



Sierra Leone West Africa

# Savior of the World

## Family

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## With Love and Prayers

Dearest Family,  
 May our Lord and Mother bless the Angel that Guide us through the Easter. As we have prepared ourselves during Lent, may we also have the extra strength to work, pray and fast in memorial of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As a whole all the children are doing grate and my new children are adjusting well though they come from difficult lives. Baby Joseph has started walking and Lawrence was getting bigger every day. It is your kind heart that what you have done for saviour of the world and my family cannot be underestimated but all we have to say now is Thank you very much.

The children and I observed lent but Our Lord has chosen other ways to prepare us for resurrection. It has been much sadness and tears and the way of the cross is close to us. I was called to have another baby whose mother died in childbirth. I sent my father out to collect her but unfortunately for us she died in the long journey from the North. Poor baby and poor mother.

Lawrence was so tiny at his birth no cloths could fit him and he cry so much without comfort. As his twin brother Joseph grow in the grace of the Lord Lawrence was sick and week. I took him to the doctor and hospital frequently and I pray always to the grate physician Jesus

Christ. The doctors cannot know what is wrong and Lawrence start to have seisurs. They say his blood is weak. But thanks to God he does grow and begin to get strong. Then on sunday last he has another seisur so when I am at Mass they come running to me. I arrive home to see him dead. His age is one year this month. I called Fr. Steven but I cannot get onto him. I baptize Lawrence myself in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*\*The government, following the rules of UNICEF, no longer allows children from Muslim families, living in orphan homes, to be baptized unless the children ask to be.*) We buried him and all the

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**Newborn Baby Lawrence**



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children are crying all over the place.

But now I must talk to you of other things.

We have raised two more chicken houses with the money received from eggs we have sold with the hope of getting more chickens. We started the farm with 1500 chickens but because of bad advice, inexperience, wrong treatment, we can only boast of 800 chicken which can not

produce enough to pay the coming year school fees and settle other expenses. Now that we have learnt from our mistakes we can correct that with the new breeds. We do not have the right money to get them now and we are kindly asking for your unfailing support so that we will be able to purchase 2500 chickens. Once again I thank you very very much for every thing that you have done for us and every



Lawrence at 9 months

thing you are doing. thank you very very much may God bless

May the heavens open on us all this Easter with comfort and dry the tears of sorrow.

With love and prayers

Louisa and Children



Lawrence at 9 months



**Last picture of Lawrence: shortly before his first birthday. We were so excited that he could finally sit up by himself!**

## See, I Make All Things New

To Louisa and all in the Savior of the World Family – dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What do we celebrate when we prepare our families, our children, our friends and coworkers for the “joy of Easter”? How does Jesus celebrate his resurrection from the dead?

Jesus celebrates his new glorified life by coming, both in body and in spirit, to those who are sad and weeping. Mary Magdalen is weeping because she thinks she has lost a very tender, intimate friend – indeed she was gazing upon Jesus when he was gasping for breath,

crying out that he was thirsty, bleeding uncontrollably, and arriving very painfully at the moment of death on Good Friday. It was a bitter, heart-crushing separation from her friend Jesus. When after this atrocity that we call “crucifixion,” Jesus comes to Mary as a risen Savior, Mary can feel a new love, a new calm, a new tenderness, a new vibrancy in the voice of whom she believes to be a new friend.

She thinks the risen Jesus is a gardener. St. Padre Pio who carried in his body the wounds of Jesus’ crucifixion but also the fragrance of his resurrection would leave a scent of flowers in many places even when

he, Padre Pio, was not present in those places. The risen Jesus comes to Mary as a “gardener” of the heart. He wants to plant new seeds in Mary’s soul. They are beautiful, sweet-smelling seeds. To do that, he chooses to recognize Mary for who she is: a woman who needs to be loved. When he utters her name, “Mary,” her soul becomes gloriously joyful.

Jesus celebrates the new, glorious life of the Resurrection by coming, both in body and in spirit, to those who are afraid. When he visits his apostles he passes through closed

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doors. Why are they closed? Because the apostles know very well that those who are guilty already of one atrocity are capable of bringing forth more blood, more violence, and more atrocity.

Jesus' tender love is divine: his love has the power to evaporate the plans, the intrigues, the treachery and the malice of those known for their atrocities. Jesus comes to his apostles as a peacemaker and as a reconciler. Just as Mary felt a new joy surging in her veins and arteries when Jesus called her, with a voice tender and loving, by her name, now the apostles feel an entirely new joy pulsating through their hearts when he shows them his wounds, the signs and the reality of an undying love. "Peace be with you," says Jesus; and he shows them his hands and his side. The apostles are filled with Joy when they see the Lord.

