

Mission Letter



A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA (WHITE FATHERS)

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December 2021

Dear Friends of the Missionaries of Africa,

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This is what was shouted in the distant past at the death of a sovereign. One king would die, another would replace him. Perhaps we can repeat with hope that cry at the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022. The years of the pandemic made us realize how important our ties with others were, especially with our loved ones, relatives, and friends.

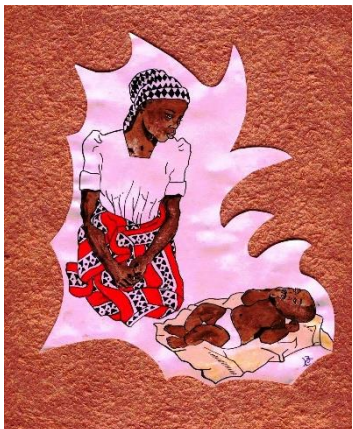
Thanks to the discovery of a vaccine to protect ourselves and others, it is with a new life that we imagine a future more conducive to the realization of our dreams. Yes, if we respect our land better, if we collaborate more to create a world as Jesus imagined, we run a chance to allow the generations that follow us to live more joyfully and gratefully towards the author of life. My greatest wish for the year 2022 is that it be the Year of Change.

We must admit that over the past few decades, we have lacked discipline and have rather abused the opportunities offered by our access to comfort. Will the year 2022 motivate us to be more attentive to the needs of all humanity? Will we live more in solidarity with each other? Will our hearts be able to discover the enrichment that

can bring us people who have come from elsewhere with a cultural background so different from ours? I hope so with all my heart!

Before the arrival of the New Year, we have time to prepare ourselves to welcome the Prince of Peace, the one who came to revolutionize our way of living together. It seems to me that Advent is a good time to reread chapters 5 to 7 of the Gospel according to St Matthew and to see how we put them in practice daily. And when the time comes to go and kneel in front of the crib, we will be able to appreciate more the mission that this newborn would accomplish as an adult. At the age of about thirty he will express this mission with the words of the prophet Isaiah: «The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has anointed me to bring the good news to the poor. He sent me to proclaim to the captives deliverance and to the blind the return to sight, to set the oppressed at liberty, to proclaim a year of grace to the Lord. » (Lk 4:18-19). That is what he came for, that is what we, as missionaries of Africa, are still trying to do in the African world.

In closing I would like to express my gratitude for your support throughout the years and I wish you a **HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A GOOD AND HOLY NEW YEAR 2022!**



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