



SAVIOR OF THE WORLD CHILDREN'S CENTER

Feast of the Assumption  
August 2010

Sierra Leone,  
West Africa

# Savior of the World Family

## *With Love and Prayer*

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Dearest Family,  
I am very happy to write you another news letter. I most continue by saying thanks for all your donation, help and all that you have done for us all. We are now on holidays and we have all the children promoted to new classes. We have 5 children who took the Bece exams and they will enter grade 10 next year.

- 1 that will enter grade 11,
- 3 that will enter grade 7,
- 1 that will enter grade 6,
- 2 that will enter grade 5,
- 3 that will enter grade 3
- 2 that will enter grade 9
- 9 that will enter grade 8

And I want to emphasize that the children were able to accomplish all of

this because you love them and you care for them. We were able to get 3 children from saviour of the world home school to enter grade 3 in public school.

The children are also doing fine in their spiritual lives as they were practising to welcome the Bishop week after next Sunday and the church is looking up to them for any skit play, dancing or singing for the Lord especially when they have to welcome a visitor or they have to go for inter churches competitions. I most say I thank God for their Lives but I most thank you all for your relentless effort towards us all.

This year again I thank Him for his grace and kind-



Louisa and Hannah

ness over my life as the American Embassy grant me another visa to visit you all. And as the children are now on holidays I think this is the best time for me to visit because we have to raise funds for their schooling. You are always in our hearts and prayers

Yours in Christ

*Louisa and the  
Children*



The "girls" in the classroom -  
Mariama, Melissa, Henrietta,  
and Satiya with Rosanne

### *Exciting News!*

Louisa will be visiting the USA very soon. She just applied for and received her visitor's visa. She was hoping to bring 2 of her children along with her, but that was not possible.

Louisa is looking forward to meeting you. She wants to know the people who have made Savior of the World Children's Home a reality.

She will be in the US until October 11th. Please plan on meeting her at our Dinner & Auction on September 25th at St. Mary Hildebrandt Hall or at one of our "Tastes of Africa".

If you would like to have Louisa come to your church, school, or group to tell her story, please contact us.

**From the HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI***Vatican Basilica**Friday, 1st January 2010*

***the faces of little innocents are a silent appeal to our responsibility: before their helpless plight, all the false justifications of war and violence fall away.***

What does Pope Benedict have to say about our wishes here at Savior of the World?

*“One may interpret the whole biblical narrative as the gradual revelation of the Face of God, until it reaches his full manifestation in Jesus Christ. God’s Face took on a human face, letting itself be seen and recognized in the Son of the Virgin Mary, who for this reason we venerate with the loftiest title of “Mother of God.” She was the first to see the face of God made man in the small fruit of her womb. The Mother had a very special, unique and, in a certain way, exclusive relationship with the newborn Son.*

*The first face a child sees is that of his mother and this gaze is crucial for his relationship with life, with himself, with others and with God; it is also crucial if he is to become a “son of peace.”*

*Meditating on the mystery of the Face of God and on the human face is a privileged path that leads to peace. It starts, in fact, with a respectful look that recognizes a person in the face of the other, whatever the color of his skin, whatever his nationality, language or religion. But who, other than God, can guarantee, so to speak, the “depth” of the human face? In fact, only if we have God in our hearts are we able to perceive in the face of the other a brother/ a sister in humanity, not a rival or enemy, but another self. Our perception of the world and, in particular, of our fellows, depends essentially on the*

*presence within us of God’s Spirit.*

*The more we are inhabited by God the more we are sensitive to his presence in our surroundings: in all creatures and especially in other human beings, although the human face, in turn marked by the trials of life and evil, may be difficult to appreciate and accept as an epiphany of God. With all the more reason then, to recognize and respect each other as we really are, in other words as brothers and sisters, we need to refer to the Face of a common Father who loves us all despite our limitations and failings.*

*It is important to be taught respect for others, even when they are different from us, from an early age. The smaller these children are, the more they awaken in us tenderness and joy at an innocence and brotherhood that seem obvious to us despite their differences, they cry and laugh in the same way, they have the same needs, they communicate spontaneously, they play together... Children’s faces are like a reflection of God’s gaze on the world. So why extinguish their smiles? Why poison their hearts?*

