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Dearest Family,

I bring you a season greeting from Africa. As we are all preparing to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we pray that our prayers may be heard and God will heal the brokenhearted, the bereaved, the sick, and the lonely. This year Christmas celebration is different, but we know that God is doing everything for our good though many of us are in deep pain, we believe that there is always a light at the end of the tunnel; we pray that through our mother Mary, God will strengthen us to go through this trying times.

On our side, things are no different. We are observing this new-normal era with silence and with prayers. We are all well and the children are doing good in school. The new beds are very nice and the clothing and items sent last winter have been used throughout the year.

This year Christmas, we plan to attend Mass, come home, eat our food with our brothers and sisters, and share gifts. We did not have much to do, but we want to thank you all for the beautiful Christmas gift and for all you have done in our lives so far.

We pray that Our Lord
Jesus through our Mother Mary will continue to
Guide and protect you in
all your undertaken and
may you never
lack. May He continue
to bless you and may
your children inherit the
kingdom. Thank you,
and May God continue
to rest his blessings upon you all.

Love, Louisa and Children



Savior of the World Christmas 2020

The Road to Heaven

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To the children, to Louisa and her family, to Kadiatu, and to all our friends at Savior of the World – may the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

Dearest brothers and sisters,

I am writing this letter as I always do in an atmosphere of prayer. I am enjoying the cool breezes wafting through the windows in the waning moments of the setting sun. I do not fail to contemplate my friends who are shivering in the snow and ice that are already visiting some parts of the world. Nevertheless here in East Africa during these past weeks the sun has been bright and relentless in sending forth rays shimmering with a heat that can make my brother and sister Africans feel quite uncomfortable. I continue to be thankful that I do not experience the heat as a nuisance.

The coolness and the silence of the night – the sun has fully gone to sleep so that I am now writing in the total darkness with the computer light to guide me – is making me quite aware that I have a friend here

in my room: a silent partner. He has always given me good advice: he is a wise and noble person. He is not of my nationality: when I look at him I tune in to the fact that a best friend does not have to be from the same race, tribe, ethnic group or country as myself. He is also very honest and open about his personal needs.

The fact is that he has brothers and sisters who live in the United States. They are among the "vulnerable" people about whom Pope Francis wrote in his recent encyclical Fratelli Tutti. Indeed they are the most vulnerable people you can think of: those who depend completely on others in order to stay alive and grow with enough vigor and stamina to enjoy cool breezes and silent moments.

I am speaking of the unborn children. My friends' brothers and sisters are the unborn children who have suffered another setback because there seems to be a man assuming the office of president who wishes to violate my friend's deep longing for the survival and happiness of the innocent. My friend suffers treachery and betrayal from those who should be closest to him. He lives with a wounded heart. His name is Jesus Christ

We all know that there are women who do not want to destroy the life of the human person who is at the first stages of her existence. Others – the father of the child, the family of the mother, other people of influence – often work energetically to impose their will on the young woman who is feeling trapped.

The lovely Bride of Jesus, the Catholic Church, has tried to protect the gentle love that emanates from his betrayed heart by declaring that anyone who formally complies with those who would kill their own children should not dare to present themselves as persons in love with Jesus. This declaration is not speaking of the mothers of the children; rather, it is speaking of those who voice their assent and set into motion specific processes to render it facile to terminate the life of the youngest

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people among us. They should not receive Holy Communion. Judas Iscariot received Jesus in Holv Communion with the knowledge that he would betray him. And we now have a president who intends to receive Holy Communion with the knowledge that he is betraying God; he is betraying the unborn children; and in doing so, he is betraying their elder brother, who happens to be the

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God who will meet us face-to-face on Judgment Day.

I am in East Africa in the silence and coolness of the evening gazing upon Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. I am praying. I recall what Popes in the past have said. In 1435, 1537, 1639, 1741 and 1835, they consistently reminded the Catholic Church that anyone formally complying with those who would buy and sell human beings as slaves

should not dare to present themselves as persons in love with Jesus. They should not receive Holy Communion.

Did the slaves have someone to defend them? Do the unborn children have someone to protect them? Does Jesus have someone who is going to respect him, honor him, love him and adore him?

We are about to celebrate Jesus' Birthday. I suggest that everyone in the Savior of the World Family – the children, Kadiatu, Louisa and her family, the sponsors, the donors – everyone, especially those members of the Savior of the World family who were going to be aborted but have been saved through the efforts of Louisa and others, everyone should give Jesus as a birthday gift our resolve to do everything in our power to give the vulnerable, the children, the elderly, the sick, those who are coerced to do what they would rather not do, a life that is peaceful, uplifting and open to a future of truth, freedom and goodness. Jesus appreciates our willingness to do what is right and help others to do what is

right.

I am contemplating Jesus in the Eucharist. 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. Here in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament Jesus reminds me that nothing can separate us from his love.

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.

God is Love: when we love the children and all the people involved in taking thoughtful care of the children, we abide in God's love, and He abides in us.

"I trust you," are the unspoken words of the newborn baby who feels a pull towards the evernourishing breast of the mother for the first time. "I trust you" are the words of a dying woman

to the Father who has willed the salvation of that woman from before the creation of the world. "I trust you" are the words of the Savior of the World Family as we look towards Jesus with a new commitment to do what ought to be done, and to avoid what ought to be avoided.

When I am thoughtful, I am trustworthy and resolved to do what is right. So, perhaps, the gifts that my friend Jesus would appreciate the most on his birthday is my thoughtfulness, my trustworthiness and my resolution.

Jesus, I trust you. I am resolved to 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!

My dearest friends, we are together in love and prayer.

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2020 Income and Expenses –as of December 28, 2020

INCOME

Auction—February & November

Expenses—\$4,236

Income—\$14,753

Profit—\$10,517

Fish Fry

Expenses—\$2,193

Income—\$2,500

Profit—\$307

Donations—\$94,424

Cash back—\$180

EXPENSES

Operations/Office

Internet—\$129

Computer upgrade—\$395

Paper & supplies—\$558

Postage—\$866

Toner—\$416

Website—\$601

AID TO SAVIOR OF THE WORLD, SIERRA LEONE

International overseas shipping (clothing, mattresses, generator) \$6,860

Wire transfers

\$5,500 per month, regular cost of running the home, including food, clothing, medicines, fuel, communications, workers

\$66,000

School fees—\$12,500 (lower than usual due to the sell-off of chickens from the farm because of covid-19)

Christmas and Easter—\$4,000

Aid to local families (food, medicine, school fees, clothing) \$11,000

Total—\$105,428

Total—\$2,965

Total—\$100,360