



Savior of the World *family*

With Love and Prayer

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**Families, in the church
yard, waiting to be fed
by your children**



Dearest Family,

I bring you greetings from Saviour of the World Children in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. I am writing you this news Letter with joy because I know that our saviour is Born and He has come to live with us on earth so that he will able to feel our pain, suffering, sorrows, frustration, joy, and happiness and for this particular reason I know that every Christian and

especially Catholics will be glad to celebrate this special season which follows with many other feast days.

As for us here at Saviour of the World, We do celebrate the Christmas season in a self satisfactory way; on the 24th of December we all went to church for the vigil and it was a nice vigil where the infant Jesus group give a skit of the birth of Christ and wise men visiting the baby Jesus. That skit was nice. On the 25th we all went to church and we do have a very long mass which was celebrated by the Ark Bishop of Freetown and he explain to us the meaning of a Christian Christmas, He said Christmas is not all about Drinking and getting drunk, or eating and feasting, He said it

is about giving thanks to God for giving us his only begotten son. He went ahead to say this day is a day of giving gift, considering the poor, blessing people and focus on God's Love, he said the Christian Christmas indicate a day of prayer because God himself has come on earth to live with us and share our suffering. He said the Christian Christmas is different from the Word Christmas because the words Christmas to many people indicate a day of drinking and getting drunk while Christmas to the Christians means a day of prayer and gift. It was a wonderful mass and a long one also. We were so blessed on Christmas day that we have him in our midst. After church we have some refreshment and rested.

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Amputees, the sick, blind, and lame—Jesus, himself—being fed and cared for

We want to give God the Glory for this great event and we know and strongly believe that the blessing will go to you all because you are the one that give



Sia and Rose Marie help in the kitchen, preparing the dinner

On the 27th we have a party here for the infant Jesus group at the church and 200 poor children in our community and it was a great event. Our children played with them and share fun together and there was a dancing competition between our children and the infant Jesus group and our children won the dancing competition.

On the 31st of December saviour of the world with your support decided to feed 300 poor Adult at the church compound and this group comprises of the blind, the lame, the amputees, the cripple, and so on. There was music at the background, and we prepare rice and groundnut sup for the event in the morning with the help of Fr. Stevens and Fr. Lebbie, some parishioners and my children we were able to serve the food with cold water. The program stated at 10am. While eating there were

pictures taken and after that we give them all package containing 12 cups of rice, onion, salt, and oil. They were very happy and the whole program ended at 3pm.

We want to give God the Glory for this great event and we know and strongly believe that the blessing will go to you all because you are the one that give out your money for this to be done and for this very reason we want to say thank you for the wonderful work.

You are such a wonderful people and we will continue to keep you in our prayers.

Now we have 45 children and in march we are planning to get court order for a legal custody for these children but up till now we have not get the money to get the court order and we need \$4000 for this and we are praying that we get this done because March will be the closing month. We are praying that before March we will get the money to do this work.

We are very very grate-

ful for everything that you have done in the past years and for everything you are doing now and for everything you will do for saviour of the world because you are the people, the saint, the God sent, the provider, and you are the one that makes it possible through the grace of God and may his mercy penetrate on you and his glory and light continue to shine on you now and forever more Amen.

With much Love and Prayers

Louisa and Children



Difficult Mercy

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

When we contemplate the Beatitude, *Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy*, we notice that Jesus is Divine Mercy in person. We trust him even in our darkest moments, because it is his very nature to be merciful. At every moment, his heart wells up with compassion, particularly for the one who is forgotten, anonymous, pushed aside, left to wallow in a state of continual discouragement.

The first verses of Matthew, chapter 8, open our eyes to a telling moment in the public life of Jesus. Jesus has just concluded his long homily upon the mountain; but he does not wait to receive the praises and kudos of the crowds that are following him. "Oh, Jesus, you did a fine job! You preached well today! We're happy to have you as our Redeemer! ..."

No, Jesus is not looking for the esteem and admiration of his audience.

