



**Our Lady of Lourdes,  
Pray for us**

# Savior of the World family

## *With Love and Prayer*

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Dearest Family,

I bring you new year greetings from Africa Sierra Leone. I will also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help towards Saviour of the world Children and for giving us a better life. Appreciation is an understatement the joy you brought to our lives is immeasurable and we only wish our thoughts can be seen and be well explained. However we want to say thank you for all your kindness.

Last year you all came together to help us with the chicken farm and today i will like to bring you an update about how the farm is doing. The birds start dropping eggs when they are 24 weeks old they started laying 30 eggs per day

and now the number of eggs per day has increased to 400 eggs per day as recorded on February 6th. We are still expecting them to increase in production because not all the birds will start production at the same time. We are very much happy for this progress as we are hoping that the farm will be of tremendous help in the future. Since we are hoping the farm to be a source income in the future, we want to keep it rolling so that we will not get short of production. We were thinking of buying new birds so by the time these birds retired from laying the new birds will start laying in that case we will be

able to replenish stocks. The raining seasons are over and we are giving praise to our Saviour because we experience no flooding. But since in the future we dont know what might happened we have greated barriers to mitigate future flooding. We remove the farm gate from where it used to be and put it upside, we greated enough drainage, we cleared up the whole farm yard from mud, sticks so even though in the



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future we have heavy rains there will be free flow of water.

As for the children and the home everyone is doing great, everyone is healthy and of course everyone is at school right now. For the children we try do some placement at the back and the sides of the house, so that the children will not play and trape on a stone or fall down. The other side of the house were we do the laundry is also paved their is no mud gathering in that area. We are very much delighted to bring news about our lives and speak about your goodness in our lives as we pray that this newsletter will meet you in good health and sound mind. Once again we say thank you for everything

*With Love  
Louisa and Children*

## Mercy

*To the children of Savior of the World and to Louisa their devoted mother who labors for them with a love that is both precious and privileged;*

*to all of Louisa's coworkers and family members who accept their very serious responsibility to live and conduct themselves every day as a true family for the children;*

*to all of you who support the Savior of the World Family and who are the backbone of this now flourishing family;*

*in a word, to all of you who are opening your hearts to Jesus in the Gospel:*

We ponder today with the Blessed Virgin Mary, our wonderful Mother and Mediatrix of all Graces, what

Jesus wishes to say to us when he calls the merciful "blessed". Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. When a man, woman or child comes to us at a moment of excruciating pain – in other words, when he or she looks frantically for a port of entry into our busy lives in order to beg from us a gesture of necessary compassion and mercy – what is our first reaction? Are we frightened? Do we feel bothered, intruded upon? Are our lives so carefully and comprehensively arranged and scheduled that the unforeseen moments become moments of irritation rather than moments of grace for us?

When I wake up every morning to the moral and economic crises that are afflicting the Catholic Church here in Central Africa, and then when I enter the classroom to teach theology to the future priests and bishops of this country, my heart twinges to think that those who are suffering the most in Africa, the children, the hungry, the homeless, the traumatized, the refugees, and those who are dying for lack of proper medications are all looking with tired eyes at our Lord and God, with eyes and hearts pushed yet again to question and to doubt whether God has a place for them in his tender love. Is

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God really cradling them in his merciful love and compassion?

When Pope Benedict XVI contemplated the parable of the Good Samaritan, he noticed that those who were trained to be experts in the sacred Word of God, and therefore were intellectually aware of the love pouring forth from God's heart when he chose to create each and every human being; these same experts who were very much aware of the love that pushes God to promise mercy and redemption to each and every human being – to share with all of us the joy of heaven, these same experts, the priest and the Levite, ignore the man who has been robbed, beaten and left for dead on the side of the road. Those trained to recognize God's love in the Sacred Scripture and to teach others about that same love are the "experts" who do nothing.

We notice that Jesus shares this parable with us in order to respond to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus wishes to surprise us a bit with his answer to this question. He poses the possibility that the one who is ready to love those who suffer and feel trapped by the circumstances of their suffering is precisely the one whose heart resembles the Heart of God himself! It's the Sacred Heart! The Good Samaritan, historically an outcast among God's Chosen People in Israel, is the one whose heart submits wholly to the authority of God's very own compassion. His heart resembles the Heart of Jesus.

The word Jesus used to describe the heart of the Good Samaritan is *rahamim*. This is the love that wells up within the heart of a woman who witnesses the pain and anguish of her own child. St. John Paul II spoke of *rahamim* love in his encyclical on Divine Mercy. *Rahem* is precisely the Hebrew word for "womb". *Rahamim*, therefore, denotes the love of a mother for her child, even and especially if that child is wayward, mischievous, violent, wicked. Even the mother of a criminal can feel love and compassion for her son or daughter in spite of the treachery and wickedness that may characterize them.