*Unfortunately the icon of the Mother of the God of Tenderness finds its tragic opposite in the sorrowful images of so many children and their mothers at the mercy of war and violence, refugees, asylum seekers and forced migrants. Faces hollowed by hunger and disease, faces disfigured by suffering and*

*desperation and the faces of little innocents are a silent appeal to our responsibility: before their helpless plight, all the false justifications of war and violence fall away. We must simply convert to projects of peace, lay down every kind of weapon and strive all together to build a world that is worthier of the human being.”*

We repeat this, oh, so important lesson of the Pope: Children’s faces are like a reflection of God’s gaze on the world. So why extinguish their smiles? Why poison their hearts?

Friends of Savior of the World Children’s Center, it is time now to unite. We must not only see the Face of God in each orphan whom we are serving in Freetown. We must not only see the face of God’s Mother Mary in their young mother Louisa who is stretching herself to the limit in order to keep the children peaceful and smiling.

We must see the Face of God in our hearts, so that we may hear his call, respond with generosity both with our material and our spiritual resources, and so be ready to meet him when he calls us forward to eternal life! Amen!



**Henrietta, Ramatu, and Jameshina enjoying the crayons and coloring books that you sent to them**



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*Come join us for a memorable evening*

Saturday, September 25th  
St. Mary Hildebrant Hall  
525 N. Lafayette St.  
Griffith, IN 46356

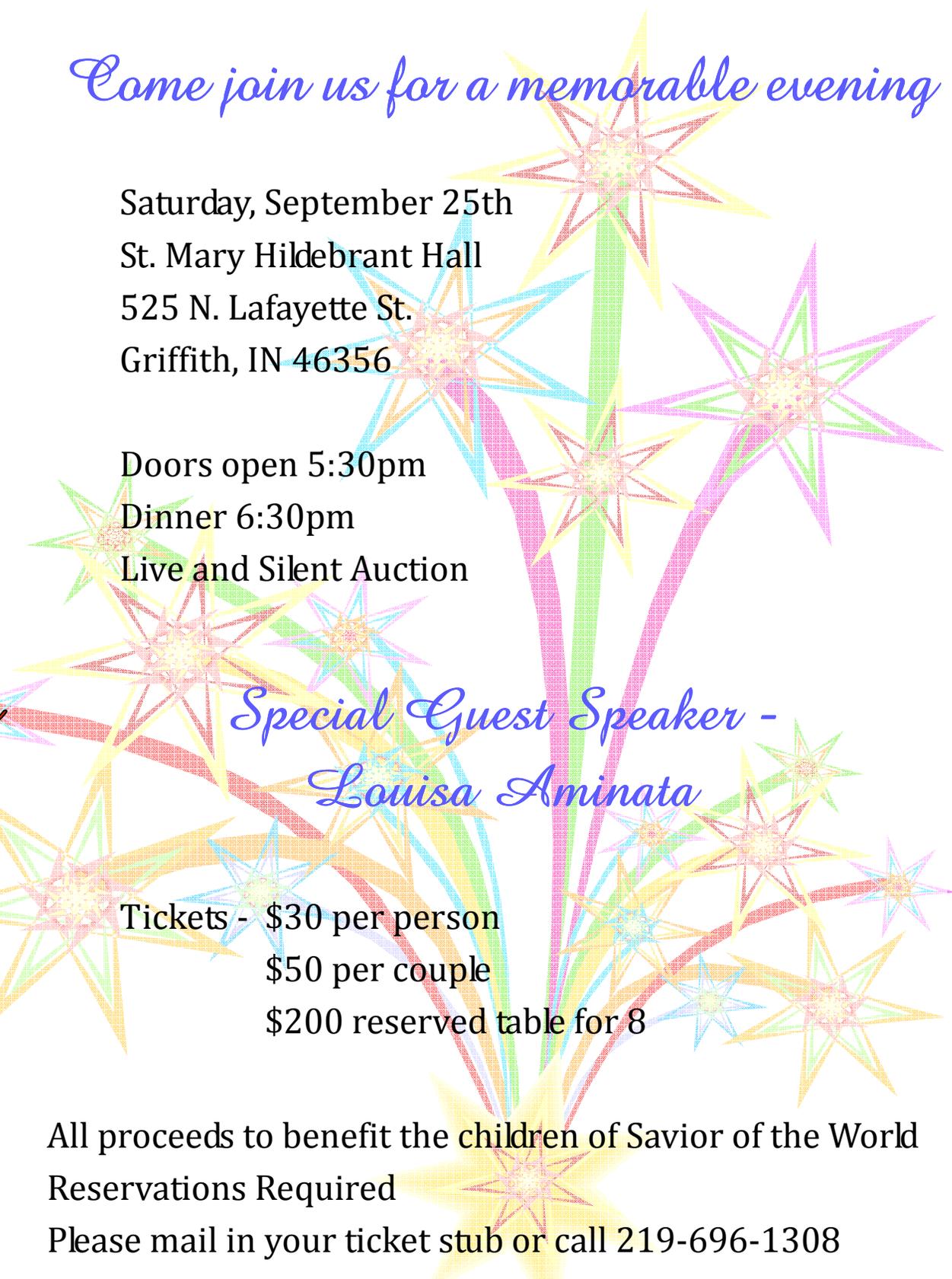
Doors open 5:30pm  
Dinner 6:30pm  
Live and Silent Auction

