



SAVIOR OF THE WORLD
SIERRA LEONE, WEST AFRICA

Feast of the Assumption
2019

Savior of the World

family

With Love and Prayer

Dearest Family,

I bring you greetings in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. It has been a lovely year with God by our side and with the intercession of our mother Mary. What else can we ask for at least we have breath that shows we still have hoped no matter the circumstances.

This year October Savior of the World Children center will be turning 15yrs what an amazing thing! Have you ever been in a business that you never planned for yet you find strength in going forward well if you think you have never been in such business I will like to inform you that savior of the world is an example of such business and that you have been into and because God is always at the center of it we have

come this far. We started Savior of the World with 24 children and we have helped about a thousand children allover Sierra Leone and we still have 32 more children in the home is that not amazing?

There is a lot of success stories, 1 is Francis who is on his third year in the university reading Business Administration. Another is Steven who is in community college studying to be a teacher in History. The list will go on and on and I must confess that it is an amazing journey which without your kind support Savior of the World would not have been in existence. Each day we live to appreciate your kindness towards us your act is such a relieving and life-giving, we want to say thanks for all your supports whether spiritual, financial, Material or

physical we do appreciate you all. May God Continue to bless and guide all of you because if not for you, our lives would have been in shambles and we would have been lost forever and we are so much glad and we feel so blessed that you say Yes to this calling.

As we are facing the months of July and August, all the kids are preparing to for their promotional examinations and everyone here is so excited to move to the next level. We are in the middle of the raining season and commuting to school and back is a bit difficult as all the children are spread all over the community schools. Notwithstanding that, we give praise to our Savior for allowing us to enjoy another raining season without flooding.

The Chicken farm is doing well, our youngest chicks are only 16 weeks old and we are hoping success in the farm as we are hoping that at least thirty percent of the proceeds will be going for school fees while the seventy percent will be for replenishing stocks in other to keep the farm rolling. Since the academic year is almost coming to an end, we must attend a seminar on fire and water rescue so we are hoping to get your support in this venture as we will be attending this seminar in Ghana. You have been of a great help to us all and we will continue to appreciate you, love you and always keep you in our prayers may God continue to bless you with the Intercession of our Mother Mary Amen.

*With love and
prayer,
Louisa & children*

Tragedy Strikes!



The fence of the chicken coop

A week or so after Louisa wrote the update on page one, tragedy struck the home.

A major storm hit Waterloo, above and beyond the normal rainy season storms. Unlike previous strong storms where just flooding occurred, this one had very high winds.

The roof of one of the chicken coops blew off. The south fence of the coop yard collapsed. Then, a day later, the south fence of the compound of the children's home also collapsed. (Both are 10 ft. high concrete block fences)

This happened in the middle of the night. In the morning, everyone was horrified to see that the chicken coop fence had collapsed onto a neighboring home where an elderly woman lived, destroying part of the walls of her house.

In the morning, everyone looked for the woman

inside the house, but without success. All assumed she was dead, or dying under the rubble. But later that morning, she was found alive.

It turns out that she suddenly woke up in the night to a rumbling sound, and ran out of her house moments before it collapsed. She made her way to a friend's house in the raging storm, and stayed there until coming back later in the morning. All were prayerfully relieved that she was uninjured, and were amazed at how she was saved.

While being extremely grateful to God that no one was injured, Savior of the World home sustained major damage. The estimates to repair the fences and roof are over \$10,000. With \$11,000 in school fees due in September, this leaves Savior of the World in great need.

To add another layer of

tragedy, thieves came into the orphanage compound the next night after the storm. They stole all of the items from the kitchen which included all cooking pots, plates, cups, and utensils. The main house is always locked at night, but the kitchen is a stand alone structure outside the house since all cooking is done over an open fire.

Then a few days later, a wild dog entered the home and bit Princess and Joseph. They are both recovering, but the bites left some nasty wounds.

The older boys along with volunteer workers are putting up zinc sheets



The fence of the home



Our boys working to clean up the debris

The Gift

Dear Louisa and friends of the Savior of the World Family,

May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you now and always!

Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His LOVE than in your weakness.

