

Savior of the World Children's Center Sierra Leone, West Africa Feast of the Assumption August 2018

# Savior of the World family

## With Love and Prayer

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Hannah's Essay

Hannah is a young lady living in New York. Her family has supported Savior of the World for some years. Hannah donated her Lenten alms last year to Louisa and the children.

Her mom recently sent me a letter explaining that Hannah had applied for a scholarship for nursing. Part of the application was writing an essay about which superhero she would like to change places with for a day.

Hannah chose Louisa. Her mom sent me the essay. I would like to share it with you.

Please see page 4. And please keep Hannah in your prayers as she begins college this fall. Our Dearest Family,

We are very much joyful to Congratulate us all for a work well done and we are here to inform you that Savior of the World Children Centre is turning 14 years in October and for these 14 years, Savior of the World has helped 1,009 children in total and all of these children has unique stories and needs. I am personally sending this Congratulation message to us all because this was a job we never thought we will do, a job we never dreamed of, a job we only thought we will do for a while, but yet we found ourselves doing this same job for the past 14 years this is really incredible and for that reason I am adoring

your help, support and your forever ending love towards these Children.

Growing up as a child, I was just like any other

any other child unto my teenage

age I never dreamed of working for children but reading Saint Faustina and Mother Teresa's stories made me inspired in to this acting of helping but little did I know that the venture I undertook will take this long and will involve such number of children. I was there as an instrument not knowing what to do, what to say, how to act, and how to deal with the situations that surrounds this work and God in his divine providence and mercies decided to send you all our path. He bridge the gap and Just like me you decided to undertake a work you never thought about for this show of love and Compassion I want to say thank you.

Today the world has be-

come so complicated and hard to live in, some people become victims of circumstances they sufer for things they never knew about. The world has lost affection, pity and love but yet you stood as an exception where the world shows hate you decided to show love, where its shows wickedness to humanity you show compassion and where its shows neglect you showed Care. You are saints I called you saints because in the Mist of all the darkness around your light still stand out to the world and I pray may that light never goes dull may it continue to shine brighter and brighter in the mighty name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Chicken farm has started its operations all the chicks are healthy and doing great but they are only 3 weeks old. Thank you very much for you support towards this project and we are hoping and praying that we have no flooding this time.



New baby chicks



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More chicks!

Of course all the children are on their long vacation schools are going to reopened on the 6th of September but as usual we need school fees for

these children because we have to buy their

books, shoes, uniforms, backpacks, etc. for the whole year and we need \$380 per child. We are kindly asking for your help and supports so that these children will be able to go to school this coming school year. As I am writing this newsletter we have no idea how we will raise this money for 40 children. We will appreciate what ever help and sup-

port you will have to render thank you very much and God almighty continue to bless you Amen

In Christ. Louisa and Phildren.

### The Feast of the Body



**Princess** 



Joseph

Dear Louisa and benefactors of the Savior of the World Family,

May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you now and always!

It is well known that we in Africa do not enjoy the yearly seasons that Americans have come to recognize as Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn (Fall). We have a cool season with rainfall here and there, a hot season, and a rainy season. The countries in East Africa measure their climates according to the presence or the absence of rain.

We do not guide ourselves by the change of seasons. We guide ourselves by feasts. Easter

and Christmas are major feasts for everyone, both Christians and Moslems. The feast that ends Ramadan, Eid al-Fitr, is also a public feast for everyone. There are feasts too that flow forth from a more localized setting: in Tanzania, for example, many celebrate Saba-Saba on the 7th of July. Saba is the Swahili word for Seven. Another local feast in Tanzania is Nane -Nane. Nane is the Swahili word for 8: we celebrate this feast on the 8th of August. The character of these feasts is more of a market and circus kind of atmosphere. You can even dare to pet your favorite lion cub with mother watching at the local fair

on the feast of Nane-Nane. But you might want to be sure first that Mama Lion is in a good mood.

One feast that is a public holiday in some of the East African countries is the one that we celebrate on the 15th of August: the Assumption of Mary into heaven. As Catholics we honor Mary on that day with the same kind of solemnity that we give to Jesus on Christmas and Easter. Burundi gives the day the same solemnity as their national Independence Day. It is not only a religious holiday, but a civil holiday.

Do we understand the

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beauty of the feast? The Assumption is one of those days when all that is mythical and magical dissolves into the real and historical. What people like Abraham and King David may have hoped for by the power of a God-given spiritual intuition, namely, the resurrection of the body, has become historical reality with Jesus' Resurrection from the dead and Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven.

