



# Savior of the World *family*

*With love and prayer*

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Dearest Family,

I know it gives us all joy as we are about to welcome lent a season that gives us all hope of resurrected body and hope to enter heaven. To every Catholic lent is very important and for this reason we at saviour of the world will keep it holy.

I just come from Guinea where I come to enquire for the chickens and each chicking cost 12000 GNF which is very much cheaper than sierra leone because in Guineas 1 dollar is equivalent to

7000 GNF while in sierra leone 1 dollar is equivalent to Le 4000 and in sierra leone the one chicken cost 13,500 leones so it is very much cheaper than sierra leone We have started the construction of the poultry farm the forming of the blocks are over and we are now planning to buy iron rods stons and more sand for the walls and we are believing God for his heavenly help and support and we are praying also for his provisions in your lives so that you will continue to support us.

Our pastor comes to celebrate masses on Wednesday in the chapel of the home and we're praying for all of you at each of the masses said in the house that the almighty God may continue to guide and protect you and may you continue in be in our lord's bossom.

May my Lord hide you in his prescious wound and continue to provide for all of us.

With love and prayers,  
*Louisa and children*

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# God is good and we have met Him!

*To the children, to Louisa and to all our friends in the Savior of the World Family – may the Peace of Jesus Christ be with all of you!*

Dearest brothers and sisters,

The coming of the Jesus into our world enables us to breathe a new spirit of love and freedom. Indeed there is no freedom, unless we love each other with a responsibly thoughtful love. I wish to share with you an experience of teenage life here in East Central Africa that glows with thoughtfulness and love.

The approaching season of Lent offers us a wonderful opportunity to ponder those people

among us who open their minds and hearts fully to the presence of the Holy Spirit.

This wholehearted openness is what the Catholic Church means

by the grace of martyrdom. Yes, teenagers are fully capable of this grace.

My example brings us to countries that arrive at harmony and peace with each other only at the cost of at times intolerable inner pain.

Bloody atrocities visited upon the innocent have saturated their recent history. Tribal hatred lurks everywhere and hence continues to cast a cruel shadow even over the glimmers of promise that the New Year 2013 would like to hold out for the poorest of the poor.

I am referring to Rwanda; Burundi; and the former mother country of these two smaller nations, the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This is the air that I breathe. With me have lived and suffered truly heroic figures: extraordinary profiles of courage shine forth from a group of teenagers, ranging from 15 to 20 years of age, that drew their strength of conviction from the brotherly love and freedom that flow forth from the Holy Spirit, the fountain of eternal life.

They were boys who belonged to different tribes but lived together as a single family. The seminarians themselves had made a special point of living in a Christian fraternity, where love of Christ was more important than ethnic origins. They had just completed an Easter season retreat. Fr. Nicolas Niyungeko, rector of the Sanctuary of Buta in the Diocese of Bururi,

wrote of the seminarians:

At the end of the retreat, this class was enlivened by a new kind of spirit, which seemed to be a preparation for the holy death of these innocents. Full of rejoicing and joy, the word in their mouths was "God is good and we have met Him." They spoke of heaven as if they had just come from it, and of the priesthood as if they had just been ordained .... One realized that something very strong had happened in their heart, without knowing exactly what it was. From that day on, they prayed, they sang, they danced to church, happy to discover, as it were, the treasure of Heaven.

It was about 4:30 or even earlier in the morning when a paramilitary rebel unit from one of the warring tribes paid an unwanted visit to the compound. They forced their way into the dorm where the teenagers were sound asleep. At the yell of the commandant – who was a woman of very fiery temperament – the seminarians shook themselves loose from sleep and jumped on their feet waiting suspiciously to hear what the female soldier wanted to say.



**They spoke of heaven as if they had just come from it...**



**Burial of the young martyrs**

## God is good and we have met Him!

She did not take long to give voice to a very dark threat: "Who among you is going to tell me which boys belong to the Hutu tribe and which to the Tutsi tribe?" Every teenager present grasped the meaning of this threat: this woman was going to make sure that all the teenagers belonging to one of these tribes was going to die a brutal death. She intended to spare everyone from the other tribe.

"You had better answer quickly: tell me who is Hutu and who is Tutsi, and tell it to me now."

One seminarian spoke up: "Ma'am, we would like you to know that no one among us is going to tell you the tribes from which we come."

At this answer, the enraged commandant pointed her automatic at the one who spoke so boldly and fired her weapon. He died almost immediately.

No one tried to flee; those closest to the victim tried to stop the bleeding. The commandant showed not even a wisp of compassion at the target of her crime. Instead she repeated her threat: "Someone is going to tell me who is Hutu and who is Tutsi, and you are going to tell me

NOW!"

A second seminarian spoke up: "Ma'am, no one here is going to tell you to which tribes we belong because we live here as one single family." The commandant fired her automatic and this boy too fell to the ground to die a rather quick death.

This horrid scene repeated itself another 38 times. At that point some of the seminarians were heard singing psalms of praise and others were saying "Forgive them Lord, for they know not what they do." Others, instead of fighting or trying to run away, preferred helping their distressed brothers, knowing exactly what would happen to them.

Forty days after the massacre, the small seminary dedicated its church to Mary, Queen of Peace, and it has since, according to Fr. Niyungeko, "become a place of pilgrimage where Burundians come to pray for the reconciliation of their people, for peace, conversion, and hope for all. The names of the 40 teen martyrs are prominently written in large silver, stainless steel letters on the back wall of the Basilica dedicated to them. No less beautiful is the mural that

covers the entire front wall of the basilica. At the center of this very handsome painting is the risen Jesus shining forth with rays of eternal light flowing from his pierced hands, feet and side. And processing towards him, radiant with joy, are each and every one of the 40 teenagers.

Their death was like a soft and light path from their dormitory to another resting place, without pain, without noise, nor fear. They died like Martyrs of the Fraternity, thus honoring the Church of Burundi, where many sons and daughters were led astray by hatred and ethnic vengeance

They are soon to be enrolled among the canonized saints of the Catholic Church. The Holy Spirit that presented Himself as a tender flame of fearless love in the heart of each of these teenagers is the same Holy Spirit that comes to Louisa's teenage girls and boys. May the grace of the Holy Spirit, given in the sacrament of confirmation be their strength and their joy now and forever. Amen. Alleluia.

*Fr. Umuhozanimana*

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*Drawing will be  
held on Sunday,  
March 24th*

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