*Special Guest Speaker -  
Louisa Aminata*

Tickets - \$30 per person  
\$50 per couple  
\$200 reserved table for 8

All proceeds to benefit the children of Savior of the World  
Reservations Required  
Please mail in your ticket stub or call 219-696-1308

*Donations of new items for auction needed*



# A TASTE OF AFRICA

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Check out our newly updated website which should be up and running by the end of August. You will be able to make donations online, as well as sponsor a child directly from the website.

Information about all upcoming events with Louisa will be posted.

If you missed it before, don't miss it again! If you've come before, then be prepared for all your favorite African foods plus new ones that we learned to make on our last trip to Freetown.

This is a FREE dinner of authentic African cuisine as well as American foods. These are the very same African foods that the children eat every day.

Come experience Africa!

A video presentation of Savior of the World along with an update of the home will be given. There will be time for all your questions.

No reservation required. Families welcome. Donations appreciated.

*At this time the following "Tastes" have been scheduled. Please check our website or call for additional times and places as they are scheduled.*

**Saturday, August 21 6:30 pm**

**St. John Evangelist Parish Panel Room (Basement of Old Church)  
Route 41 St. John, IN**

**Sunday, August 22 9 am - 2 pm** (after 8 & 11 am Masses)

**St. Edward Parish School Gym  
216 S. Nichols St, Lowell, IN 46356**

**Sunday, October 31 9 am - 2 pm**

**St. Mary Parish Hildebrant Hall  
525 N. Broad St. Griffith, IN 46319**

**Sunday, October 17 Time to be Announced**

**Our Lady of Consolation  
8303 Taft St. Merrillville 46410**



## Urgent School Needs



### School in Sierra Leone

The new school year is fast approaching for the children in Sierra Leone. This year school will open in mid-October. All

children must have uniforms, regular shoes (no sandals) and socks, a backpack, paper and pencils, and the required books and notebooks, plus they must pay a tuition fee. This goes for all the schools in Sierra Leone; there isn't any free education. Those without the proper clothing and supplies, and those who cannot pay the tuition, simply cannot attend school.

As Louisa listed in her article, she has 26 children who will be

attending school this year. All of these children will need supplies and tuition. The total for the year is around \$400 per student. This includes all clothing, supplies, and tuition. Quite a bargain, compared to American children.

But, at this time, we do not have the money for school.

Louisa had wanted to purchase most of the school items, now, while the prices are still low. As school ap-

proaches, the prices will increase. But we could not give her anything, because we simply do not have any extra funds.

Could you please consider a donation to help the children attend school this year?

