



Savior of the World

family

With love and prayer

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Please remember, as we all go through the corona virus crisis, that the children of Savior of the World are still entirely dependent upon your generosity.

Donations for the children have decreased. In the face of increasing illness, economic uncertainty, and fear for the future, this is understandable.

Please continue to help these precious children in any way you can. Certainly with prayer, and financially if possible.

Dearest Family,
We bring you Lenten Greetings from Africa. Also, as we prepare for the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we pray that this season will prepare our way to eternity through our Lord Jesus Christ with the Intercession of our Holy Mother Mary.

Our Preparation for Lent is traditional and straightforward; we are engaged in prayers and

fasting and participating in every church activity. Our hopes for Easter are we attend palm Sunday, attend Easter vigil, and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and savior with friends. Throughout all these activities, you are always in our prayers and thought.

the fact that many of us must have missed the value of life if not for your Godly act of kindness. Recently, we report for lack of clothing, bed,



Emmanuel

and personal items we genuinely appreciate your swift response, and this has always been the way you have treated us. So far all we have known from you is an undying love, you always treated us like family, we pray that may the shelter, food, clothing,



Kadiatu

We want to take to thank you for your endless and undying support towards our life and our mission in life. We at savior of the World still recognize



Irene

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Emma

you have provided for us, answers these questions, When I was hungry did you give me to eat? When I was naked, do you give me clothes? When I was thirsty, do you give me to drink? When I was homeless, do you shelter me? For this act of love, May you be invited to the abode

of Our Father.

We hope to reach out to you all soon to tell you how our whole Lent season went. We love you and continue to pray for Long Life, good health, sound mind, and prosperity. Amen

With Love and Prayers

Louisa and Children



Abu

Heartbeats of Heaven

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, I am writing these words during Lent as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. But words that come to my memory are a Christmas carol that you know, The Little Drummer Boy.

*"Come," they told me,
"Our newborn King to see,"*

"Our finest gifts we'll bring,"

"To lay before the King",

"So to honor Him, when we come."

"Baby Jesus,"

"I am a poor boy, too"

"I have no gift to bring,"

"That's fit to give a King,"

"Shall I play for you, on my drum?"

Mary nodded,

*The ox and ass kept time,
I played my drum for him,*

*I played my best for him,
And he smiled at me, me and my drum.*

On Good Friday, we hear the Gospel of St. John. Much is made of the fact that when they nailed Jesus to the cross and were about to raise it from the ground, the Jews complained to Pilate because Pilate wrote, "Jesus, King of the

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Jews.” The Jews stood aghast at seeing Jesus already very bloody and emaciated from the scourging, the crowning with thorns and the road up Calvary while he was carrying – and falling under – his cross. Was this really their King?

And then there is the drum. It is the musical accompaniment that the poor in Africa offer when they sing at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. They do not have the means of acquiring any other musical instrument. The drum is a sign of their humility, joy and gratitude – they sing and play their drums with the burning conviction that Jesus the King is smiling on them in their poverty.

We cannot help but remember, however, that not far from where I live the royal servants of the Ugandan king beat their drums all through the night with a volume so thunderous that it seemed like small bombs

were dropping throughout the countryside of Uganda at the very time that St. Charles Lwanga, St. Kizito and their companions were preparing for the next morning’s brutality when they would honor their King, Jesus Christ, by their sacrificial passion and death.

The drums were supposed to frighten them. It seems, however, that the drums invigorated the young martyrs. In fact Charles Lwanga managed to finish baptismal preparations and then actually baptize four of his companions, including Kizito, the youngest martyr, during that very night when the drums were beating so wildly.

The next morning, Charles Lwanga died one of the holiest deaths any martyr could die: they wanted him to burn very slowly, so they wrapped his body very tightly in reed mats and put the fire to his feet. In fact the fire did burn his

body completely, inch by inch for what seemed like several hours.

Charles prayed silently during this whole time his body was burning. At the very moment the fire reached his ardently loving heart, he cried out solemnly, “Katonda” – “O God” – and then he died.

These days there is a fear in some places of the disease provoked by the coronavirus. These martyrs of Uganda died as witnesses to the fact that there is another disease in the world that is quite more lethal than that originating with the coronavirus. They died as witnesses to the evil of sexual perversion. Because they were saying, “No!” to their king’s sexual advances, they died with a gracious, “Yes!” on their lips to their true King, Jesus Christ. Jesus was smiling at them as their hearts beat to the rhythm of a beautiful and holy love. May Jesus smile on all of you!

Fr. Umuhozaniman

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Three O' Clock Prayer to the Divine Mercy

You expired, O Jesus,
but the source of life gushed forth for souls
and an ocean of mercy opened up for the
whole world.

O Fount of Life,
unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world
and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus
as a fount of mercy for us,
I trust in You.

Amen.



Your Easter Gift

On February 24th, we packed 24 mattresses, one generator, and multiple bins and boxes of new clothing, shoes, socks, and underwear for the children. Also included were various household and office supplies such as tape, scissors, kitchen knives and utensils, shampoo, toothpaste, crayons, markers, pens and pencils, paper, and some Barbie dolls, Hot Wheels cars, and soccer balls. (plus a couple of large bags of dum-dum suckers and smarties candies)

The container is expected to arrive in Freetown on April 18th. This will be a wonder-



ful Easter treat for the children.

Most of the clothing items came from the St. John Evangelist parish Angel Tree. There was an abundance of items, in all sizes.

We were able to obtain the 24 twin mattresses at half price from American Mattress in Michigan City.

In a previous newsletter, Louisa mentioned the need for mattresses and clothing. You responded with great love.

What a wonderful Easter gift!

Thank you!

