

Message from Kenya

Fr Clement comes from a village near Kisii, a town in Western Kenya nr Lake Victoria. Fr Clement is a Comboni Missionary and has been sent to their parish of Agangrial (coloured monkey) in the diocese of Rumbek which is the nearest large town about 70kms (3 hrs drive!) to the east. In Rumbek there is an airstrip and an internet cafe
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Dear Friends,

Jambo or Ci yi Baki as they say here.

I send you Easter greetings with gratitude and Joy. Joy because I find myself in a place where I feel needed. It is a great place where I find satisfaction even if it is a paradox. A paradox because I am surrounded by people who are thirsty for food and drink, thirsty even for the gospel. It is a place where I have no regrets! From this end of the Earth, I earnestly wish you a happy and gracious Easter. May the Lord fill you abundantly with Graces you need to fulfil your duties. The other day on Palm Sunday, I was meditating on 'the Darkness of Jesus' because of his death.....as soon as he died, there was darkness throughout the Earth. I felt touched by darkness: 'Darkness dwells in me where Jesus is not risen in my life- death is already active in me...'

May Easter Sunday raise you up from all the darkness that the world brings to us.

Thank you very much for being close to me in prayer and constantly supporting me. I feel I am not alone – thank you for walking with me. I feel happy and grateful to our Lord who allows us to participate in His mission of Salvation.

Happy Easter to you all.