

**Recent Happenings!** Happy New Year to all of our faithful prayer warriors and financial supporters!! We look expectantly forward to what God has in store for our kids and our staff at Harvest Children's Home – our fervent prayer is for peace to rule and reign in the Anglophone regions (NW and SW provinces).

Our big news from December is the celebration of Christ's birth and a visit from our friend and longtime ministry partner Mercy Nkansah (Light and Hope Ministries). Mercy came to visit shortly before Christmas and for the first time ever, she spent the night at HCH! [It was too unsafe for her to return to Belo after dark, but we are happy she got to stay.] She thoroughly enjoyed her visit and getting to experience the children in their morning routines and devotions. She also



took the HCH choir to the Fon's palace to perform for her Light and Hope ministry annual function. Another first for her... accompanying the children to the palace of the Fon (the king of the Kom people). Mercy generously donated finances to fund the Christmas party for the children. We are grateful for the ongoing partnership with Mercy and Light and Hope Ministries.



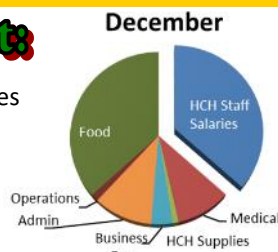
The Christmas celebration was a joyous occasion at HCH. Thanks to Mercy and some of the local churches and communities, the children and some community representatives shared a variety of food, candies, and juice together. The Director used this occasion to thank the community representatives for their care and support of the children during this very difficult time. We, too, are grateful for their ongoing support of HCH during these most difficult of times.

**In-country update:** No good news on this front... the fighting still continues, there is no apparent movement towards resolving the conflict peacefully, the road to Bamenda has been closed since January 1st, Fundong is still a ghost town, prices of food commodities are soaring higher on a daily basis, communication is cut off regularly and in some cases it takes a long time to get to the hospital when kids are sick. Please continue to pray for peace and for a peaceful resolution to this crisis.

### Financial SnapShot:

The pie chart shows how the expenses were broken down for the month.

**December Total Income: \$5835.96**



**Opportunity!** We have come across a neat way for each of you to donate (almost) effortlessly to Cry Cameroon/Harvest Children's Home! We have set up an account with Amazon Smile. For those not familiar with the program, let me explain the simplicity of this program: Shop at Smile.Amazon.com, chose Cry Cameroon as your recipient and %0.5 of your eligible purchases will be donated directly to Cry Cameroon/HCH!! It's that simple. Click [here](#) to be taken to the Amazon Smile website with Cry Cameroon USA already selected as your charity. So, remember when you shop at Amazon, start your shopping at Amazon Smile!

**School update:** Unfortunately, there is no good news on this front either... just a small glimmer of hope. As we have stated before, school has not been in session for this academic year in the Fundong, Boyo division and it doesn't look as if it will for the foreseeable future either. Additionally, the University in Bamenda has not been in session this academic year as well. Two years ago, the University started in December instead of October and we were hoping for that to be the case this year as well, but it was not. Now there are rumors that the University may start in January sometime – we hope this to be true. Please be praying for the University will begin holding classes.

**Prayer Needs:**

- ❖ Praise God that Lizette graduated in December with her Bachelor's Degree!!
- ❖ Praise God for His continued protection over the children and staff at HCH!!
- ❖ Praise God for the generous donation from Zion Hill Baptist Church!!
- ❖ Praise God for the generous donation from Our Fathers Foundation!!



- ❖ Praise God that Eunice's eye continues to improve!!
- ❖ For a peaceful end to the crisis in the Anglophone regions
- ❖ For God's continued protection over all of HCH
- ❖ For travel to/from Bamenda to be opened
- ❖ For the healing of Timothy's son and several of the children at HCH who were sick at the end of the year
- ❖ For the farm at Mentang to produce an abundant harvest
- ❖ For peace and unity to continue to prevail at HCH
- ❖ For the markets to be accessible and for a spirit of kindness and sharing to increase in the community
- ❖ For wisdom and direction for the Board of Directors to lead according to God's will and His purposes

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