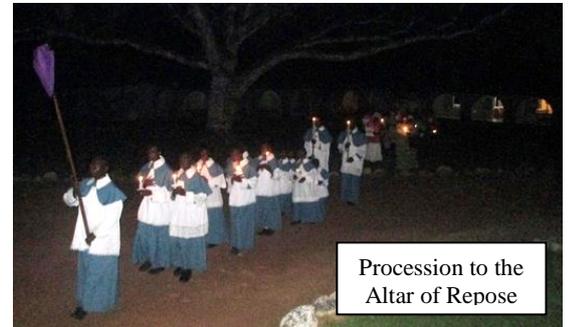




Holy Thursday



The washing of the feet.



Procession to the Altar of Repose



Adoration at the Altar of Repose



Good Friday

Veneration of the Holy Cross

...let the little ones come to Me.



Way of the Cross



The Easter Vigil



Preparation of the Baptismal Water - Litany of the Saints - The Exulted

EASTER

The “traditional” tossing of candy for the children. Then an Easter dinner to all the children and the “Family



of the Mission”. This year, our guest of honor was our City Mayor and her spouse. As the Mission grows... it is becoming more and more challenging to prepare these Family Dinners. Good problem to have.

The new GUEST HOUSE

Enlarging the little 3-room house (up on the hill) to be a 10-room house for our guests. This *Guest House* will provide a little income for the Mission too... once it is done. But, unfortunately, due to lack of funds... we had to stop this construction as well. We take great pride and joy however, in the fact that all our woodwork (door, windows, etc.,) are made right here at our own Mission’s Carpentry.



All the beds, night tables and furniture is already done. To finish this building we estimate only \$7.000

Consecration to the Jesus Christ through the Blessed Virgin Mary, by St. Louis de Montfort
 On March 25th, feast of the Annunciation, three ladies from our “Our Lady of Fatima Group”, did their Solemn Consecration to the Blessed Mother. (In the beginning of the 33-day preparation... they were more than 20 ☺. Victory is to those that persevere, I guess!) It was a beautiful day!



Joseph, my nephew, who volunteered at the Mission for 6 months, celebrates his 19th birthday.



CATECHISM

Catechism is the most important and most constant Mission activity.
 Every week, six Catechism classes for six different levels and age groups, for a total of a 140 students. Please keep the Mission’s catechism in your prayers.



The MIMONGO ADVENTURE

As part of the Province’s Championship, our *Panthers of Christ the King* had to travel to *Mimongo*. Only 65 miles away but... it took us 4 hours to get there and 5 hours to return. In the middle of rain and clay-muddy-slippery roads, over dangerous bridges... in the middle of the African jungle. A true adventure! But at least... the “*Panthers*” came back with one more victory. ☺



Fr. Gautier, the local Parish Priest, welcomed us with a snack after the game.

The way back... was ten times worse. Rain and mud in the middle of a pitch dark African jungle... makes an adventurous combination. Lucky us that had some 30 strong young men to push the vehicles (picture). Of course... the boys loved it. All wet and muddy we arrived at the Mission at 2:AM, were Noëline welcomed us with a much appreciated hot chocolate.



VOCATIONS

Other Mission activities may be colorful and picturesque but this is our most important one: the harvesting of Vocations. For about 2 years now, we are blessed to host a few vocations at the Mission. God willing, we should have a few more until the end of the year. Please keep them in your prayers.

Candidates to Oblates

Christopher and Dieu-Vivant.

They go to school during the day, then help out at the Mission with various activities.

Christopher is the Mission's Secretary and the responsible for our group of 24 Altar Boy. *Dieu-Vivant* is the Mission's Sacristan.

