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## Savior of the World Children's Center

Sierra Leone  
West Africa



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### MISSION TRIP TO SIERRA LEONE

- ◆ We are planning a mission trip to the Savior of the World home in Waterloo, Sierra Leone in February 2011.
- ◆ Tentative dates are Feb 13 - Feb 24
- ◆ All are welcome and encouraged to join us.
- ◆ If you are interested please contact Rosanne at  
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## Dearest Family,

It gives me the greatest pleasure to write you again. Now we are rolling to the dept of the raining season, a season were lot work is done and no rest. The raining season in Sierra Leone always start in May and end in October and now we are experiencing the 7 days rains which means the rains will come continuously in the morning, in the afternoon and at Night. But with all this we are giving God the glory and praise for his wonderful work.

By the Grace of God we are doing fine and all the children are healthy. The children are doing well physically, morally and more especially spiritually this has been proven by winning a crown for our church at Waterloo.

Every year there is a program which the catholic church use to hold at May Park about 7 hours drive

from where we are staying presently. In this program they will allow people to give contributions either by singing songs, or by playing a skit, or by acting a concert. Well, children of savior of the world took part in the program and the came first by acting a play little Infant Jesus. Last week Sunday there certificate was sent to the church at Waterloo and the Arch-Bishop will visit our church this Sunday to personally congratulate them but with all this we must say thanks to You for your wonderful and unending love that you have decided by the hand of God and our Lord Jesus Christ to extend to this part of Africa and more especially to the children of savior of the World.

This year again I am praying that i will be able

to come to the states to be with you in the auction I only pray that the American Government will make this possible. May be while coming I will be coming with 3 children only if God allows it

You are always in our prayers for every thing you have done, you are doing, and you are going to do in the future. We always have it in our mind that you are always praying for us also thank you very much for all the financial, material, and spiritual gifts you have been rendering to us May the almighty God continue to bless you

*with much love  
and prayers  
Louisa and the  
Children*



# Reflections of Pope Benedict in Africa

Among those who came up to do adoration during the Feast were some Greeks. The approached Philip, who was of Bethsaida in Galilee, and they presented to him this request: "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

John 12:20-21

Do we wish to see Jesus?

Do we wish to see Jesus where he lives in the silence, in the simplicity, in the humility, and in the hidden enclosure of Holy Communion, of the Holy Eucharist?

Do we wish to see Jesus where he lives, in the face and in the heart of each child who struggles to survive in the aftermath of war, hunger, disease and in the consequent untimely death of one or both parents?



Zainab and Hannah

*Children's faces are like a reflection of God's gaze on the world. So why extinguish their smiles? Faces hollowed by hunger and disease, faces disfigured by*

*suffering and desperation and the faces of little innocents are a silent appeal to our responsibility.*

**Homily of his Holiness Benedict XVI, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1, 2010**

Now we wish to share with you the following words of Pope Benedict, spoken in Africa on the Feast of St. Joseph. His first message is for parents, primarily for parents of adopted children. We do not fail to recognize that all of you who help Louisa and the children spiritually and financially, are also truly "parents" for the children. You love them with a mother's love, with a father's tenderness. The Pope said to our African friends:

*Do you have trust in God who has called you to be the mothers/fathers of his adopted children? Do you accept that he is counting on you to pass on to your children the human and spiritual values that you yourselves have received and which will prepare them to live with love and respect for his holy name?*

*Here I wish to acknowledge with appreciation and gratitude the remarkable work done by countless associations that promote*

*the life of faith and the practice of charity. May they be warmly thanked! May they find in the word of God renewed strength to carry out their projects for the integral development of the human person in Africa.*

Now the Pope addressed directly the children, who, like the children of the Savior of the World, have faced several critical, even traumatizing situations in their young lives.

