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Dear friends of Mariannahill PNG!
Dear our readers and partners in Jesus' name.

Here in this diverse nation of beautiful cultures with more than 800 languages and many traditions, we are blessed by our forefathers who established the Diocese of Lae as we continue to serve.

We are blessed also to have Catholic FM 103.7 FM radio in Morobe Province. Last year the Bishop of Lae His Excellency Rozario Menezes SMM, on 20th November 2023, signed an agreement with us in which he officially entrusted the apostolate of Communication to us the Missionaries of Mariannahill. The radio has proved to be so far a very good medium that informs and communicate Gods Word to the people in Papua New Guinea.

As we continue to face many challenges every day, we fail not to boldly declare with the Psalmist *"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it"* Psalm 118:24.

Therefore, we urge you to find a way of continuing supporting our work here in Papua New Guinea. There is a saying *'I've never scored a goal in my life without getting a pass from someone else'*. We can be goal scorers each day if we continue to pass the ball



Fr. Roland Matoyi CMM (Regional Superior)

because it is sharing the love that we receive from you that we manage to do all we do here in Papua New Guinea.

Special thanks to the friends of St. Joseph who made it possible for us to build Catholic FM radio station in Morobe Province.

Photo: *Fr. Michael Maß CMM, Superior General of the Missionaries of Mariannahill during his last visit (January 26, 2019)*





Above: Catholic FM 103.7 Broadcasting Room

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Give them a Radio too!
more details about our apostolate in the radio in this edition



Mariannahill Communication Apostolate in Papua New Guinea

On 20th November 2023, the Bishop of Lae Diocese in Papua New Guinea, His Excellency Rozario Menezes SMM, officially entrusted the apostolate of Communication to the Missionaries of Mariannahill

“By this agreement the Pastoral care of Communication in the Diocese of Lae is entrusted to the Missionaries of Mariannahill. This agreement is made in accord with canons 520, 681 and 738.2 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law governing the works of the apostolate entrusted to religious communities and societies of apostolic life. This initial agreement shall be for ten (10 years) and may be renewed by mutual agreement.”

The agreement will encourage team work and solidarity within and outside the Region. Our Confrere Fr. Brian Nonde CMM continues through agreement to the the Director of the Catholic FM 103.7 and is now also Communications Director of the Catholic Diocese of Lae.

At present the biggest and greatest challenge is that Catholic FM 103.7 radio and the Office of Communication depends on local volunteers efforts for its operations. The Diocese cannot afford to pay workers in the studios. These volunteers were trained and recruited by Fr. Brian many years ago for us to be able to produce content that benefits the public majority. Currently the radio has seven (7) volunteer workers.

Catholic FM 103.7 and the Office of Communication will need professionals, at least two qualified journalists or content creators from the universities, these will communicate the messages easily and lessen our burden. Professionals need less monitoring since they can edit the content for themselves before putting them on radio or before sharing them with the public. This is yet to be done.

Four and half years ago the Friends of St. Joseph in Switzerland assisted us with funds towards the construction of the new Radio station here in Papua New Guinea, Catholic FM 103.7.

Catholic FM 103.7 in Detail: A Project of Mariannahill

The Mariannahill radio project in Papua New Guinea is a success and has benefited both the Church and many communities around. It continues to add value and contribute positively in Papua New Guinea, especially to people within its coverage area in Morobe Province, in some parts of Madang and to Kainantu District in the Eastern Highlands Region of the Country. With the funds from the Friends of St. Joseph in Switzerland four years ago we managed to setup a new digital radio station in Lae, visitors and guests to the studio keep speaking highly of this set up and programming. It is first of its kind, and really gives pride to the Catholic Church in the country.

In an overview, Catholic FM 103.7 try as much as possible to be positive and sensitive to the diverse cultures of the people for both spiritual development and social transformation. On air programs promote cohesive existence of the people, build faith, inspire hope and promote the value of love.

Women, children and the youths are not left out the radio programs. Every Wednesday seeks to promote the dignity, welfare of women in within Papua New Guinean society. This is important because Papua New Guinea is rated in the world as the most dangerous place for women to live in. The task to speak for and with women themselves is thus very vital. Legal practitioners, advocates for girls/women's rights and faith leaders feature on some these problems as the radio address issues that affect women in society.

