



LOVE MUST ACT

Partnerships for Sustainable Education

*"Love Must Act as light must shine and fire must burn."
-Fr. James Otis Sargent Huntington, OHC*

Bavumeleni Abantwana Beze



Over the entrance to Holy Cross School in Makhanda (formerly Grahamstown), South Africa, are three words in isiXhosa, the language most of our students speak at home. They are "Bavumeleni Abantwana Beze." They are the words of Jesus from Mark 10:14: "Let the children come."

The complete story is even more revealing, although "Let the children come" sums it up nicely.

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to

me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

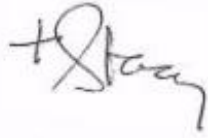
It's hard to overestimate the importance of this passage, I think, for how we live our lives. The moral consequences of what we teach children are enormous. In fact, they are nothing less than the kingdom of God. Let us not overlook that the kingdom belongs to the children and not to us. That is to whom God has given it. We do well to remember that our entrance to it has to do with whether they give it to us, whether we are open to receiving it from them. It is not the other way around.

Holy Cross School exists not nearly so much for us to teach our students about God but for us to learn about God's love from them. It is not what we do for them. It is what we get from them.

Love Must Act exists for that principle. We enter the kingdom of God, if at all, not for the children but by them. Let the children come, for the kingdom already

belongs to them. I have found them incredibly generous in sharing it. Bavumeleni Abantwana Beze. I'm pretty sure it's the language Jesus speaks at home, too.

Agape,



Bishop Stacy Sauls
Founder and President

Bishop Sauls' weekly reflection appears on our [website](#) and our [Facebook page](#).

Will We Let the Children Come?



As we enter the fourth quarter of 2021 we have some work to do to keep the gate underneath the words Bavumeleni Abantwana Beze open and the children coming.

We need \$30,000 to finish paying our staff in 2021. Our expansion to a full primary school we will be completed when we add grade 7 in 2022. That will add \$15,000 to next year's budget. In short, we need \$45,000 by year's end.

We hope you might see giving to Love Must Act as an opportunity more than a duty, an opportunity to let the children come because the kingdom, after all, is theirs. This is how we share

in it.

Gifts [may be made online](#) (in a lump sum or split into monthly installments) or by check mailed to:

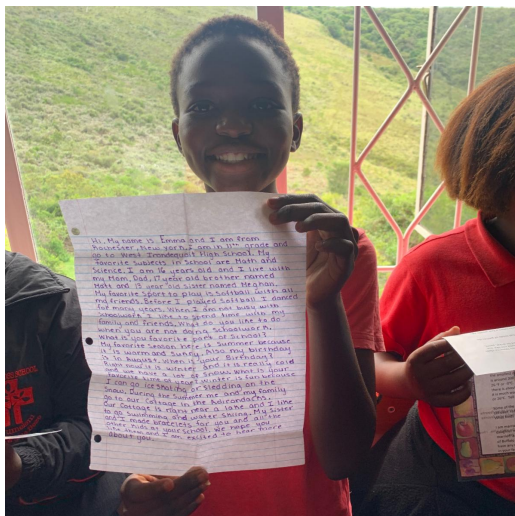
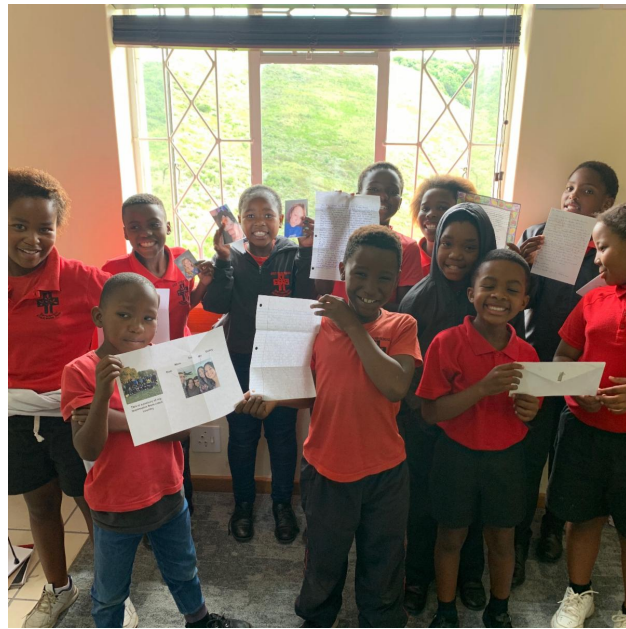
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Thank you. Welcome to the kingdom.



It's All About the Relationships

We're constantly looking for ways to build relationships between the children of Holy Cross and partners in the United States. Two of our young adult volunteers, Anna Walsh and Ryan Lehmann came up with a simple idea—pen pals. The children of Holy Cross and of Trinity Church, Rochester, exchange letters. Now, the postal service doesn't always cooperate, but not to be deterred, Andrew Joyce brought a batch of letters with him on a recent trip to South Africa to the delight of the Holy Cross students. You can feel the joy as they received the letters and wrote in return.



"Come and See"
Jn. 1:39

As John tells the story, a group of John the Baptist's disciples were standing by and saw Jesus. After John's build-up, they were more than a little curious. Jesus asked them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (translated as Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.'"

Love Must Act invites you to come and see where Jesus has been known to stay.

The first opportunity is to see what Love Must Act is accomplishing in partnership with St. John's Eye Hospital in Jerusalem. We depart on April 1, 2022, and return on April 12, having spent Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week in Jerusalem. We'll see all the pilgrimage sites but pay particular attention to the work of St. John among what its founder, Blessed Gerard, called "our Lords the sick and the poor" in the eleventh century. A brochure can [be found here](#). Please let us know if you'd like to receive a hard copy.



Help Love Last



Like most nonprofits, our donations are stronger at the end of the year than mid-year. We hope you might consider a gift of thanksgiving to keep the work going. Gifts may be made [here](#) or by mail to:

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Thank you.

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