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"LOOKING AT US FROM HEAVEN"

IN SPECIAL REMEMBER OF HNA. ELISABETH IDÉS, Religious Responsible International of the AFJM and Counselor of Africa.



"He always smiled"



Sr. Elisabeth Idés passed away on May 14, 2018 in the General House of Rome, without warning us, silently, without disturbing, quietly while she rested. Her loss, so unexpected, has been very shocking for all of us who knew her and we had treated her and the signs of pain and mixed feelings have been numerous and close. Her death has united even more not only the religious but also the whole AFJM, which she loved so much and for which she was working so hard. We live a sad and painful moment but we can not forget the key of the message of joy that she always transmitted: "Be joyful in the Lord" (Philippians, 4). We remember his words:

"The AFJM knows how to live with hope, even in difficult moments, because it has learned to do so in the deep encounter with Jesus and is moved by the desire to announce it to others, overcoming the difficulty encountered along the way".

This newsletter is a small tribute to a simple but very big person, with some of his memories during this time working with the AFJM and walking with Claudina.

Always with us, Sr. Elisabeth

Consuelo Mengual (Responsible international layman AFJM)



To win the light
 How much purity in this light that today
 come down from heaven, and how much freedom
 For my heart, that frequently
 in the dark he obstinates.

It is not easy to see the light,
 contemplate it without more and be happy.
 Many things prevent that gift that saves us
 to our eyes it arrives.

To win it is always essential
 may everything be looked at in our spirit,
 that while we watch her, let's forget
 anxieties and pains, habits that blind us.

Despite denying it so many times,
 Today I really see it, I breathe it, I listen to it.
 My eyes want to see. And the light leaves
 let my mercy, my joy, descend into my life.

Eloy Sánchez Rosillo

Letter from the Delegation of Africa::



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Queremos acoger con fe y confianza este momento de dolor y acompañaros con la oración a vosotras hermanas del Consejo General, desde Camerún, Guinea Ecuatorial, Gabón y Nigeria.

¡Cómo duele esta pérdida! En la Delegación de África hemos vivido recientemente la visita General de la hermana Monica Joseph acompañada por la hermana Elisabeth Ides. Guardamos en el corazón abrazos y encuentros muy entrañables, palabras de ánimo y momentos de escucha que saben a buen acompañamiento.

Elisabeth, te has ido casi a la misma edad que Claudina. Queriendo ayudar siempre, echar una mano, favorecer...y te has dado del todo hasta el final. ¡Cómo puede ser, así tan deprisa! Mujer fuerte en el amor y fuerte en el sufrir. Tu corazón sabía de dolores y de alegrías, de silencios ofrecidos a Dios y de palabras cargadas de ánimo para cada una de nosotras. Dios te sostenía y ahora ya te abraza.

La Delegación de África ha vibrado con tu fe compartida, con tu paciencia, con tu servicio. Ahora deseamos sentirte a nuestro lado, con la misma fuerza con la que nos animabas en la misión. Te has avanzado en ese último encuentro. Te has ido a preparar, a abrir camino. Con Claudina, a celebrar el Bicentenario cogida de su mano, con tantas religiosas que te abrazan...

Aunque ya te estamos echando de menos, sabemos que la semilla está creciendo. Y que el fruto nos hablará de tu manera de hacer conocer y amar a Jesús y a María. Seguirás aquí, en cada uno de los rincones de la Delegación de África, para alentarnos y decirnos al oído: "*Courage, ça va aller!*"

Que el Dios que te animaba y te hacía caminar, te abrace con ternura y te de su Paz, hermana. ¡Nuestra oración al cielo con un abrazo inmenso!

Encarna Viarnès, rjm
Delegación de África

Some of the words received from around the world:

"She will continue to be with us guiding us with wisdom and generosity"

"A prayer for such a lovely person"

"She was always a kind person with a good sense of humor"

"We continue to pray for her and without a doubt she will thank us all of AFJM"

"We will have her from heaven, where she will intercede for the AFJM"

"From heaven he will have smiled at seeing and hearing so many words full of friendship of affection, of depth"

"For us, delegation from Africa, it is a great pain, a double loss"

"We lose a dedicated, missionary, cheerful person"

"Elisabeth has left us so quickly ... Let faith break through, in the midst of this pain of heart"

"We can only thank you for everything you did together with you to carry out the AFJM"

Evangelical Text of the Thanksgiving Eucharist for the life of our Sister. Elisabeth Idés RJM:

I assure you that if the grain of wheat that falls on the earth does not die, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

The one who has attachment to his life will lose it; and he who is not attached to his life in this world will keep it for eternal Life.

Whoever wants to serve me, who follows me, and where I am, will also be my servant.

Whoever wants to serve me, will be honored by my Father.

(Jn, 12, 24-26)



Elisabeth, you will be our light at the next General Assembly in Lyon on October 7 and 8, 2018.