In 1957, as a laywoman, I went to Burundi where I was welcomed into the community of Ngozi by Sr. Majella, Sr. M Candide (M Louise Zeck) and Sr. Marie Paule. And with Sr. M Louise I worked for two years in the hospital of Ngozi.

It was the simplicity and joy of these sisters that helped me make the decision to become a Lady of Mary (DMJ). I insisted especially on this 'joy', very important and wished by our founder. Then, thanks to the open-mindedness of the Congregation, I was able to live 6 years with Indians in Ecuador and 15 years in the forest of Ituri in the Democratic Republic of Congo with the Bambuti (Pygmies).

These Indians and Bambuti have opened up for me many ways to the Lord.

In thanksgiving and joy.

Doecita.