The Radio also offers opportunity to young people in secondary schools and universities to improve their skill. Within Lae those interested in becoming journalists or radio presenters in future come through and offer services on voluntary basis. Out of 20 participants in this program, five young boys and girls have been awarded school fees by business men in Lae through the radio. In addition to this, every Friday, twice in a day, the radio give chance to youths to share their aspirations for the future on a program called 'Youth Hour' which is managed by the Youth Desk Office of the Diocese of Lae.

There are also educational programs that inform the majority within coverage who have no schools within reach. Gospel music shows engage many listeners daily during lunch time. Additional education programs are obtained from the Voice of America. Every 2pm the radio has an English grammar lessons. The English program supplements what they learn in schools and seeks to improve English among the locals. The local language Pidgin has its way of meddling itself into English since it sounds like English. People, priests included included often keep saying words that are Pidgin when communicating in English. We can engage local English teachers but our budget would is constrained. Other educational programs that we have on air include local folktales in TokPisin for moral formation. Not everyone in Papua New Guinea goes through formal schooling, education for the majority in the villages comes through listening to the elders' instructions which are often told in folktales and riddles; these instructions form the fabric of the culture and society. The folktale program on air is called 'Tumbuna Stori' (Ancestors Stories).

There is always Vatican World news on radio. News is always followed by the community documentary show called the 'Insider'. The documentary brings on air views of the local people on certain issues that are happening in the communities, parishes and around the country. Health program on air is called My Health Matters. All these programs supplement our efforts to archive our holistic goal as we evangelize.

Live celebration of Mass on Radio from the Cathedral, Sermons at 4pm and 9pm, inspirational stories of Saint every hour, catechetical segments are are part of the sstantial part of the radios daily programming. All the programs are both in English and TokPisin. In summary, the radio tries to accommodate every listener within its coverage area.



The Present and Future Dreams

From November to March in 2022 Mariannahill Missionaries in Papua New Guinea began to build two studios in the cargo containers at Mariannahill House in Eriku. These two containers are very important for the future of our apostolate of communication in Papua New Guinea. The first container (*in the photo at the bottom on the next page*) is a Music Production Studio. This studio aims at promoting the culture of the people through music. More and new content **that can inspire people**, “*unlike the common staff which promotes promiscuity, violence and demean women, children and elders in the society*”, is always needed in the radio. This idea is a project that is costly but because cultural values of the Papuan New Guinean in the global world are diminishing as they have to compete with other cultures that have a long tradition of content creators. We hope to tap into in the language and hearts of the people starting with the young generation.

“above is Stacy and her friends rehearsing before recording music”

The young people of Papua New Guinea are avid social media users and rarely visit Websites for comparative and analytic approach to life, thus a concept of a Television on Social media will add value to our work. We are currently livestreaming the Liturgy of Mass through our Facebook platform but we can do more. We can equally bring all our programs that can make the society on social media where the majority young Papua New Guineas spend time. We have at present a container that we have turned into the green room visual contents on social media platforms and secondly for possible broadcast on local Televisions channels. We dream of building a first Christian Television in Papua New Guinea, a television that will not be aligned with main stream media or government propaganda but a Television that can offer services to the simple and humble people of Papua New Guinea. There is no Christian TV as yet in the whole of this country and therefore Christian content on TV is always filtered, so we look forward to producing enough original Christian content that will help the people of Papua New Guinea.



Welcome Frater Jorge Erique Andrande Dussan from Mariannahill foundation of Colombia to Papua New Guinea



