

Don Bosco Missions News 2025

We do not buy joy: we donate it!

"I don't want anything else from young people except for them to be good and always cheerful", said Don Bosco. It was a fixed idea in his head: to work for the joy of all the youth he met. He put his whole soul into it and it must be said that he succeeded. Today, even if with inevitable difficulties, we try to imitate him and, following his teachings, we reach out to the poorest young people to whom we give the possibility to attend a school, a workshop or a youth center which offer them human and Christian values and which will be the joy of their lives and their family.

Our presence among them when they pray, study, play and work is the secret of the success of Don Bosco's educational system. What they would do reluctantly, they do with joy because they know that they are loved. It is a method that works among the youngsters of the tribes of Northern Kenya as well as among the young people of the large metropolis of Nairobi. "Let them know that they are loved" (*Don Bosco*). We try and it seems to us that the system really works...

Precisely for this reason the Lord gives us the gift of many youth who ask to become like Don Bosco and give their lives for other young people, becoming good Salesians of Don Bosco. They understood that only a life given is a life of joy.



"Send me, Lord", we read on the beam over these Salesians who gave themselves completely to the Lord, to serve the young people to whom Don Bosco sends them".



These youngsters of the Don Bosco Parish of Tonj, in South Sudan, are the leaders of thousands of youth. They made to the Lord their promise to become a "light" among children and young people.



The Archbishop of Nairobi smiles and is amused by the gesture of this child, from our Don Bosco Parish, who stole his skullcap.



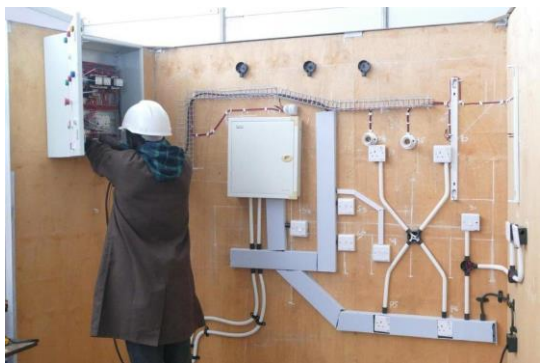
Before the sporting competitions of the Don Bosco Boys, an entirely "military" gathering. A little seriousness doesn't hurt, before the vitality of these kids is unleashed.



At Don Bosco Embu, agriculture has become a profession of great value for students who learn about the great opportunities that Kenya offers in the agricultural field. Now everything becomes scientific and production has increased in quantity and quality.



In the desertic area of Marsabit, in Northern Kenya, the Salesians, tenaciously, decided to drill down to 300 meters. The water flowed abundantly and now agriculture is flourishing and guarantees food for hundreds of young people of the school.



At Don Bosco Boys Town, in Nairobi, this electrician student is busy with wires and screwdrivers, and he seems to be very committed.



In Don Bosco Makuyu, apprentice plumbers are serious about their work. Along with electricians, plumbers are highly on demand in the country which is experiencing, a construction boom never seen before.



It's time for lunch and the street boys, gathered every Sunday by the Salesian Cooperators of Nairobi, sit down on a stair to eat the food that they find cooked for them only on Sundays, when the Cooperators of Don Bosco arrive. It is a joy for them to be served a proper dish with hot, tasty and clean food.

Eng. Daudi, every Sunday, goes to find these kids in the street, together with other Salesian Cooperators. He tells me: "The best moments of my life are those spent having a laugh with these poor-rich kids. It's joy!"

With these young people, so loved by Jesus and Don Bosco, we wish you an Easter of great joy, remembering that those who want joy cannot buy it, they can only give it.



Happy Easter to all of you!