"Receive the Holy Spirit. Those whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven." The grace of reconciliation that comes when the believer goes to confession is a grace that brings back to life those whose hearts are dead on account of anger, selfishness, resentment, lust, avarice, laziness, pride, gluttony, envy and jealousy in all its forms. The Peace and the Joy of Jesus free the heart from atrocious thoughts, the poison of bitterness, and the precarious imbalance caused by moodiness and the unwillingness to accept pain when painful moments occur.

How does the risen Jesus come to you and to me? Lent has been a time when many of us have reconciled with Jesus through the sacrament of

penance – confession. It is a sacrament that is always available, on any day of the year. It is the moment when Jesus breathes Peace into our souls so that his fragrance, his scent can allow us to feel beautiful again.

Jesus, however, also intends to free us from fear. He wishes to enter through the closed doors of our hearts. He intends to visit us, even physically, through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. When Abdul prepared to receive Jesus in Holy Communion he first came to confession. After

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receiving the forgiveness for his sins, he talked to me for a few minutes about the Eucharist. Abdul told me, "When the priest says the words, 'This is my Body,' the bread becomes the Body of Christ. And when the priest says the words, 'This is my Blood,' the wine becomes the Blood of Christ." This means that it really is Jesus who is coming to live with us and to live in us when we welcome Him in Holy Communion.

There was a teenager, a seventeen-year-old girl named Nika who celebrated Jesus' resurrection by receiving her First Holy Communion. When she received the Body and Blood of Jesus, she decided that she was going to give her life to Jesus as a Catholic Sister in the MC congregation founded by Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

But there remained a serious problem: her family had arranged a marriage for her with a communist sympathizer named Tony. Tony believed that marriage is the man's opportunity to prove that he is strong, capable, and influential. Nika did not have the courage to tell Tony that she did not want to marry him until they were sitting together in the bus going to the market to buy her beautiful wedding gown. She turned to her fiancé and said, "Sweetheart, I don't think we should buy this wedding dress." Tony said to her, "Why not? What's the matter?" She said to him, "I won't be marrying you. I'm going to become a Catholic Sister."

Tony immediately threatened the bus driver: "Stop immediately... or I will..." He and Nika descended from the bus and proceeded to rush to her house. Dear reader, keep in mind that Nika was the oldest of eight children, seven girls and one boy. Tony said to his fiancée's father: "Nika refuses to marry me: I have the right to kill your son." Nika's dad said to Tony, "Why is she doing this?" Tony said to the dad, "The priest put the idea in her mind to become a nun."

No one killed Nika's little brother. Plenty of people told the priest to either leave the country or be killed – the style of death could be optional, either by stabbing or by revolver. The priest chose neither option: he left the country immediately after Nika celebrated her confirmation. Now he is laboring in Africa: in fact, one of the people with whom he has celebrated the Body and Blood of Christ is Louisa Aminata Sankoh Hughes, the foundress of Savior of the World. Because of a threat on his life, this priest now has had the op-

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# School for Chickens

In order to raise the \$3500 needed to buy the 2500 new chickens for the expanded farm, we are holding a **Raffle!** Profits from the farm will be used to send the children to school. There is no free education in Sierra Leone and school fees and supplies continue to be a major expense. It costs, on average, \$400 to send each child to school for the year. That would include tuition, uniforms, shoes, books, and supplies. Louisa has 60 children, so you can see that it comes to quite a bit.

**First Prize-** \$309 Gift Card from Kohl's

**Second Prize-** \$215 Gift Card from Target

**Third Prize-** \$110 Gift Card from Walmart

**Fourth Prize-** \$72 Gift Card from JC Pennys

**Tickets-** 6 for \$25 or \$5 each



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portunity and the joy of embracing the Savior of the World in Sierra Leone.

Confirmation is the sacrament that the apostles received after spending forty days with the Risen Lord Jesus, and nine days with his Mother Mary in the Catholic Church's first novena. Confirmation allows you to bring your joy to those who want to kill both you and your joy; confirmation is the sacrament

that gives you the courage go to heaven by traveling upon the only highway available: the Way of the Cross!

We adore you, O living and Risen Christ, and we praise you because by your holy cross and by the joy flowing forth from your wounds, we have found our way to heaven. Amen! Alleluia!

Father Umuhozanimana