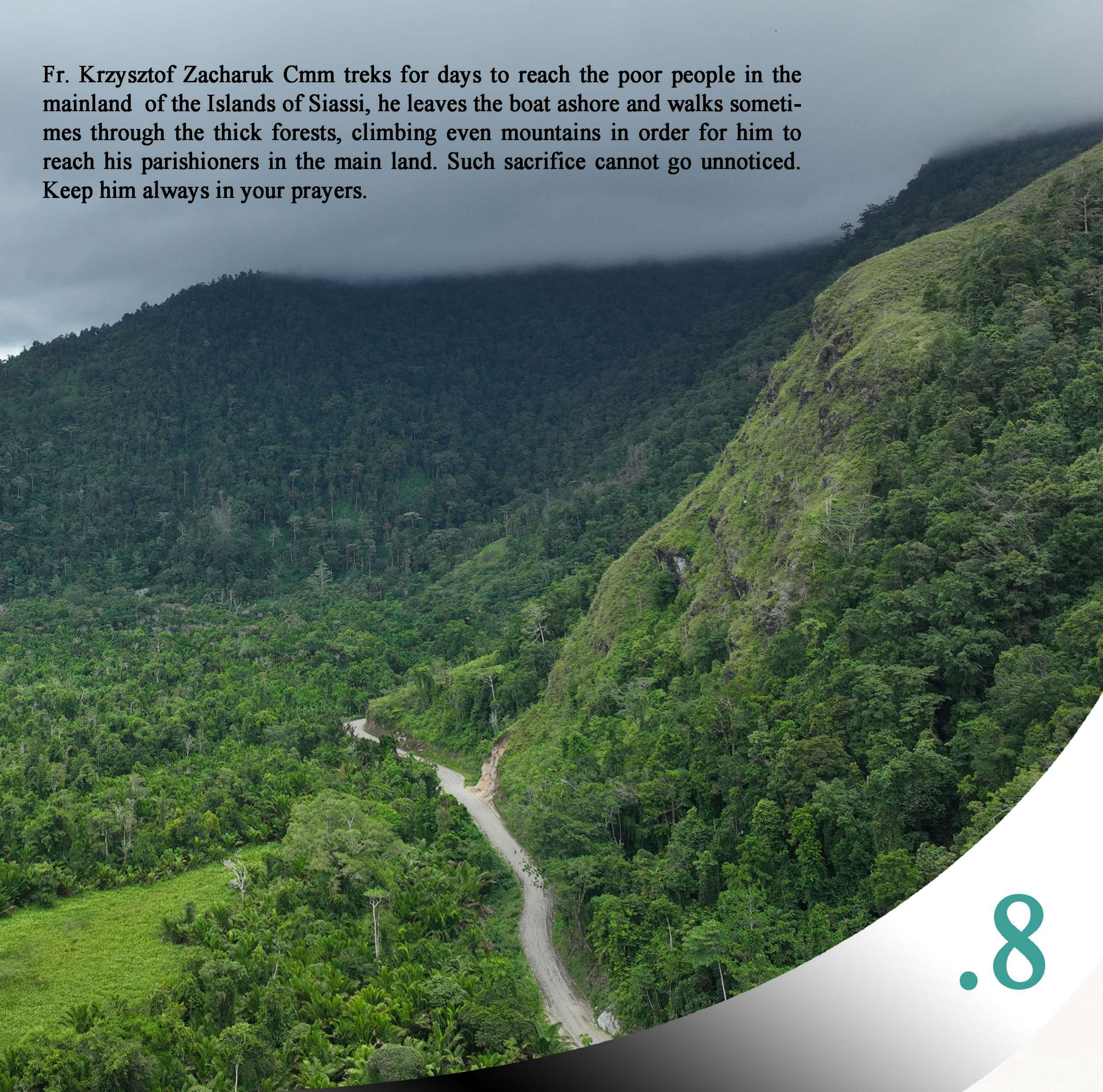
in the photo at the bottom in this cargo container is a Music Production Studio

Mariannahill in Siassi Islands

We know the hardships that our brother Fr. Krzysztof Zacharuk faces as he continues to work in the Islands. Our findings can be shocking to some of you. The hardships in the islands of Siassi are unbeatable, notable among them is climate change and rising sea levels that threaten their homes. The people literally depend on the sea for their livelihood. Early in the morning before sunlight they are on the sea, children play games on the sea and interestingly sometimes prayers or large gatherings take place on the sea. Marine life is their livelihood. Apart from these challenges, the greatest of all is lack of source of income. The good news is that fish is their food and they are skilled fishermen from birth; fish can be their source of income. The sad reality is that there is no electricity. It's a pity and a sad situation. The wonderful children of God can be helped since they are skilled fisher men: "We can help them become fishers of men". One of the elder, who is the chairperson of their Marine Fishing Farm, Mr. Michael Otties from Mandok Island, told us that *if only they had a solar powered freezing cool room for fish* most of their many problems would be over.



Fr. Krzysztof Zacharuk Cmm treks for days to reach the poor people in the mainland of the Islands of Siassi, he leaves the boat ashore and walks sometimes through the thick forests, climbing even mountains in order for him to reach his parishioners in the main land. Such sacrifice cannot go unnoticed. Keep him always in your prayers.



