



**Br Jose De Oliveira, S.J.**  
**(1866-1940. In Zambia 1909-1913)**

**21 December 1940**

Jose De Olivereira was born in Gandava de Cacvapethos (Cantanhede-Coimbra) in Portugal on 13 December 1866. He joined the Society on 29 November 1894 and was soon (1897) missioned to the Lower Zambesi Mission (Mozambique). He worked in Miruru Mission (Zumbo) as a carpenter and housekeeper. He was a hard working person and the superior had to persuade him to ease up as he frequently suffered from fever. He took his final vows on 15 August 1905.

After the Edict of Expulsion in 1910 all the Jesuits had to vacate the homeland, Portugal as well as the colonies. However it took some time to find some missionaries to take over the work. Since the colony itself had to promulgate the edict for it to become law, they had a two years grace period. During this time, with Br Angelo Dal Bosco, he helped five of the missionaries who had decided to cross the Luangwa River and settle in British territory of Northern Rhodesia instead of going back to Europe and being reassigned elsewhere. These pioneers set up the Luangwa Mission which, within a few years, was handed to the care of the Polish Province and which eventually took over Chikuni.

He left Mozambique in 1913 and was sent to Brazil (which was Portuguese speaking but independent). He worked for 30 years in Brazil and died in Pernambaco on 21 December 1940.

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**Br. José de OLIVEIRA Ventura**

He was born in Gândara de Carapelhos, Cantanhede, Coimbra, on December 13, 1866 and entered the Society of Jesus on November 29, 1894, in Barro. He went to the Zambézia Mission (Mozambique) in 1897. He worked in the missions of Miruro and Chupanga. He professed his final vows on August 15, 1905, in Chupanga. He left Mozambique in 1913, going to Jette-St-Pierre, Belgium, and then to the Apostolic School of San Martín de Trevejo. In 1919, he went to Brazil, to the residence of Santo António da Barra. In 1920, he went to Colégio da Nóbrega, in Recife, where he died on December 21, 1940.

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