Pope Pius XII elaborated upon the theological evidence of Mary's historical assumption into heaven by citing Church Fathers and Church Doctors. One proof for Mary's assumption seems unassailable to all who are mentally alert enough to think according to the norms of logic and common sense. What is that proof? The Church Fathers state it with enough simplicity that even a seven-yearold child can understand it. Every son wishes to do everything in his power to love his mother in the most grateful manner possible according to his abilities. Jesus loves

his mother. His possibilities for expressing his gratitude to his Mother Mary include his ability to ensure that she maintains her physical existence joyfully now and forever. Therefore it is Jesus' intention that she live eternally, not only spiritually, but also physically.

Mary accepts the thankyou gift that Jesus is giving her. Therefore, she lives, both physically and spiritually, in that eternal state of joy that we call heaven.

Human beings are persons: our very bodies are signs that God has given us as gifts to two people who, hopefully, united themselves to each other in an act of marital love that had the procreative power to bring us into the world. Each of us is a gift given to our mothers and to our fathers. Our bodies are living signs that love is at work. Without the body, the love remains historically incomplete: it is invisible and hence verges on the mythical. When we act in a physical manner that harmonizes with the heart's intentions to love uprightly, humbly and ten-



Preparing dinner is a family affair

derly, we are recognizable for who we are: daughters and sons of God.

There is a beautiful passage that St. Thomas Aguinas composed in his Summa Contra Gentiles to describe what the human soul is like when the body dies and so on the visible plane seems like it will never live again. His reasoning is clear, simple and logical: God created the soul to live forever. God's purpose in creating the soul was to give identity to the human person who is visibly present in the world as a body. In other words, the soul is truly a soul when it gives identity to the body. It is the human soul that makes the body a human body, a body that belongs to a single human person who is irreducible, unrepeatable and irreplaceable. The human being is complete as a body and soul unity. If

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If I could change places with one superhero for a day, I would change places with Louisa Aminata Sankoh-Hughes. Louisa doesn't wear a mask or fight crime in the streets of Gotham City, yet she is far more powerful than Batman, because, unlike him, she is real. Louisa is 34 years old and lives in a West African country called Sierra Leone. She rescues children who have been orphaned, rejected, and abandoned, and adopts theem into her own family. She's become a mother to 45 children, providing them with food, shelter, clothing, education, and most importantly, the love they so desperately need. She lives in extreme poverty, yet despite her struggles, she's thankful for everything and radiates supernatural joy. She gives completely of herself, giving what little she has to her beloved children. She's a hero to the vulnerable, weak, and suffering children of Sierra Leone, and has bravery, strength, sacrifice, joy, and love as her superpowers. Louisa is truly saving the world one child at a time.

If I could change places with her for one day, I's spend it learning what it means to sacrifice everything for love of others. And when that day came to an end, I'd go home with my eyes opened to the abundant blessings I have in America. I would be inspired to do everything I could to help the poor in both Africa and right here in my own "Gotham City." Then, maybe someday, I would become a real-life superhero too. Hannah S.

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the soul is alone – in other words, if the body dies – the soul is temporarily not completing the purpose that God intends for it. When the body dies, the soul seems to have lost its purpose – as if God made a mistake when he chose to give the soul eternal existence.

So Thomas reaches his conclusion: because the immortal soul needs the

body of an individual person – you – in order to fulfill God's purpose, the body must be able to rise again. Yet let's not be confused: St. Thomas does not have the last word. God has the last word. What does God have to say about this topic?

God speaks through the Gospel of St. John, chapter 6: "The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood, has life. And I will raise that person up on the last day."

When we receive Holy Communion, we are receiving Jesus Christ in his historical reality. A wonderful moment of that historical reality is Jesus' promise to us, that, yes, He will raise us up on the last day. Common sense tells us that Jesus is going to keep his promise because he is the God who is always true to his word.

Let us thank Jesus that he has been a marvelous Son for his Mother Mary by giving her an eternal existence, body and soul.

Let us at the very same moment thank Jesus that he is a wonderful Brother for you and for me. Not only does he feed us with his Body and Blood in Holy Communion but he also makes a promise to us that he is going to keep: we will rise again to live as complete persons with Mary and with each other in the eternal joy of heaven. God bless you always!

Fr. Umuhozanimana