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Dear Friend,

I hope you will take a moment to read this most important letter. Once you have read it, will you take a moment and let me hear back from you as soon as possible. One of our missions is in critical need!

Let me explain. Our Sisters at Mweiga's Divine Shelter of Love, Sr. Lucy and Sr. Maria, struggle to care for over 35 orphaned and destitute children. The Sisters have become substitute mothers - a new family for these children who lost their mothers and may never have known their fathers.



A child without a family cannot survive long. Families protect. Families feed. Families bring God to our everyday lives.

Your gift today can bring God's love to children with no families to protect and nurture them.

These babies are the "slum dwellers." Without the Sisters, these children would literally "live on the streets" begging for handouts, "working" doing "jobs" that would turn your stomach for men and women who see them as tools for their own gain, not boys and girls with the life that God gave them.

While it is tragic that their parents have died from HIV/AIDS and many were born into life with a drug dependency passed from their drug addicted mothers, these problems do not need to define them.

Each is a life God gave to us - you and me - to care for so that they can care for their own children in the way God intended.

Jesus reached out to the poorest of the poor... can you?

(Over please)

Inspired by God Himself, who converted the tragedy of Jesus on the Cross into the joy of Life Everlasting, the Sisters of Mary Immaculate started our work of saving children by turning another tragedy into a blessing. We took the tragic loss of an abandoned space in the Mweiga Hospital and gave it new life - as a new shelter for these orphans who might otherwise live a life that none deserve to live.

The children were already there. Most came to the hospital seeking medical attention. After studying their problems in detail the Sisters found it impossible to send them back to such a desperate environment. **The shelter is home to the children and they live there as long as necessary.**

The children were there. The facility was there. God was there.

All we need is your support. Make your gift today.

Like in any family, keeping children fed, clothed and safe is a daily challenge. Changing diapers, staying up with them through illness, holding them through their fears is not easy... but maybe as a parent yourself, or the child of a caring mother or father, you know this?

Yet as difficult as it is, it is a joyous responsibility. We thank God daily for the challenge and for the fruit of seeing the smiles on the faces of these children who had so little, and now appreciate the Sister's - and your - care so much.

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And while love doesn't cost, there are costs that come with love. The expense to keep sanitized, clean diapers, nourishing formula and nutritious meals is phenomenal, especially for the children with special needs. Oh, how something as simple as our own laundry machine would be a blessing!

Bless **YOU** for your interest in the children with nowhere else to turn.

Bless the boys and girls with your gift today!

Your Missionary Sister,

Sr. Mary Bernadette

P.S. Mothers come in many forms. Help our Sisters be mothers to these girls and boys who may never have known their own. MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY IN HONOR OF A SPECIAL MOTHER IN YOUR LIFE!