

Huts in SVD Mission in Lainya, South Sudan burned

On March 11, 2015, between 2:00 AM and 3:00 AM, three tukuls (huts) occupied by Fr. Bernard Ilunga, Fr. Praful Kispotta and Fr. Andrzej Marek Dzida burned completely. The cause of the fire is yet to be determined. Two huts, those occupied by Fr. Andrzej and Fr. Praful, are situated close to each other. The other hut, occupied by Fr. Bernard, was some distance away.

The three huts got burned completely. Fortunately, our confreres did not suffer any injury. At the time of the incident, the Mission Superior, Fr. Francis Naduviledathu was in India and Bro. Vincent Knaofmone was in Kenya. The huts that they occupy are not burned.

Fr. Andrzej recalling the incident comments:

“On early Wednesday morning at around 2.15 am I woke up and I heard some shouts of “fire, fire”. When I got out of my tukul I was surprised to see big fire already engulfing my hut. The fire was spreading very fast because of the hut’s grass roof. Simultaneously, the huts of Fr. Praful and Fr. Ilunga were also on fire. I didn’t have much time to take anything from my tukul except my passport and a few things. In the two other huts the fire was spreading slowly so there was a chance to rescue and to take out more belongings”.

Some officials of the Diocese of Yei visited our confreres and helped them report the incident to the authorities. The commissioner was shocked to learn that three huts were burned and she said that nothing happened like this before in Lainya. The local officials are helping to find the cause of the fire. Recently, Bishop Erkolano Lodu Tombe called our confreres from Nairobi with words of encouragement and solidarity. Our confreres are grateful to all our SSPS Sisters from Yei and Ethiopia who are supporting in different ways.



From: Divine Word Missionaries - SSD
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House burned in South Sudan Mission Lainya

Dear Brothers,

Tonight during late hours between 2.00 and 3.00 am our three tukuls (huts) that we slept was burned completely. That were tukuls that Fr. Bernard, Fr. Praful and I (Fr. Andrzej) slept.

In that time Fr. Francis was in India and Br. Vincent in Kenya.

Fortunately, nothing happened to us and we are not injure or wounded. Only huts were burned. It is a bit surprising that only huts that we were was burned. Two of our tukuls Fr. Praful and my are neighbor, but Fr. Bernard's tukul is not directly close. We do not know a cause of fire. However, we are happy that we are alive.

My phone is also burned, but you can contact with Fr. Praful.

We ask you to keep us in prayer.

Fraternally,

Fr. Andrzej Dzida, SVD – VMS/