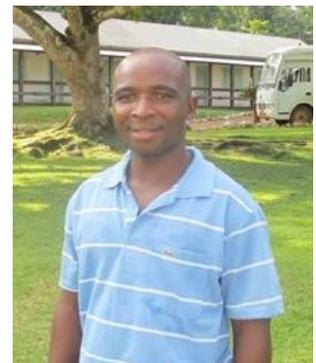


Candidates to the Religious Life

Angelique Therese and *Martha Therese* have their own little house next to the chapel. Like the Oblates, they go to school during the day then help Noëline in the kitchen, garden, sewing. They both sing in the choir too. They have both been for months at a time with our Sisters Adorers, in Italy, for vocation discernment trials.

Candidates to the Priesthood

Charlie and Henry have finished their studies. They participate in the Life in Common of the Mission (Morning meditation, Divine Office, etc.) Then they help out with the different Mission activities. Charlie directs the choir and Henry enjoys, and does a great job keeping up the garden. God willing, before the year comes to a close, we will have more Candidates to the Priesthood. It is the Mission's greatest grace: to be, with the help of God's grace, a "green-house" for Vocations.



Canon BIVOULI's First Mass at Moula

Rev. Canon Pierre Bivouli is the first African Priest ordained in our Institute. And he is right here from Moula. Before going to the Seminary, he spent several years at this Mission. He wished then that his *First Mass* also be here, at the same Mission that saw his Vocation blossom.



First Blessings



...they love to “take a picture with you” Oh, yes, they were so proud of their new Priest!



The Reception

“Chapeau” to the ladies of the *Our Lady of Fatima Group* for the abundance of goodies they prepared for the reception! They wanted it to be their offering, so they passed the hat around and paid for it all.



Then, our *Panthers of Christ the King* offered THEIR new Priest a soccer match.



Rev. Canon Bivouli gives the “coup d’envoi” (First kick of the game)



As it has become a tradition... they don’t begin any match before dancing their dance and without singing the “Hymn of the Panthers of Christ the King”.



Canon Bivouli's first Baptisms

It was a very moving moment for him (and for us all) to baptize his first compatriots. And... at the same Mission where many years before he was but a "candidate". Fr. Bivouli's first baptism was the son of our oldest former altar boy, Fabrice (oval picture.) And I... the Godfather.



Dinner offered by the Mission to Canon BIVOULI and his close Family.



The Panthers of Christ the King

Little by little our soccer team develops to be a real apostolate. The young men come more and more to Mass, to volunteer at the Mission, to catechism, etc. In the pictures you will see them proudly participating in the *Corpus Christi* procession and receiving the *Miraculous Medal of Our Lady*. Recently, talking to a coach from another team in town, he told me: "This whole year I had to hold back my players, because they all wanted to go to the Mission to become Panthers of Christ the King." As the boys like to say: "We are more than a team; we are a family."



The SCHNEIDERS – A real “Family African Adventure”!

For the first time the Mission was blessed with the visit of a whole FAMILY and not only individuals. Emmanuel & Bénédicte Schneider – whom I count amongst my best-best friends – and their beautiful six children, Baudoin (their third) being my Godson. They were in our midst for a very short but unforgettable whole month this summer. They were such a help! Worked so hard! At the same time such a joy to have them! True volunteers, they helped with everything, but very specially with the Boy’s Camp of which they were also an important part. Mrs. Schneider was instrumental in the formation of our *Majorettes* (girl’s dance group). Before going back, I took them to a safari. Jean (their second) counted 23 the quantity of different animals they saw (see below some of the animals they caught in camera.) They were even lucky to see a panther in their safari. Besides making a lot of new friends... they now have a Godson, Gabriel, at the Mission (pictures of Baptism). For the children... it was an unforgettable “African adventure”. And... (great news!) not a single one of them got sick. When they left... there were lots of tears. They will never be forgotten at the Mission. God bless them! Enjoy the pictures... all in a bit of disorder!



Crossing the Equator line for the first time.

The Schneider "African Adventure" (cont.)



The new DORM

For a long time, the building of a new dorm was a MUST. We set it as a goal for the 2016 Youth Camps. We worked day and night to get it done on time. As the boys arrived for the Boy's Camp... we were hooking up the last light fixtures.

