



# Savior of the World Family

Sierra Leone, West Africa

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### Divine Mercy and the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Our Lord explained the image of Divine Mercy to her: "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. ... Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him." (Diary of St. Faustina, 299)

"By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works." (Diary, 742)

## With Love and Prayers

Dearest Family,  
I greet you in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It's my pleasure to write another newsletter after a three weeks training in Ghana for Ebola and Laser fever. The training went well thanks to God that we were able to return safely. The training was truly educative and we were able to learn a lot so in the case of any outbreak we will be able to put measures in place to prevent the spreading of the virus. Thanks to all who helped with the cost of the trip.

On a whole the

home and the farm is doing OK. We just cleared all the old birds and we just received a new order of birds. The building that we were constructing at the side of the main house has now been completed and we are now fixing fittings and furniture that building will be used as office as we are going to relocate the office from inside the house to outside. This is really necessary as government officials won't have to enter the main house to get informations.

The home has just finished a two days

sensitization program for children not only in the home but also in the environment on proper hygiene. This is really important as it will help to curb many diseases that are hygiene related. The next session will be ending of May as its the beginning of the raining season and during this time their always outbreak of cholera, malaria, Typhoid, Laser fever and in 2014 Ebola. But if proper hygiene is maintained this diseases won't last for long and many people won't get infected.

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## With love and prayers

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One academic year has just ended and another one will start in August we are kindly asking for assistance to



**Louisa is on the left and her sister and Assistant Director, Kadiatu (KK), is on the right**

buy our school items.

We do give God the glory because we do everything to God's desired plan and we do take all the downs in good fate and the ups we give him the Glory because He is the one that makes it possible. 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.

Saviour of the World is very much appreciative of all your support.

Thanks in a million ways

*Louisa and Children*

We are very excited to tell you about a new program that is being developed. Very shortly we will have a online site that you can go to to see videos of the children, Louisa, and the home. We are being helped by a non-profit called Stranger to Brother. Their goal is to promote small, overseas missions through videos.

On the site you will be able to see the everyday lives of the children, Louisa, and the workers at the home. These short videos will be updated monthly.

Stay tuned! As soon as the site goes live, we will post a link on our website and Facebook page.

## Hungry for Bread

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

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

Dearest friends, as I am writing these words I am thinking of when Jesus said to his disciples that at the end of the world we would be divided as sheep are divided from goats. Jesus proclaimed this Last Judgment scene just two days before his very violent death on a cross. It was just five days before his Resurrection from the dead.

Jesus will say to those on his right hand, to the sheep: Come, blessed of my Father, and take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from before the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me to eat; thirsty, and you gave me to drink... Whatever you did to the least ones, to those who are my brothers and sisters, you did it to me. Mother Teresa of Calcutta loved to call

this message of Jesus the Gospel of Five Fingers. Each finger corresponds to one word: "You... did... it... to... me."

Why are these five words, "You did it to me," so important? They are words that remind us that when we patiently, attentively listen to what a sister or brother in need is saying to us; and then when we thoughtfully respond to the need just voiced, we are not only loving the sister or the brother. Jesus, our Lord and our God, is so united by a bond of compassionate love to the person in need that he makes himself fully present, though in a manner invisible, within that situation of need. Whatever we do to the needy, we do to our Lord and God.

You may remember that I referred to a very important prayer in the Mass, the Preface, when the Mass is celebrated precisely for the needy ones. We pray to the Father of Mercies, the Faithful

God, and we say to him with gratitude, "You have given us Jesus Christ, your Son, as our Lord and Redeemer. He always showed compassion for children and for the poor, for the sick and for sinners, and he became a neighbor to the oppressed and the afflicted. By word and deed he announced to the world that you are our Father and that you care for all your sons and daughters."

We note that the first to be mentioned in this prayer are the children.

Just two days ago I experienced a humbling but very beautiful experience with the children here in Dar es Salaam. I just arrived from a village; about one hundred children saw me arriving and they came running, very excited to see me. This was not the first time I had this experience. There was a time when I was in another East African country, Burundi; I had arrived from a village; and at

least one hundred children came running to see me.

I must admit, other priests seemed to look on with envy. Why would so many children get excited and feel so comfortable to run up, welcome, and embrace a foreigner?

Was it because I had accepted money graciously given by donors to feed their families? I have done this for the hungry in other parts of Dar es Salaam, but these children were not among the hungry. Were these children from the families whom I have helped with money graciously given by donors so that they could live inside a room and not on the street? This too I have done in Dar es Salaam, but these children had never lived on the street.

The answer became very clear when I looked at the children: in both of these countries the children were not seeing me for the first time. They were recognizing me because some days be-

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# Hungry for Bread

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fore they had come to me, one by one, for confession. Because they were hungry for God's mercy, thirsty to feel forgiven, they had come to confession. And now they were showing the joy of the Resurrection. They were excited because I happened to be the priest who connected them to the compassion of the Good Shepherd who gets excited when he finds the lost sheep and forgives them.

It is not only confession that invigorates the hearts of children. I was in Albania with European journalists who were very curious about the astonishing

poverty of that country where regular soap was not available anywhere in the region, not to mention healthy food. They had TV cameras and were ready to put together a story: they were not ready to pray because they showed many obvious signs that they were not believers in prayer.

Then I arrived at a school: hundreds of children came running out as soon as they saw me. The camera people were taken completely by surprise so they actually asked the children to go back into the school and run out again: something that was very difficult for the children to understand because they

never saw a TV before much less a TV camera. And they thought, "We are happy to see our priest – why do we have to go back into the school?"

Why were these children so excited? Was it because I gave them truckloads of food? No... Mother Teresa's Sisters did that. Was I giving them soap and medicine? No... again that was the labor of the Sisters, who always did their work joyfully.

The children were so excited because they recognized me as the one who celebrated the Holy Mass for them. They were hungry for the Bread of Life, for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. They

were thirsty for the living water of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who comes in every sacrament. And they recognized me as the one who connected them to the Jesus who in his risen glory is ready to satiate the hunger and the thirst of every human heart.

Jesus is no longer dead: he is fully alive, and fully able to invigorate all of us with his love, his mercy, with the living waters of the Holy Spirit. Are we ready to welcome Jesus? Do we have that thoughtfulness?

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In Africa*

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