These words of St. Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) remind us that gift-giving is a part of life that can indeed inspire us with a new hope and a new joy if the one giving the gift is letting us know by this precious sign that, yes, we are lovable, we are acceptable, we are embraceable. The gift is even more meaningful if we are finding in the heart of the one who loves us a sincere desire never to be separated from us, a sincere hope that she will find in our soul a home, that is, a place where we can share with each other a peace and a joy that the world cannot give.

I do not deny, however, that the above saying of

Mother Teresa is not speaking only of God's love for us which in itself is a gift that actually creates us out of nothing. No; the quote is emphasizing our gift: Give yourself fully to God.

A true friend encourages us to remember that God has given himself fully to us; and that our full gift of self to God is coming from our gratitude. I have received a gift from a psychology student that reminds me of who God is for me – it is a ring with a cross of Jesus Christ flanked with two other, smaller crosses. It is not a bejeweled ring: I am sure that it did not cost very much. It is, nevertheless, a meaningful ring. By his cross, Jesus has convinced me that he loves me for all eternity and that he will accept with open arms my gift of gratitude.

This young psychologist not only gave me the ring, but also the above quote from Mother Teresa. The gift is a continuing reminder that Jesus and I ought to be in a perpetual bond with each

other, a bond so complete that I never have to say to Jesus, "I miss you very much," because He is always there – He is never absent, so how can I miss Him? The bond of tender, faithful love ought to be so complete that Jesus never has to say to me, "I have missed you," because I intend to be always there for Jesus. Am I going to absent myself from his love by doing something terribly wrong? Am I going to commit a grave sin to strangle my friendship with God?

The student chose a ring that reminds me not so much of her desire to be faithful in her friendship with me but rather Jesus' desire that I accept His fidelity, the fidelity that poured forth from His bleeding heart on the Cross, so that I for my part may "give myself fully to God."

G – R – A – C – E means "Gift – Received – At – Christ's – Expense." The gift planted me in the reality that Jesus wishes to be in a friendship with me that

is constantly and persistently saving my life. Jesus gave Himself up for me; and the love that redeems me is the same love that redeems you, my sister, my brother in Christ. Every time we go to confession, to the sacrament of penance, Jesus is giving us a gift – that of a pure heart and soul. Every time we go and receive Jesus in Holy Communion, he is giving us a gift – the gift of Himself, our Lord and our God. The cross of Jesus reminds us that by His sacrificed Body and by His freely flowing precious Blood we are receiving in Holy Communion a gift of infinite value, much more than anything this world or anyone in the world can give us. It is a gift that nudges us gently to give gifts to each other that may not be necessarily expensive as far as money is concerned but are nonetheless precious as far as our heart's longings are concerned.

Human beings are persons: my very body is a sign that God wished to

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Upcoming Event

Annual Dinner & Auction

Saturday, Nov 9th, 2019

St. Mary Hall, Griffith, IN

Tragedy Strikes!

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to close off and secure the chicken farm and house compounds. But permanent concrete fencing will need to be put back up as soon as possible. They are using the monthly food money for repairs.

We are in great need—both for the repairs and the upcoming school fees.

Please help!

Thank you for your love and concern over the months and years for these children. Without you the Savior of the World home would simply not exist.



The woman's home with repairs. The areas of new concrete are where the house caved in.



Working to put up the zinc panels

The Gift

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give two people he loved greatly a very precious gift. The two people are my mother and my father. I am a gift that God gave to my parents.

Many of the Savior of the World Family may not have experienced love as a gift from their mother and father. Even now some may be

feeling many moments of loneliness, disappointment, discouragement or weariness. Jesus is saying to each of you and to me, "Do not be afraid, I am with you." Do not be afraid of your sadness or disappointment from the past. Do not be afraid of your loneliness. Do not be afraid of those who may trick you, or betray you, or get angry with you. Your closest friend is Jesus. He

asks you to love those who live with you and to love those who visit your house, to love those who are outside, and to love those who are very confused and may frighten you – he asks you to love them by your honesty, courage, and purity – when you have to say, "No," to somebody, please say, "No." When you have to say, "Yes," to somebody because God

wants you to say, Yes, then please say, "Yes."

May God continue to give each and every one of you everything you need in life to feel his peace and joy and to live uprightly. May you allow Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ, to make her home in your soul, so that she may share her peace and joy with you, now and always. Amen. Alleluia!

Fr. Umuhozanimana