This dorm, separated in two (one with 55 beds and the other with 25 beds) will now be extremely useful in promoting all kind of Mission activities, especially retreats. Retreats that we plan on organizing many this year. They will also be a small source of income to the Mission for when we use them as a guest house for large groups. The dorms were mostly build by our own *Panthers of Christ the King*. The beds proudly made in the Mission's own carpentry shop, of course.



As you can see in the pictures, the dorms, though functional, are far from done. All we have is walls, roof and beds. To finish them properly we need to:

- Place the ceiling (2.300 square feet of plywood)
- Tile the floor (2.300 square feet surface of floor)
- Place the electrical correctly (we only have a temporary installation now)
- Install a ventilating system.

We estimate a total of \$12.500. (Believe me: in the US one couldn't build dorms like this for less than ten times that amount.) These dorms will be instrumental for a new outreach program of the Mission: Spiritual Retreats.

The Boy's camp

The boy's camp, this year, was specially blessed. The great surprise was the Cooking Competition (which we had only in the Girl's Camp before). There are some REAL chefs among those boys! This year too, instead of organizing 2 or 3 formation meetings, we opted to give them longer daily sermons, each one with a different teaching.

Now... enjoy the pictures of the Fishing Contest, the daily inspection of the dorms, the visit to the beer factory, the trip to Ndendé where the *Panthers* (seniors and juniors) played two soccer matches against the local team... and won both, the catechism questioning, the "Treasure Hunt", the night fires with songs and skits, the challenging "Game of the Two Banners", the daily raising and retreating of the flag, and so much great time spent together in prayer, competition and friendship. For the closing ceremony our Majorettes did a beautiful dance and the Governor gave out, to each participant of the Boy's Camp, a Diploma of Participation. God willing those will be moments the boys will never forget and... God willing... a few Priestly Vocations will blossom from them. **Pictures say a million words. Enjoy them!**





A surprise visit from our Bishop

There was truly a very good ambiance of friendship amongst Catholic boys. Who is to know how much good God's grace can chose to do to these young souls in such occasion? That's our prayer.





The *Majorettes* performed for their first time on this occasion: the closing ceremony of the Boy's Camp. The Governor, who was there to give the boys their diplomas, immediately told me: *I would like them to open the civilian part of the Independence Day Parade.* And... they did!

Adoration

Weekly adoration is a vital part of the Mission's program. We dream with the day we will have enough faithful to be able to build a Perpetual Adoration Chapel.



The Bridge

Out here, trying to find different program options for the youth is tough. There is really nowhere we can go. So we decided to make a terrace over the river as an alternative youth-program-site. It will also serve for the Mission's socials. During last year's dry season, when the river was at its lowest, we planted advanced concrete pillars; then we build (with wood from trees from the Mission itself) a long 180 feet bridge over the flooded area, and a terrace "over the water". Always... with the help of our *Panthers*. God willing it will be ready in a few weeks.



Marc Antoin's and Chardin's FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Pope Saint Pius X, in his great wisdom and love for Our Lord, authorized, under specific conditions, Holy Communion at the age of five. And his argument was double: First: *Why not fortify the soul, since a young age, by the Eucharistic Presence, for the battles to come?* And, since the saints always think from God's perspective, his second argument was: *Why deprive Jesus of the joy of entering an Innocent soul? A soul that has not yet had the stain of sin?* Before giving them their First Communion, I got down to their level and

asked them Who they were about to receive, and the answer was the correct one. Then I asked them: *And do you love Jesus?* In choir they responded: *Beaucoup!* Few things in life get sweeter than that!



The Mission's Garden

The Mission's population growing, a garden became a necessity. Under the direction and hard work of Henry, our Candidate, the Mission's garden has bared good and abundant fruits.



Feast of the Assumption

This year it was the *Majorette's* privilege to carry the Blessed Mother on her great feast-day. The celebrant used, for the first time, a beautiful blue cope offered to the Mission by Msgr WACH.



Independence Day Parade

Having seen the Mission's *Majorettes* at the closing of the Boy's Camp, our Governor insisted that they open the civilian part of *Independence Day Parade*. It was a big challenge for them but... with a lot of practice, they did a beautiful job.

