

# Mission Story

Fr. Diego Cano, IVE, missionary to Tanzania



All Grades



Sometimes I think that the work of a missionary is not well understood. This is understandable because missionary work is part of a mystery. Since he takes part in the Eucharist, the missionary priest participates in this "mystery of faith." For some people, the missionary ought to "do things"... above all in the world's opinion. It seems like the value of the missionary is measured by how many things, visible things, and works, preferably social works, he does.

When someone asks what I do in Africa, I respond that I am a missionary. Yes, but what do you do? That's just it, I am a

missionary, and like Christ commanded the first missionaries, I preach the gospel. At times they keep looking at me a little disappointed... because, of course, only from the point of view of faith can one understand that our lives are devoted to this: to preaching the gospel.

We should never think that we have to choose between preaching the gospel and performing works of mercy. We must do the one without neglecting the other, and doing works of mercy should be a way of preaching the gospel with deeds.

As missionaries, we also dream of schools, orphanages, and homes for the disabled. But we know that all of this is in order to attend to Christ in the poor and to save the souls of the greatest number of people possible, to give testimony to the Christian life, our faith expressed in works.

This is the mystery of faith! This is the mystery of the missionary life, united to Christ in the Eucharist, which goes unperceived by the eyes of the world, but not by the eyes of God.

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mk. 16:15-16).

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## Interesting Facts about Tanzania



- Tanzania is a country in Africa.
- Swahili and English are the two official languages of Tanzania.
- Tanzania has 2 capital cities
- Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest free-standing mountain in the world.
- Over 1/4 of the land belongs to wild life parks and conservation areas.