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“Holy Father, inspired by the words of St. Paul in the First Letter to the Corinthians:

“Solidarity: called to be of one mind and one purpose” (cf. 1 Cor 1:10). We are discerning how to live this solidarity in concrete ways as Religious Missionaries in the different areas of our life: in the formation of our young Confreres, in the ongoing formation of Confreres, in the stewardship of the material and financial goods entrusted to us, in the empowerment of leaders, and in the different governance structures of our Congregation. At the same time, *it is equally important for us to examine how we can live this solidarity in our work of Evangelization, with the people of God entrusted to us, and with those who are distant from the faith and the Church.* Both appear to us as important areas that must play a role in our deliberations: solidarity with each other as a Congregation, and solidarity with others in the society” (ADDRESS OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL TO POPE FRANCIS, Vatican City, 20th October 2022.)



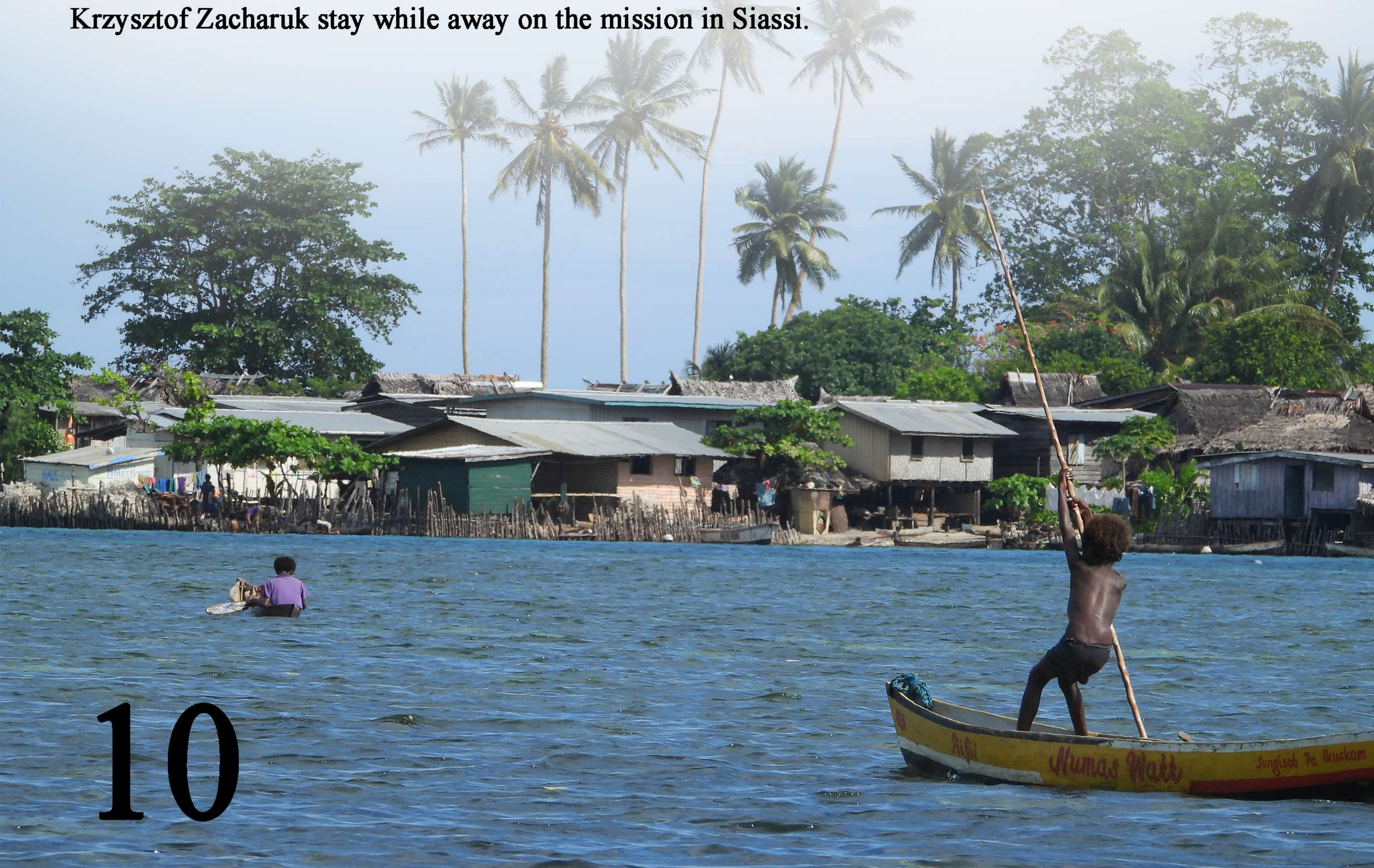
Siassi Islands Marine Fish Farming Project