Then came the *Panthers of Christ the King*, followed by the 3 Mission workshops (Bakery, Sewing and Carpentry). This year we added a "motorized" part. All together it caused a great impression. Today, by God's grace, the Mission is well known in the whole Province, and beyond.





The Girl's Camp



It was only when they were leaving to go back home that I realized how much they had enjoyed the time they spent together. A ton of handkerchiefs wouldn't have sufficed to dry so many tears and... "loud" tears!

Madam Ambassador (to the USA) graced us with her kind visit during the Girl's Camp. She was at the Mission for a couple of days just to... relax by being a "girl among girls". She was also the "judge" at the girl's cooking contest. Her kindness fascinated the young ladies. The girl's camp also included a guided tour to the *Bongolo Hospital* (American hospital) just a couple of hours away. Dr. Renee, hospital director, was kind enough to give them the tour herself as well as a very instructive talk about good nourishment x health. For the closing ceremony we invited our Mayor, Mme Elizabeth, to give out the *Diplomas of Participation*. Again, our hope and prayer is that: from here will blossom some religious vocations and good Catholic moms. ENJOY THE PICTURES!!!





The Mission's Bakery



Today, by God's grace, our little bakery is totally self-sufficient. Besides providing jobs to three of our faithful, it provides fresh bread every morning for the Mission and... the whole neighborhood. And not only: the Mission's bread is good! People from across town come for it daily. The Governor sends his chauffeur every day to have at his breakfast table the Mission's fresh bread. In the first picture, our bakers taking lessons from M. François, the oldest and most reputable baker in town. He has been making bread for 30 years. As the classes pick up on October 3rd, we also are looking forward to starting again the pastry and baking classes.



The Sewing Workshop



Providing every week two 3-hour classes for the girls, the Sewing Workshop has formed many of them to the point of being able to make truly saleable items, as seen in the second picture: a table/kitchen-set that they sell for around eighty dollars each (set). It brings them a little money, pays for the teacher and for the fabrics. Most importantly, it gives these girls an honest occupation.



The Forge



The forge, started by my nephew Joseph when he was here earlier this year, continues to make beautiful things too, as for example, these metal gates. We hope to soon begin classes for the boys, so as to teach them this profession.



Struggles



A good friend, in a recent email, wrote me: "here (in America) we take so much for granted". Yes, it is so true! Think only of this (pictures). This is the ONLY road from here to Libreville. This whole (puddle) got so big that the population came out in protest. Picture two: "... I'm next!" Being also the only road that connects the country, often



it is barricaded by protesters. I have lost whole days because of that. Most recently this road was barricaded for several days in protest around the presidential elections. Before that, it was barricaded for a whole day in protest for five suspected “ritual sacrifice”. Yes... human sacrifice, by which-doctors, is something very common here in Gabon. And, as I was told: Priests are on the top of that list. Interesting! ☹ Of course this is something that is not tolerated but... it exists and often.

Next picture: Since being in Gabon, I have done 68 round trips to Libreville. Not once have I make this trip without seeing a serious or fatal accident. On this picture, for example, when I got there, the driver’s body was already cold. I blessed him, prayed... and continued my journey. Obviously, every time I get on the road I ask myself: “is it my turn today?”



Palm Tree Plantations

More recently, Gabon has been blessed with the presence of an Indonesian company that today employs over seven thousand Gabonese. It is the largest employer in the country after the Government. They plant palm trees. They are now starting to harvest and process the palm-tree-oil.



