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One-time rock bassist today devotes life to missionary work, relief efforts in Sierra Leone



The life of Greek Orthodox priest Themistocles Adamopoulos continues to fascinate.

Known as “Themi Adams”, the bass guitarist of the Australian psychedelic rock band “The Flies”, in the mid 1960s — the one-time atheist and diehard Marxist today is a Greek Orthodox priest who has spearheaded the Church’s apostolic mission in Ebola-ravaged and poverty-stricken Sierra Leone.

A native of Alexandria’s once vibrant ethnic Greek community, Father Themi emigrated with his family to Melbourne, Australia, in the 1950s, where he later co-founded the popular rock band and even once shared the stage with the Rolling Stones in the 1960s.

Father Themi’s inspiring life and mission is detailed today in the pages of the Orthodoxy news agency.