**Society of the Divine Savior-Salvatorians,**

**Missionary Cooperation Plan Group 46**

My name is Fr. John Tigatiga SDS, Director of the Mission Office for the Salvatorian USA Province**.** The Salvatorians are a society of priests and brothers serving the church in 30 countries throughout the world. We serve in 5 African countries. My focus is to serve our missions in Tanzania. Salvatorians have served in Tanzania for over 55 years. Today we Salvatorians are serving in parishes, schools, farms, hospitals, and in the formation of priests and lay ministers. We mostly serve in Southern Tanzania, which is the poorest area in the country.

The fund which we get from missions appeals helps to support the following:

1. To support our kindergartens, clinics for kids, dispensaries, and Orphanage Center.
2. Supporting the Catholic radio station (the only radio in the whole Southern Tanzania)
3. Drilling wells to provide safe drinking water.
4. Supporting the Salvatorian **Institute of Philosophy and Theology** – our most important contribution to the church in Africa, emphasis is given to evangelization. Besides the training of seminarians, programs are offered to diocesan and religious priests, sisters and lay people with the means to spread the gospel both in the local church and on the international level. At the present time we have over 400 seminarians in training at the institute.
5. Help us sustain our missionaries and train seminarians for the future leaders of the Church, thus allowing them to continue their important work of making the Savior known.

May God continue to bless you and the important work you do to support our missions.

Yours in the Savior,

Fr. John Tigatiga, SDS

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