



Savior of the World Family

Sierra Leone
West Africa



African Trip Report

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My Dearest Friends,
We the Savior of the World children represent this letter to you to thank you very much for what you have done. Auntie Rosanne tells us much about you.



Back- Louisa, Lansana, Almany, Saytia, Georgie

Front- Mariama, Henrietta, Jameshina, Melissa, Abdul, and Alex

May God continue to bless all of you. May God guide and protect your children and your family and also all the priests of your parish. May God give you hope and prosperity.



Back Row- George Kouris, Elaine Wojcinski, Joshua Abel
Front Row- Georgie, Mariama, Melissa

When we are here we think much about you.

We the children are without mother or father and that is why we represent this letter to you. May God give us the opportu-

nity to give love to you.

We love you.

Love friend,

Joshua Abel Kabia

Joshua Abel Kabia, 16 years old, is one of Louisa's children. He has been at the home since 2005. His father died during the war and his mother was unable to provide for him. He did not start school until he was 12 years old. He has high hopes for a bright future for himself and his country. He wants to be an electrician. He is very helpful and wants to learn as much as he can. He says that he watched the workmen build the house and tries to remember how they did things. He wrote the above letter with much struggle as he is still behind in his schooling. But he is very sincere in his appreciation of what you have done for him and for all the children.



With Love and Prayer



Archbishop Edward Charles of Freetown dedicates the home you built. In this picture, he blesses the school room.

Dearest Family,
I bring you greetings from the children of Savior of the World Children, and I also want to take this Opportunity to wish you all happy Easter though belated. We thank God for the season of lent and We also thank God for given us the opportunity, health, and the courage to go through this season



Archbishop Charles celebrates Holy Mass in the home's chapel

We felt good to say thank you Lord.
On the 22nd of March 2010 we were Happy to receive Mr, and Mrs Kouris and Elaine. There visit was splendid because the children were Able to interact with them and they also were able to understand them. There visit bring us joy



The Archbishop jokes with the children after Mass at the home

We were able to invite the

Archbishop to the Home to celebrate mass on Monday. After the Mass There was slight refreshment at the home the children, I and our visitors were able to interact with Him and also took snap shot with him and the priest at the parish.

The children were all happy to Have them at home. Everything about their visit was good and all the children came to realized that They are loved and cared for. All the children like their gift and present.

They were happy to know That they have people that can think about them, to the extent of sending them gifts. They were Very happy reply to their letters. And have plan to write more

On Easter vigil we have four children that are baptized, confirmed and first only communion on the Same day. On Easter Sunday there was party thrown for

the newly baptized, and those baptized in December. All of them invite their friends and they have fun and snap shot with their friends. There Was a lot of fun. However we give God the Glory for leading us through

So I want to say thanks to you all for what you have done for all of us. May the all mighty God Continue to guide and protect you for everything you have done for us Kisses from the children to you.

With much love and prayers

*Louisa
Aminata*



Rosanne Kouris, Archbishop Charles, Louisa, and George Kouris



All of us together!



Your Happy Home

I have been asked to write a bit about my recent trip to Savior of the World Family Orphanage in Sierra Leone, West Africa. I am a member of the Board of Directors and am serving as secretary.

I first traveled to Africa in 2007. At that time, a foundation had just been laid for a new home for the children.

This March, we returned to see how things had progressed. Louisa currently has 34 children, ages 19 months to about 16 years old. She has hired three women to cook and help her take care of the children. They have moved into the new building, and although it is not completed yet, it is a vast improvement over the other places they had been living in.

The new home is two stories, with one room for the older girls, one for the older boys and another for the toddlers and babies. They have a large meeting room which is used as a general purpose area, for eating, playing, or doing homework. They do have a well and there will be indoor plumbing, but because they do not yet have a large enough water storage tank, this still needs to be finished. Right now water is reserved in large barrels in the bathrooms and used for washing.

They have a chapel that



These are your children eating the food you provide.

can fit all the children. The children pray every morning and night in the chapel. The local parish priest says Mass at the home once a week.

They have a generator, but this is only turned on for about 3 hours a day, as fuel to run it is very expensive. The generator powers lights so the children can get ready for school in the morning, and do their homework in the evening.

A typical day begins at about 5 am. It is still quite dark. Children get up so they can get ready to be at school by 7 am. They dress, and all go to the chapel for morning prayers. Then they get breakfast, which is usually rice with "sauce" on it. The sauce is made from cassava leaves or beans and fish. Next they must clean up, which includes sweeping and washing the floor in the general area. Finally,

the older ones leave for

school. They go to different schools depending on their grade level. Some walk about a mile to the local school in the town of Waterloo. Others must be driven into Freetown for Secondary school. The little ones, pre-school to grade 3, are taught at a school Louisa had started at the home. When they return home in the afternoon, there are chores to do. All clothes are washed by hand, in a large basin with a washboard and brush, then hung up to dry. The children wear uniforms and wash them every day. They are ironed with an iron that is filled with hot coals.

Meals are prepared in the outside kitchen. This is a brick building in back of the house. Meals are cooked over wood fires in this building. The children help with food preparation and clean up. All dishes are washed in basins outside.

At about 7:30 pm, it gets dark and the generator is turned on. All meet in the chapel for evening prayers. This includes the rosary, songs, and prayers for the needs of the children, and for all donors and benefactors.

After prayers, the older children settle down to do their homework. The little ones play games or color. Finally, it is bedtime.

One thing that struck me about the children and the home is how much laughter there is there. It is a very happy place. There is much singing, and considerable romping around!

The older boys love soccer, and spend every free minute playing in the area in front of the home. The children were very welcoming and very curious about us and our lives in the USA. The little ones wanted lots of hugs and constantly were sitting on our laps. They all loved the toys and letters sent by you.

This trip was very grueling and demanding. The temperature was always around the 100+ degrees, day and night. Of course, there was no air-conditioning. We had no running water. At one point there was a mouse in my bed with me! (EEEEKKK!) There were huge spiders, lots of mosquitoes, and lizards everywhere. The entire country is desperately poor. The capital city of Freetown is still in shambles from the war.



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Here is the home YOU built!



"I wish to verify the existence of the Savior of the World Children's Center in the Archdiocese of Freetown and Bo which is situated in Waterloo, outside the capital, Freetown.

Savior of the World Children's Center is a charitable undertaking directed and run by Louisa Aminata Sankoh Hughes which endeavor to support children in this part of the world. At the moment, there are 34 children residing at the center under the legal guardianship of Miss Hughes.

I am most grateful for your assistance to enable Savior of the World to continue to accomplish its Christian commitment to the children of Sierra Leone."

Most Reverend Dr. Edward Charles
Archbishop of Freetown and Bo



Saytia carries Hannah
Toys in the picture are from you

However, the trip was well worth it. Some high points included the Palm Sunday procession and Mass. It was as close to the actual event as one could come. We went into the fields and cut branches off the palm trees. Then we processed down the streets accompanied by African musical instruments and singing. It was beautiful! Also, the Archbishop of Freetown visited the home, said Mass in the chapel and blessed the home and children. He is a wonderful, caring man.

This home is truly a work of God, and proof of his great love. I am thankful that I had an opportunity to visit there.

Elaine Wojcinski



Zainab does her chores



Palm Sunday