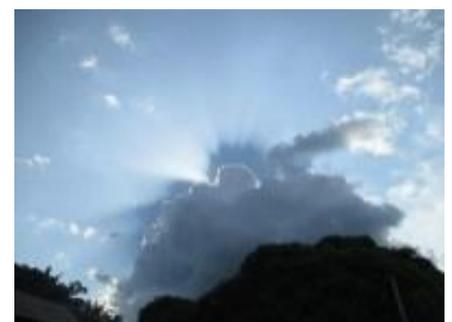
Concrete Mixer

Envisioning the building of our School, this used-concrete-mixer was “sold” to us also by a friend. A “great deal” by Gabonese standards: Six thousand dollars. We paid already two thousand. We have done with it already so much work!!! The dorms, for example. We couldn’t have done them without it. On the first picture: the Concrete Mixer transported in the middle of bags of cloths, wheat and other merchandise. That’s how transportation is out here.



Beautiful pictures

These pictures are NOT photo-shopped in any way. Just beautiful African sceneries we are blessed with every day.



Curiosities

In Gabon they make great use of their rivers. Wherever you have water you will always see these three things: Sand collectors; ladies doing their laundry; and... car-wash.



A real ART



The cleaning of the palm trees. Can you see him up there on the top of the tree? (picture on left) A very risky job that demands lots of skill and courage. Courage because of the height but also because of the often encounter with snakes that make their nests up high. The amount of “stuff” that comes off those palm trees is amazing. (second picture) But then... the result is marvelous! (Picture on right).



*As this Mission Report comes to a close,
I hope and pray the question you are asking your self is:*

How can I help the Mission?

- Firstly, through your prayers. (*I know that asking for prayers in a fundraiser is a “no-no”, but... being that this is a REAL Mission and that it’s only objective is the glory of God and the salvation of souls... prayers is what we mostly need and ask for. In all sincerity. Besides, by God’s grace, I truly believe in it: NOTHING of what you see in these Mission Reports is possible without God’s Grace, without the protection, mercy and goodness of our Blessed Mother.*)
- Help us pay for the Mission’s bus. Please! Our fund-drive has still 26.000 dollars to go. The Mission has grown so much... we CANNOT operate anymore without this bus.
- Help us finish our “Little Hospital”: 13.000 dollars to go. (Including the furniture). A huge apostolate will flow from this project. Or our Guest House: 7.000 dollars. Or our dorms that will host our retreats all year long: 12.500 dollars. Or our concrete-mixer: 7.000 dollars.
- Most importantly, as stated in the opening letter of this *Mission Report*, the Mission mostly needs **Monthly donor** that will support all its existing activities and apostolates. So, even if you give a large donation here and there towards one of the above projects, a smaller monthly donation is just as appreciated.

- Last but not least: Some opt sending Care Packages: (see below)

CARE PACKAGES

Few believe it, but the truth is that *Care Packages* have been a VERY important part of this Mission's history. Being out here in the middle of the African jungle and receiving a package from someone that cares has an effect on the moral like words cannot describe. Not to mention that EVERYTHING they contain goes to very good use. I pray that God will one day reward these good and generous souls in a way proportional to the good they do, though perhaps not fully knowing.



WHAT TO SEND? *I suggest that, at each time, you send me and email asking, because the needs change all the time.*

There are a few things that you can ALWAYS send:

- **Religious articles.** LOTS OF THEM. Mainly: Crucifixes and religious statues.
- 7-day **votive-candles** for the Sanctuary Lamp of two chapels. (For the Blessed Sacrament.) You can buy and send a full box of 24 (it's easier), or you can send them in detail.
- Materials for our English and Spanish classes. Reading and teaching material and preferably recorded material. CDs in English or Spanish to be played to the students.
- Ink for our printer: **Inkjet** Canon 35 and Inkjet Canon 36. And Inkjet 440 & 441. We can always use those.
- **Clothes** for all ages. Just remember that here there is no winter. So: no winter clothes, please. (These clothes are not distributed indiscriminately, rather to the "family of the Mission" as to help them create a greater "family bond" with the Mission.)
- You can ALWAYS send one or two **soccer balls**. Here we can only get very cheap ones that don't last. This is important, of course, for the "Panthers of Christ the King."
- **Toys** for the children. Ideally NOT very sophisticated ones or electronic.
- **Sheets and towels** for the use of our Guest House and the growing number of volunteers and visitors. (These, especially the towels, are great to use as packing pads. Once they get here, we wash them to use.)
- Then... just **anything your heart wishes** to offer the Mission... will go to good use, be assured. I am at times surprised to see how things I had never thought of, end up being so useful at the Mission.