What, then, does he proceed to do? He seems to ignore the crowds that surround him to fix his loving attention on one person, one person only. That man is a leper, one who

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has been pretty much outside the range of everyone's priorities and concerns. After touching the leper - hence after exposing himself to the leper's infections - Jesus allows divine compassion to well up within his Sacred Heart. He cures the leper. Jesus heals the leper by the same power of divine love that enters your heart when you reshuffle your priorities to give a place of privilege to those who so often suffer

neglect, to those whom Blessed Teresa of Calcutta would call the "unloved, the unwanted, the abandoned...". We speak of those who are discouraged.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in a continual state of discouragement. He was utterly alone. The humiliations and rejections that he had been suffering during the entire course of his life left him with a heavy dose of bitterness and anger rooted in the depths of his soul. Hence it was very difficult to love him. Eventually the only place left available to him where he could settle down was a little plot of ground in the local cemetery. Because a cemetery is not known for providing suitable living conditions for someone who is still living, you can imagine what was happening to his body and soul as he searched for food and rest in the confines of the cemetery.

Predictably he developed infections that proved to be cancerous. Not only was he living the humiliating lifestyle of a leper; now he was beginning to look like a leper even physically. Because he feared for his life, he found within himself the courage to go to the local hospital and ask the staff there to give him a helping hand. The hospital administrators were Moslem but they chose to give him a private room.

A "private room" in the case of Lazarus meant a room where absolutely no one would give him any attention. His loneliness could be intolerable for anyone. One day Mother Teresa's Sisters went to visit this particular hospital. Their custom is to search for the sick and wounded who may be well hidden from the eyes of hospital staff and ordinary hospital visitors. When they entered the room of Lazarus, they were greeted with a disorder that even they had hardly experienced in their lives.

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Fish Fry

K of C Benefit for Savior of the World

Friday, February 17th 4-7:30pm

St. Edward School Gym

216 S. Nichols, Lowell 46356

Adults-\$10 Seniors-\$9

Ages: 12-5 \$5

Take out available

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The smells of sickness, the look of hunger, the sight of dirty old bed sheets lying in a heap on what was difficult to call a real "bed" – the Sisters knew that they had found someone who was touching the Heart of Jesus. They went immediately to the director and told him that they would like to bring Lazarus back to their convent where they could endow him with a room.

Lazarus took up residence, therefore, in the local house of the Missionaries of Charity. The sisters, soon found him to be a most challenging guest.

To be continued...

Fr. John Gibson ODC
Central African Republic

A Very Special Christmas Gift

*"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you
and that your joy may be complete"* John 15:11

Dear Friends,

Many of you have contacted me, asking if you could send a present to the children, or could donate money to buy something there. It is very hard to come up with appropriate gifts for the children as they are not exposed at all to advertising, nor do they have any kind of toy stores or even Walmart-type stores. We struggle every month trying to make sure the children have enough food, medicine, shoes, clean water, and the like. Gifts, even simple ones, seem out of place to a child who doesn't have enough to eat.

I am very happy to say that this year is different. You have provided an extremely special Christmas gift. Throughout the year, Louisa routinely saves a little bit of money each month for emergencies. That money, along with the extra donations we received for Christmas gifts for the children, has been used to provide the celebration for 200 poor children on December 27th, and the gifts of food for 300 families on the 31st that Louisa described in her letter.

What an incredible thing! You have given the gift of allowing the children of Savior of the World to become gift-givers. A person who only receives and is never able to give back soon loses dignity. Can you imagine the joy of your children when they were able to provide happiness and much-needed food to so many people? Can you imagine the people crying and hugging your children in gratefulness? Can you imagine how wonderful that made them feel—children whose parents were murdered in the war or who have died from hunger and disease—children who have been abused, neglected, and abandoned—children who have lived in the street. Now, because you have chosen to serve Jesus, present in these little ones, they, in turn, have become a blessing to others around them who are suffering.

What joy! What dignity you have given them. Mercy, says St. Faustina, is the highest attribute of God. *It is God's joy.* Through your love, they have become mercy to others. They have entered into the joy of God. There could not have been a better Christmas gift.

God bless you,

Rosanne Kouris