

SENDI MISSION

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Our Sendi Mission dedicated to Sacred Heart of Jesus was started by Holy Spirit Fathers in the year 1921 and handed over to SVD's in the year 2009. Since then our confreres are doing a wonderful mission work in the area covering the Municipality of Quipungo. This mission has 16 village chapels, boys and girls hostels, School up to 9th class, dispensary and animal farm of cows, poultry, piggery and goats. Presently there are two confreres: Bro. Júlio Ausin, svd. incharge of the boys hostel and Fr. Oscar Tundeno, svd. rendering their valuable services to the mission. Sisters of Holy Spirit (Spiritanas) are look after the girls hostel. This mission is more than 1000 kms from the capital city Luanda. And is situated in the middle of the jungle, 13kms away from the main road.



On the way from the main road to the mission we come across only one village. For me, as mission secretary was a memorable experience during this Christmas Season as I was there for the first time. First surprise was during the night mass of Christmas. It was raining heavily and we had mass at 10 pm and the church was full of faithful to attend the Christmas Night mass and got over 1.30 am. I was not expecting this kind of response of the faithful during the night and as it was raining and usually people in the city don't come for the mass when it rains.

Still more surprise next day we had mass outside the church which began at 8 am and got over 12 o'clock noon and the crowd was 5 times more than vigil mass.



After the mass I asked the parish priest how come so many people when you don't see houses nearby the mission. He said in the middle of the forest there are many villages. Still surprising the Sunday of the Holy Family he baptized 120 children and celebrated 20 marriages in one of the centre of the village.

This shows how people are responding and to be faithful the mission of Christ. When people show positive response the missionary's don't feel bored and feel lonely. So I can see the enthusiasm, commitment and dedication two of our missionaries.