

HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE LABOURERS...

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'The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few...'

Oh, how these words of Jesus have touched my heart, right from my childhood days as I began to understand them!

In these words, I have always heard the Lord's call to me to leave everything behind and follow him. Accordingly, after my class seven in 1977, I left my home. Thus began my life as a missionary. At 12 years of age, I left my district, Ernakulam; at 15 years, I left my state, Kerala and at my 42nd year, I left my country, India. Now, at my 57nd year, I find myself today, a happy missionary Salesian priest on the shores of Africa! Living all these missionary years, with persons of different cultures and languages!

Wherever my missionary journeys have taken me, I have

found hundreds of people, waiting to hear the Gospel and longing to know and live the commands of the Lord. To this day, I am greatly edified by the depth of their faith and love for God. As a reward for my missionary response and efforts, I find my own faith and love for God continuing to grow.

Here's my loving plea to you, my little friends: Listen lovingly and accept courageously the Lord's invitation to follow him and to be his missionaries to the ends of the earth. Do not be afraid to leave your parents and dear ones. I assure you, God will take your place, more than you can ever imagine!

This is my missionary wish and prayer for all of you .