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With Love and Prayer



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My Dearest Family,
I and the children of Savior of the World want to thank you for your support towards our

trations into joy.
We appreciated it very much, despite everything that is happening around the world but yet you

mighty continued to keep you safe and may mama Mary continue to intercede for you all.



I will be joining you all in this year fundraising I hope to see you all in Good health. I will be with you from the second week of October to the end of the Auction. We love you and may God's protection continue to rest upon you all.

See the video of the children's "Thank you" song on our Facebook page.
www.facebook.com/SaviorOfTheWorldFamily

school funds. This year school funds appears to be like a miracle because schools reopened for about two weeks before we were able to receive this year school support. We were actually thinking we are done with school and that our future has been crumbled but you turned our frus-

choose us, you do care for us. Despite the fact that we thousands of miles away but yet you choose to put smiles on our faces and brighten our future may God bless you. You never know the joy that filled our heart upon receiving our school items and school fees may God Al-

With much love and prayers

Louisa and Children

SCHOOL CRISIS!

SOLVED BY LOVE!

Thanks to your generous love, the money for school was raised!

Praise God!



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Whom to Believe?

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

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

I would like to present to you some personal convictions about our choices in whom to believe. Most of what a typical human being knows is what he or she has accepted on belief from other people. I know, for example, that Zanzibar is an island, not because I have walked all the way around it, but because I have believed maps and other people who have told me. I believe that drinking milk and eating rice is good for me. I have never done a chemical analysis on how it affects my body, but I believe because my mother told me. Indeed my mother and my father told me many things; and because I believed them, I came to know what I may accept as credible data. By this way, I could grow in my knowledge of God, people and the universe.

One of my great teachers was the Most Reverend Doctor Marcel Madila Basanguka, the Archbishop of Kananga in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He believed that the human being is capable of wisdom, and is indeed wise when he or she receives the gift of wisdom from God the Holy Spirit. When one accepts divine revelation as

data that houses the truth, one understands who may be believed and who should be believed. This starts with the family. My family is my first direct experience of God's gift and generous love. What is most important to believe as I continue to learn from day to day is coming to me from my family. I certainly am not confining myself to my blood family, to my cultural family or even to my national family. I am referring, rather, to all those that God the Creator, in his supreme wisdom, has given to me to be my brothers and my sisters.

Within the family, the wisdom of God is not primarily for the super-smart. No, instead God has chosen to reveal his Love and Truth to the little ones. And the one who refuses to become as a little child can never enter into communion with divine wisdom. To say the same thing in different words: no one becomes a philosopher if he or she does not become a child totally dependent on the mysterious wisdom of the Creator. One has to live in lifelong friendship with the little ones.

But who are the little ones? They are those who suffer as divine Wisdom has suffered. How is this done? The word that the Archbishop used is this: compassion. To suffer with those who suffer is com-

passion; and without compassion one cannot become a wise human being, one cannot really become fully human. I am speaking of the compassion that flows like a mighty river of living water from the heart of the person who recognizes that his or her family is not confined to his or her village, district, region or country. I am speaking of the one who gives welcome to all those who are utterly deprived of the love and tenderness of the family. We think of the first Christian arrival in Africa: it was the baby Jesus himself cut off from his village, from his country – a child refugee in Egypt. Compassion is not born from reading, writing, intense study and attentive listening to lectures. Compassion is born from the opening of one's heart and mind to God's invitations that come through the poorest of the poor.

Let me tell you Tommy's story. Tommy told me what happened when he was young, during the Blood Diamond war. Rebels had occupied his village and had taken all the food. His father escaped from his village looking for food. He found some and came back to his house and told his wife: "Our children are not going to starve." It was at that point that the rebels with an apparent diabolical sense of timing

entered Tommy's house and demanded that his father give them all the food. Tommy's father responded calmly and gently that he would be happy to give rebels some food but that he was also going to feed his family. At that response, the rebels hacked Tommy's father to pieces with their knives and machetes.

