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Pray for us!**

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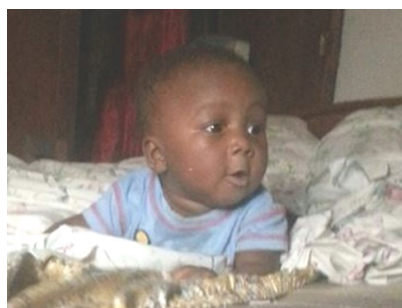
Savior of the World

family

With Love and Prayers

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Baby Joseph



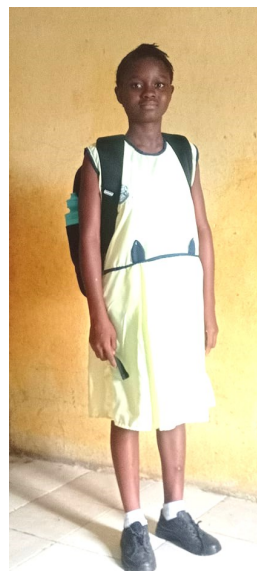
Joseph today

Dearest family,
I bring you greetings from Africa, Sierra Leone. I pray that everyone is doing well. On our side, we thank God for his continuous protection, Guidance, provision, and all of your lives. We would not have done better without you, and we say thanks for all you have done for us. We are genuinely appreciative.

In July, schools closed for extended vacations, and all the kids were promoted to a new class except for Irene Kamara, who repeated grade six for poor performance. Schools are now reopened, and we kindly ask for help to get us school supplies and incentives for this academic year.

Besides Irene, all the other kid's performances are outstanding. Princess is gradu-

ally improving in her speech though she is the shy type. Joseph is growing fast as a promising boy. Always



Princess

happy and waking up every morning to new energy. He is part of their school sports team, and every teacher and teammate likes him as he keeps the fire in the team alive. He is a very Energetic and adventurous young boy. I

pray the light of OUR LORD continues to shine on his path.

As for Fatmata, Foday, Ibrahim, Christiana, Issa and Irene, they are in the athletes circle and are well known in their respective schools for these talents. Abdul, James and Ramatu, they are good in singing and dancing. Foday and James will be taking their Basic education certificate examination (BECE) this academic year while Christiana



Christiana

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Ahmed

will be attempting the west Africa senior school certificate exams (wassce) this academic year.

While the kids are doing great with their education, they are facing a lot of difficulties in connection with transportation to go to school, this mostly result to lateness on their side. The reason why the kids are facing such difficulty in trans-

portation is that the road leading to the orphanage is in bad condition due to the destructions caused by the heavy downpour of rain we're left with no option but to allow them walk down the road to search for transport.

We can't appreciate you all enough. May God bless you and your families, and may

you all continue to encounter an answered prayer.

*With love and
prayer,
Lousia
& children*

Become Life Children

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Savior of the World Family,

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus be with you, now and always!

Recently we have celebrated Labor Day as a national holiday. For followers of Jesus Christ, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day form within our hearts a single light – one might call it a single constellation of stars – that motivate us to search for God in the vast expanse of his ongoing creative activity. Labor Day reminds us that God the Creator is at work by the power of the Holy

Spirit when he gives us opportunities to develop our knowledge, skills and abilities with the express purpose of cultivating these same opportunities within the lives of everyone that lie within our ambit of influence.

This particular “light that has shone in our hearts” is the kind of love that we may call parental. It is the love of the father, the mother, the teacher, the formator, the supervisor, the clinician, the governor and the priest – in short all those who dedicate themselves to the service of others as a Sis-

ter or a Brother. Parental love concerns itself with the development of all who need parenting.

No one is dispensed from the vocation to love as a parent. God may grace even kindergarten children with the ability to open the eyes, minds and hearts of adults to a greater love, a love that frees those adults who have enclosed themselves within their own clusters of desires for convenience and self-satisfaction. What often comes to light in educational settings these days is that children are often educat-

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ing their teachers in the ways of love, i.e., in the ways of God.

The children who have reached the age of reason can be the children who by means of Holy Communion receive Jesus, the Light of the World, then let that light of faith and love become a catching force and a sympathetic influence of what they do precisely in their manner of being children, the evident fullness of the love that as children they are willing to give Jesus, who is their Redeemer, their Lord and their God.

The skeptical adult may wonder, "How can little children who certainly seem naïve to the ways of the world be 'parents' for adults?" It is the patron saint of ecology who provides us with the answer in a brief paper he wrote about the virtues. I am speaking of St. Francis of Assisi. He made the thought-provoking statement that any creature who is doing the will of God deserves to be respected and obeyed. A young child does not resist God's will when he or she learns how to pray, how to distinguish between right

and wrong in order to do what is right and avoid what is wrong, and to look forward to the perfect happiness of heaven as the end-term of life on this earth. This young child deserves to be followed.

The children who think, speak and act according to what their parents have taught them are themselves capable of parenting love when they express to their friends, siblings and parents what they have learned not only through dialogue and social interaction within the family but within their hearts and souls during their times of prayer, especially at the moment of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. A child's desire to be in union with our Eucharistic Lord can be a practical guideline for the parent who is cultivating her or his relationship with the Eucharistic Lord.

Perhaps no youth allowed her interior light to shine with wisdom and joy more than the Carmelite Saint, Saint Teresa de Los Andes. Having radiated the joy of Communion with the Eucharistic Jesus, she was ready to pass

on to the fullness of life to which we all look forward in heaven. Having died at the age of nineteen, she continues to teach all of us that unless we become like children we cannot enter the Kingdom of heaven.

This saint herself testified that from the time she could begin to understand the world and its divine Creator, which for her was before six years of age, she also understood that her way of life would always be to suffer and to love. She understood that Jesus' way of loving her was to give her the nourishment of suffering.

As a child she was always fully aware that Jesus was really present within her when she received him in Holy Communion. She also understood the loving presence of Jesus to be a cause of her joy, a joy that did not diminish even on the day of her death. Her interior joy always dispelled any darkness that her suffering may have occasioned within her. This same joy always opened her heart to the peace that comes when one entrusts all of her or his burdens to the Eucha-

ristic Jesus.

Eucharist means "thank you". The joy that children express on Thanksgiving Day is their way of telling their parents, their families, and their elder Brother Jesus that the ability to give thanks is the true measure of spiritual childhood and of spiritual adulthood.

We are reminded of all those populations of people in Africa and elsewhere that have as an average age 15 to 20 years old. War, poverty and disease has decimated the adult segment of many of these populations. We are also reminded of the final comment that everyone gives after describing the horrible atrocities that have been visited upon them. The families of people slashed to death, burnt to death, and shot to death with sprays of machine gun fire speak openly about their suffering, past and present, and then give their final comment: "Still, Father, we thank God."

Fr. Umuhozanimana

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