## **Palm Sunday Celebrated in Kuron**

## **Celebrating Palm Sunday Mass**

By Per Nordmark for Peace Village

Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron celebrated Palm Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April. A procession was leading to Mass at St Thomas Primary School. Father Dario and Father Gabriel served at the Mass, assisted by the school staff. The school children participated with a choir and liturgical dance.

Palm leaves where brought to the school in advance, and where distributed for use in the procession. Thus, creating an image of Jesus entering into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, riding a donkey as people along the road saluted him.



Palm leaves are distributed to school children and other attendants (left)

Walking to the classroom where the Mass was celebrated.



The gospel was read out by Fr. Gabriel, Loki Eliado and Katharine, starting from Jesus entering into Jerusalem, and ending with his rising from the dead on Easter Day.

The palm leaves were by clever and experienced fingers turned into the shape of a cross by the children.

In the evening Mass will also be celebrated in Lerboi villages at a distance from Kuron.



## A surprise party

As Mass ended the Peace Village staff was invited for a short meeting in the compound. After some delay the meeting started, and the agenda presented. The meeting showed to be a surprise party, to say farewell to Jonas Halvorsen who have stayed for two weeks in Kuron on a survey and assessment mission for Norwegian Church Aid. At the same time Per Nordmark was welcomed, as he will stay in Kuron during April, working on communication etc. Speeches were held, including a fare well speech by Jonas Halvorsen.





Jonas Halvorsen addressing the staff saying thanks and farewell

All staff enjoyed a delicious meal

Holy Trinity Peace Village also sent an Unimog today to Logichoccio Kenya, for supplies, in particular building materials for the nursery school which now teach 50 children in 3 classes, and are under reconstruction.

Early Monday morning a Landcruiser will go to Kapoeta with staff, and bring back NCA staff coming from Juba by air for survey and meetings in Kuron.



The Unimog departing for Kenya, here passing Napil village