This is the love of a mother for her child: a love that simply will not go away. Hosea, chapter eleven, reveals that this is the love that fills the heart of God when he sees his child ignoring Him, abandoning Him, and choosing the ways of darkness and sin. In the Gospel of Luke, the fifteenth chapter, Jesus uses this same word *rahamim*, to explain the powerful emotions that are welling up within the father of the prodigal son when he sees his son, forced by a crushing poverty, to abandon his waywardness, and return to the home of his father. The father is moved to greet his sinful son with the unabashed joy of a splendid feast.

It is the love that removes from the heart all hesitation and conflict and fills the heart with one overwhelming desire: to relieve the suffering of the one who is cringing with pain. The pain may be entirely interior, entire-

ly hidden: the one who submits wholeheartedly to the stirrings of compassion notices his brother's hidden pain, his sister's interior anguish.

St. Teresa of Calcutta lived her every moment with a thirst to share this divine love and compassion with the ones who needed it most. She truly lived and loved with a mother's heart: everyone who knew her experienced this love radiating from her. This is the love that guides the heart that plunges itself into the suffering of Jesus on the Cross. This is the love that envelops the heart of Mary, our Mother.

Do you wish to expose your heart to the pain and anguish of Jesus' brothers and sisters? Do you wish to love with that same heart of God that exposes itself so tenderly and gently to the pain and suffering of his children?

Louisa and her coworkers remind us that the Older Brother of her orphan children is Jesus, the crucified and risen Redeemer who has welcomed each child and the painful destiny of each child into his meek and humble heart. The orphan child has the place of privilege in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, in the Immaculate Heart of our Mother, Mary. If we give the orphan child a place of privilege in our hearts, we will come to resemble more and more our brothers and sisters in heaven. Heaven is our home, where we will live in the joy of eternal love, for ever and ever. Amen.

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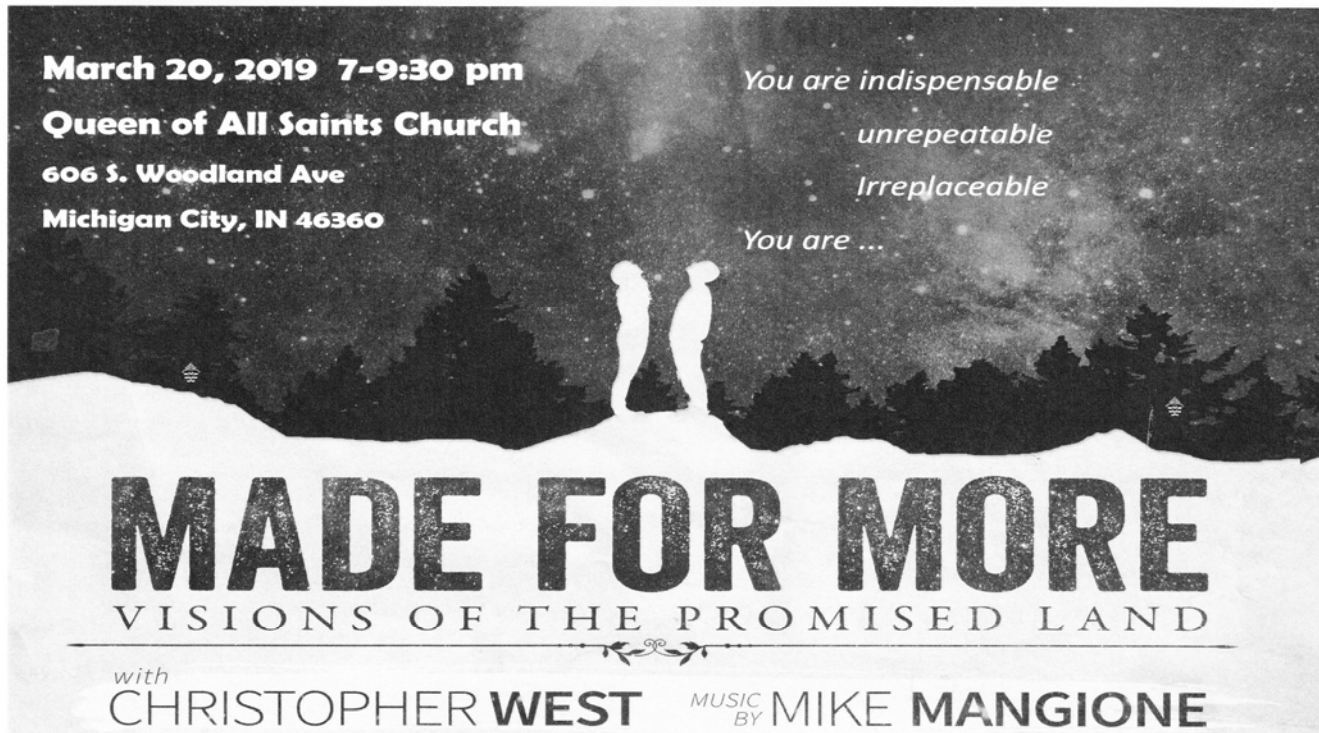
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