Tommy's two older brothers fled. Tommy and his little brother Abu now went wandering for food together with their mother who was pregnant. She and the baby inside her body died soon; she was exhausted with hunger and fatigue. Tommy, a 6-year-old boy, and his 3-year-old brother Abu began running through the bush searching for food and for a way to stay alive. When they arrived in Freetown, they were almost dead from hunger. They met my friend Louisa Aminata Sankoh Hughes who was only 21 years old but already had the permission of her government to be the legal mother for 21 children. Louisa knew how to beg for food, medicine and all of life's necessities so she was not afraid to accept two more children. She knew how to be compassionate. She was enjoying communion with divine Wisdom. Tommy and Abu are to be believed because

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of what they have suffered. Louisa, who today is 35 years old and the mother of many children, is to be believed: she suffers in Eucharistic communion with divine wisdom.

Brothers and Sisters, I have told you whom I believe and whom I have befriended along the way to help me approach my Lord and my God when he judges me on the value of my life as a human being. One day after my death, divine Wisdom will be saying to me, "Whatever you have done to the least ones, to those

who are my brothers and sisters, you have done it to me." I believe God will be speaking to me of my true family. Where do my mind and heart go today when I think of "my brother", "my sister"? Who lives in the depths of my soul? Who is family to me? Who do I believe? Who teaches me? The one who enters my life bleeding in the heart and in the soul, alone, sad, discouraged, and fearful: this is the person of whom God will speak to me when I face his decision for my eternal destiny.

Are you a person of com-

passion and wisdom? Are you ready to offer your thanksgiving to God by suffering with him where he lives in the places overlooked and ignored by the vast majority of human beings? Are you ready to suffer with his children, with the sister or the brother who is dying from loneliness, fear, discouragement and confusion? Are you ready to enter into the joy of his eternal friendship? Is there any human being with whom you do not wish to spend an eternity?

I am very happy and grateful to be your brother, cre-

ated with you and for you because of a free divine decision. I will be happy to spend eternity with you. I believe God's decision to create you is a supremely wise one. I believe God's choice to give you to me as my sister, as my brother, is a supremely wise one. God has chosen to give both you and me the opportunity to live in a communion of truly gentle and beautiful love, to be together in the peace and joy of the human family, now and always.

Fr. Umuhozanimana

Louisa is coming to visit us!

- ♦ Taste of Africa—St. Michael, Schererville, Oct. 8th, after all Masses
- ♦ Taste of Africa— St. Agnes, Sawyer, MI, Oct. 8th 3 PM Eastern Time
- ♦ Taste of Africa—St. Edward, Lowell, Oct. 14 & 15th after all Masses
- ♦ Buckley Homestead Days, Lowell, Oct. 14 & 15th—Sausage-on-a-Stick Booth
- ♦ Taste of Africa, Ss. Cyril and Methodius, North Judson, Oct. 22nd after 11 AM Mass
- ♦ Speaking at Masses—LaPorte: St Joseph, St. Peter, and Sacred Heart, October 28-29
- ♦ Taste of Africa—Sacred Heart, Wanatah, Nov. 4, after 5:30 PM Mass
- ♦ Taste of Africa—St. Mary, Otis, Nov. 5th, after 9:30 AM Mass
- ♦ Dinner & Auction, St. Mary, Griffith, Nov. 11th, doors open 5:30 PM

Taste of Africa is a FREE and family-friendly event. We will be serving authentic West Africa foods (made by Louisa) for you to taste, plus American dishes. Louisa will be giving an update about her home and would love to meet and talk with you. Please come!

As usual, we are in need of auction items. If you have any new items to donate call Elaine at 219-775-5701 cell, or 219-923-4575 home



Savior of the World's

12th Annual

International Dinner & Auction

Saturday, November 11th, 2017

Special Guest of Honor

Louisa Aminata Sankoh-Hughes

**Founder of the Savior of the World Home
and Mother of the children**

Louisa will be cooking her authentic African dishes especially for you!
Plus our usual International favorites and homemade desserts

Great auction bargains:

**Gift certificates, Electronics, Toys,
Wines & Liquors, Tools**

Tickets: \$30 Single
\$50 Couple

\$200 Reserved Table of 8
\$250 Reserved Table of 10

Saturday, November 11th
5:30-9:30 pm

St. Mary Hildebrandt Hall
525 N. Lafayette St.
Griffith, IN 46319

Dinner & Auction

_____ \$30.00 single _____ \$50.00 couple _____ Reserved Table for 8/10

TOTAL AMT: \$ _____

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