

SAVIOR OF THE WORLD SIERRA LEONE, WEST AFRICA

Christmas 2019

## Savior of the World



We bring you seasons greetings in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We pray that this Christmas marked the beginning of good things in our lives as Our Lord Jesus Christ is born so everything Good will be taken in the name of Jesus and with the intercession of our Mother Mary Amen.

We want to thank you all for the Christmas gift we appreciate it with love and prayers, and we pray that may the hand that giveth overflow with good things and may it never lack. This Advent season is like any other Advent season as we observe it with love, and hope of good things as we are all preparing to receive our personal Lord and Savior. Our children are having their normal Christmas Carol in schools, and we as a family will be having our own Christmas Carol on the 24 before the Eve.

I am sending pictures of the Fence and beds. We finished building the Fence

like two weeks ago with money from the chicken farm. From the picture, you will notice that the Fence is higher, and it looks more beautiful than the first Fence to me, I think the workers have done an excellent job. the cost involved is high because the compound fence is way more significant than the chicken fence. Because of the cost, the chickens do not have enough food, and if we continues like that, the birds will die, and that will be a significant loss so the business will collapse. So I am selling some of the chickens so that we are able to keep what we can manage. We will not be using any monies from the farm until next year when we can stabilize the business again.

I am also sending pictures of the children's beds. All of them needs to be replaced as they are all warned out, especially in the boys' room. We need a total of 20 beds. The children's clothing is also warned out and most of the younger kids are almost

naked. We used the Christmas gift money you sent to buy clothing and shoes, so this year there will be no party just food and a movie after Mass. We are planning on watching a movie titled the birth of Christ in creole, and we will be inviting friends and loved ones that wish to watch the film with us.

We consider your act of kindness as though you are all angels in disguise because we know that it takes a Godly, loving, and healthy heart to do what you are doing. We are forever grateful, and may you all find peace, good health, blessing, favor, and prosperity in the coming years, and this we ask Through our Mother Mary Amen.

With love and prayer,

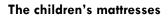
Louisa and children





## With Love and Prayers











The new fence







View from the outside of the home

Income and Expenses 2018						
<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>					
Public Donations \$3	100,307	Aid to Savior of the World Children's Center	\$122,195			
Sponsorships \$	17,709	Intuit and Paypal fees	\$1976			
Cash back (Amazon Smile and Paypal)	\$82	Postage	\$1483			
Dinner & Auction		Paper/Toner	\$1503			
\$7092 income / \$1408 cost profit:	\$5684	Website	\$645			
Fish Fry		Tax preparation	<u>\$150</u>			
\$1367 income / \$950 cost profit:	\$417					
Catering						
\$1500 income / \$759 cost profit	<u>\$741</u>					
Total Income	\$124,940	<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$127,195			



## A Gift for the Christ Child

Dearest brothers and sisters,

I am writing this letter as I always do in an atmosphere of prayer. I have received the sad news that just a few days ago about fifty people died in a mud slide.

I am with a friend who lives his life with all those who suffer catastrophes, feel the pain of failures, disappointments, the loss of loved ones... He is a friend to all of those who are starving for lack of food. He is a friend to the homeless, to mothers who feel weary because their teenagers do not listen to them, to the children who feel lonely and afraid because they do not feel a mother's love. He is a very close friend to all those children and teenagers who have lived and are now living in the Savior of the World.

My friend's name is Jesus, and his birthday is coming very soon.

I am in East Africa in the silence and coolness of the evening gazing upon Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. I am praying. I am feeling a sense of unexpected peace of mind and an ardent desire to be holy. I have a need to go to heaven after I die. I have a need to tell all of you that I hope you are with me in heaven. I

do not want you or me to go to hell.

I have begun to understand that there is one very beautiful road that brings us to heaven. This road to heaven passes through the children we serve at Savior of the World. Whatever we do to a child who needs us at Savior of the World, we do to Jesus.

I am fully convinced that whatever God can do, He does. Whatever God does, He does wisely. Whatever God does wisely, he does with the intention of bringing us all to heaven. He is infallibly capable of finding the lost sheep - the lost sheep could be you, it could be me - and without pausing he places a strong and tender hand on our frail, sometimes fearful, sometimes haughty hearts so that He may unveil our resistance, expose the cancer that our resistance triggers in our souls, and then heal us so that we may walk through life's rough winds and unsettling waves with Him and find the joy of togetherness that heaven promises to all those who say to the Shepherd, "Yes, I trust you."

What is the birthday gift that we wish to give Jesus on Christmas? We want to tell Jesus that we trust him. We, for our part, will do everything necessary to become trustworthy peo-

ple: people who live the truth in love. When the people around us are getting sick because they are eating stale, moldy bread; when our children continue to get sick with typhoid because of the impure water; when the homeless young adults feel the pressure to find a safe corner where the rain will not overtake their already fragile health: when the mudslide victims crawl their way into the hospitals knowing that probably they are going to die – at all of these moments, we wish to say to Jesus: "We trust you. Jesus, please trust us we will do everything necessary to make sure that each and every brother and sister finds a joyful reason to trust you, to believe in you and to live with you forever and ever in heaven."

Jesus says:

I have come into the world to bear witness to the truth: And all who are on the side of truth hear my voice.

Those who are on the side of truth wish to be trust-worthy. I offer the following definition of a word very dear to the heart of St. Teresa of Calcutta. The word is thoughtfulness. Let's read the definition and ask ourselves, "Are we thoughtful in our friendship with Jesus?"

Thoughtfulness is the abil-

ity to accept each and every human being as my sister, my brother, as the one whom I need, as the one who needs me, as the one whom I am ready to love and serve wholeheartedly not only to satisfy his needs but to enhance his sense of human dignity and interior peace and increase his confidence in his pursuit of eternal happiness as an irreplaceable member of the human family. By my thoughtfulness, I, in my turn, become more and more a beloved brother or sister to all in the human family. I grow because of my sister, my brother: she/he grows because of me.

When I am thoughtful, I am trustworthy. So, perhaps, the gift that my friend Jesus would appreciate the most on his birthday is my thoughtfulness.

Jesus, I trust you. I promise you that I will become a trustworthy person. I intend to be thoughtful now and at every moment in my life unto eternity.

Amen.

Merry Christmas to all of you!

Fr. Umuhozanimana



It's time for a wonderful evening, good food, and super bargains

## Savior of the World's 13th Annual International Dinner & Auction

Saturday, February 15, 2020

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