*To all the young people, I offer words of friendship and encouragement: as you face the challenges of life, take courage! Your life is priceless in the eyes of God! Let Christ take hold of you, agree to pledge your love to him, and – why not? – maybe even do so in the priesthood or in the consecrated life! This is the supreme service. To the children who no longer have a father, or who have lived abandoned in the poverty of the streets, to those forcibly separated from their parents, to the maltreated and abused, I would like to say: God loves you, he has not forgotten you, and Saint Joseph protects you! Invoke*

*him with confidence.*

*May God bless you and watch over you! May he give you the grace to keep advancing towards him with fidelity! May he give stability to your lives... may he make you witness of his love... to the ends of the earth! I fervently beg him to give you a taste of the joy of belonging to him, now and for ever. Amen. Cameroon, West Africa 19 March, 2009*



Sia and Bernadette prepare the evening meal for the home

Where does Jesus need us today? Where does he most need our love?

We wish to see the face of Jesus.

We have come to realize that it is Jesus who walks silently, gently among the children whose young lives have been devastated emotionally and physically by war and by poverty.

# A Child Is Waiting For You

Today in Sierra Leone, there is a child who needs you. Today, this child is waiting for you. Right now, he is hoping that you will provide food for his next meal. Right now, she is wondering if you will help her attend school next year.

These are not day-dreams. They are cold facts to the children in Sierra Leone. They do not know if there will be food today or tomorrow. They do not know if they will grow up being able to read and write, or to have the skills necessary for a job. They do not know if the next time they get malaria, they will die for lack of medicines.

They have all known severe hunger. They have all had malaria and typhoid and have seen children die from it. They have seen children denied entrance into school because they could not pay the fees. They have all gotten sick from contaminated water and food. They have all seen the lepers begging on the steps of the church.

Life is very hard. The future is uncertain. Yet each child carries in his or her heart a brilliant hope. Hope of growing up. Hope of a continuing peace in their country.

Hope of knowing that someone loves them and that they are worth something.

All of Louisa's children have very sad stories. They have lost their parents during the war to violence, hunger, and disease. Others were rescued from abortion. And some of the children were victims of extreme abuse.

You can change all of that. You can "adopt" one or more of these children through sponsorship. You can not only provide food, medicine, clothing, and education for them, but you can also become part of their lives. You can be a friend, an auntie, or an uncle to a child who, except for Louisa, has no one to care about them.

***Do you have trust in God who has called you to be the mothers/fathers of his adopted children?***

Each of the children long to know that they are special, that they have a future, that God does love them intensely. You, my friend, are the hand of God, who will be that person who loves that child and will

change their lives for the good, for now and for eternity.

Louisa has high hopes for all her children. She wants them to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. She wants them to become compassionate and responsible adults. She wants them to be the leaders of tomorrow-leaders who understand sorrow and suffering, but also know the joy of being loved and belonging. This becomes possible when you enter a child's life.

Adopting one of these children through sponsorship is unlike other worldwide sponsorship programs. We are a very small operation with a very small budget. All of us working for the program in the United States are volunteers. No one gets paid. We do not have an office; all the work is done from our homes. Money sent for the children, goes to the children. The only expenses we have are for postage, paper, and toner.

Can you make the love of Jesus Christ visible in this world through the eyes of a child?

Your child will be excited to have you as part of

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**Magdelene's mother was too ill to care for her and her father had abandoned them.**



**A stranger found Almany wandering alone after the war. She brought him to Savior of the World because whereabouts of his parents were unknown**



**Henrietta was rescued from abortion. Louisa convinced her mother to continue the pregnancy and when Henrietta was born the mother gave her to Louisa.**

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their life. As a sponsor you will be able to watch your child grow, exchange letters and gifts, and form a relationship that will influence them to become a responsible and compassionate adult. You will receive a packet that will include a picture of your child, their history, a letter of introduction from your child, and sponsorship information.

You also have the option to just receive letters and pictures from your child without having to respond with your own letters. There is no obligation to write letters or send gifts, and you can cancel your sponsorship at any time.



**Little 18 month old Princess - Her 16 year old mother was taken in and cared for by Louisa so that she would not abort her baby. Princess's mother had bound her stomach in an effort to hide her pregnancy and this caused her baby to become crippled. The mother died in childbirth, and the hospital gave Princess to Louisa. With the proper therapy, Princess may walk one day, but that medical care is not available in Sierra Leone.**

**Do you accept that he is counting on you to pass on to these children the human and spiritual values that you yourselves have received and which will prepare them to live with love and respect for his holy name?**

Pope Benedict XVI

*If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one*  
*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

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