Fish Storage Facility is lacking in Siassi due to lack of electricity supply in this rural part of Morobe Province in Papua New Guinea. In 2022 after our visit to Siassi Islands where Fr. Krzysztof Zacharuk from Poland works, we contacted a company called Dysets Assorted Suppliers Ltd that opened our eyes to a possibility of helping people of Siassi better their lives. They live on the sea, in remote isolated and impoverished Islands. The opportunity is that with the emergence of solar systems on the market in Papua New Guinea and the availability Electric generators fish that they catch daily for their meals can be stored in a freezer store room and transported in coolers filled with ice to Lae for Market. The proceeds from the sale of fish will help them pay schools for their children, buy medicine and in this way they too will live a decent lives and build good shelters for their families.

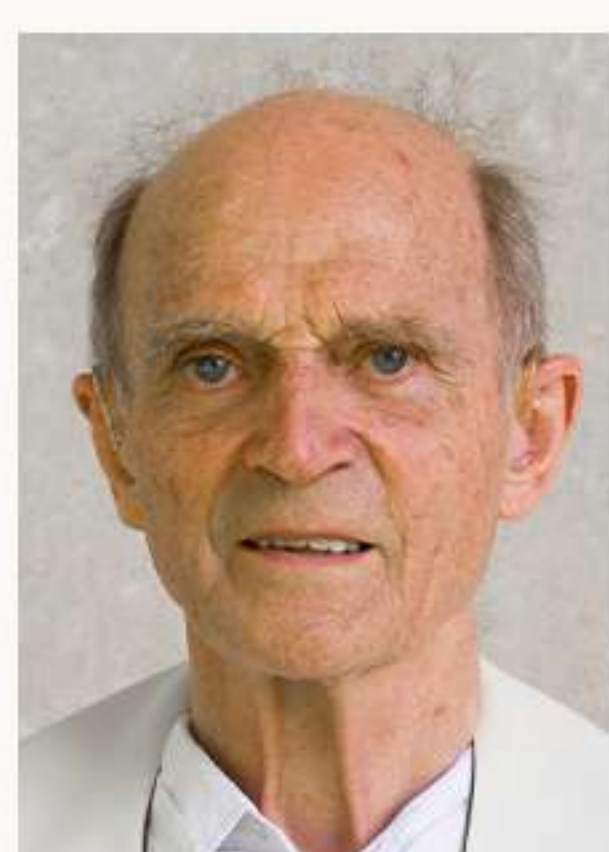
There is need for proposed Equipment called a cold room freezer. The modular cold room freezer unit comes in flat pack and can be easily be shipped to Siassi Island for assembly. This flat pack modular freezer is 240vlt single phase unit which can be powered by solar power unit, Generator or mains power 240vlts. This freezer unit is suitable for rural areas where there is no power supply. The Freezer unit comes with a single phase drop in cooling system and can be easily maintained, repaired or even replaced.

It is easy to assemble and install on one of the Island in Siassi and it is more reliable for fish storage. We strongly recommend that you help us purchase this Freezer unit as it can be easily powered by solar power system and is very cheap in long term operational cost. All we will need to help the people sustain their lives is the cold room freezer unit in a rural area where fresh fish cannot be stored due to lack of power supply and distance from Lae market. We recommend the off grid power supply as this will save the running cost as well as suit the conditions of the people rural areas where there is no electricity. This solar power kit comes complete with all the necessary fittings and can be connected to standby generator when there is less sunlight while at the same time recharge the batteries.

To avoid difficulties, the Company Dysets has offered, upon purchase free training to the people in Siassi so that operating procedures regarding correct operations, operator error, misuse or abuse can be avoided. In addition we they will also obtain the warranty of the equipment's protection from them. The total cost of this equipment alone is estimated at 110,000 Kina, this does not excludes transportation of the equipment, purchase of the Generator and construction of the building facility on an identified Island of Mandok. Mandok Island is suitable because it is just adjacent to the Island Por where Fr. Krzysztof Zacharuk stay while away on the mission in Siassi.



Missionaries of Mariannahill Priests Currently Working in Papua New Guinea: Fr. roland Matoyi from Kenya, Fr. Arnold Schmitt from Germany, Fr. Brian Nonde from Zambia, Fr. Krzysztof Zacharuk from Poland, Fr. Alfonso Voom from Netherlands, Fr. Marco Antonio Saavedra Quiel, Fr. Ludwing Teika from Papua New Guinea (Sepik) and Fr. Wilfred Salhun from Papua New Guinea - (Tolai)



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