THINGS WE NEED RIGHT NOW

- **Beautiful colorful images (prints) that we can use for our Catechism classes.**
DO NOT SEND: Printed materials (book, flyers) in any other language other than French.

We are so very thankful to our French friends who so generously receive the Mission's packages for us at their Libreville address. May God reward them abundantly.

Shipping Address?
Please contact me for the most current shipping instructions.
fragellihenrique@hotmail.com

And remember: The Mission CANNOT EXIST without your generous help, and right now... we are struggling greatly. Please help us.

Yes, I wish to become a Monthly Donor of the Mission. (The Mission can't exist and grow without donors that will generously commit on a regular basis so that the Mission's apostolate can have continuity. We are ALL called to be Missionaries. I know it is a sacrifice. I wouldn't be asking if I didn't know what sacrifice is. Please consider becoming:

Dollar-a-Day – St. Therese's little way: a little sacrifice each day.	\$30 / month
Mission Supporter – There is not glory without sacrifice.	\$100 / month
Mission Builder – We will only take to Heaven that which we give away.	\$250 / month
Missionary from afar – True giving is self-giving.	\$500 / month

I pray that God and Our Blessed Mother will reward your generosity. Hope to hear from you soon.

YOUR BENEFITS?

Please join me in believing that our reward will be in Heaven and Heaven only. And I truly HOPE this is true. If it were not for this hope, believe me, I don't think I'd be here any longer. And don't forget the: "*Whatever you do to the littlest of these... you do it to ME*"

BUT...

You can also be assured of our prayers. Mission Donors, and their families, are remembered daily in the intention of Holy Mass at the Mission, in the intentions of weekly Adoration and daily Rosary.

On a more earthlier concern... you will receive, for tax purposes, a yearly receipt for the total of the donations that you gave the Mission during that fiscal year.

That is: if you send your donation according to the following instructions:

HOW TO DONATE TO THE MISSION?

It is safe and simple:

Step 1

- a. Go to www.institute-christ-king.org.
- b. Click on *Shrine of Christ the King*. (First on the list of Apostolates)
- c. Click on *Donate*. (Tab on a red colored row on the top of the page)
- d. Click on *African Missions*, (forth from the bottom up) and follow the prompts for donating. You can make a one-time donation or set up for a recurring donation. (Note that there is no "*Mouila Mission*". Reason for "Step 2")
- e. Do NOT try to "*Create a Profile*". It can mess up things.

Step 2

- a. Send an email to our secretary, Mrs. Mary Hall, at info@institute-christ-king.org to let her know that you wish your donation to be sent to the *Mission Saint Therese of the Infant Jesus*, in Mouila, Africa. Or if you wish, to make it clearer: "for Fr. Fragelli's Mission". *
- b. IMPORTANT: Copy that email to me at fragellihenrique@hotmail.com so that I can follow up on it every month.

* You will get a yearly tax-deductible receipt for your donation.

* If you wish you can contact Mrs. Mary Hall at: (773) 363-7409 ext. 3.

* You can also send a donation to the Mission by sending a check to our headquarters in Chicago. Make sure you send it "*care of Mrs. Hall*" and that you indicate that your donation is for *Mission Saint Therese of the Infant Jesus*, in Mouila, Africa.

Please consider joining me in this Mission through your generous monthly donation. Don't miss this chance of "being a Missionary" too.

And please be assured of my prayers and immense gratitude. Being out here is quite a challenge. Having you "on board" means a lot to me. I remember all of the Mission donors and their families in the intentions of my daily Holy Mass.

May God bless you and Our Lady be always in your good hearts.

Rev. Canon H. Fragelli

PS. Please consider reaching out to the "Poorest of the poor", especially on this "Mission Month." It will be your way of thanking God for all the blessings He sheds upon you every day. Thank you.