

Harvest Children's Home

April 2019 Newsletter

Greetings to all our faithful prayer warriors!! May I be the first to greet you with 'He IS Risen!' and Easter Blessings to you all!!

In Country updates:

The crux of what is needed here is for everyone to PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!! Our kids and staff are so in need of your prayers!! The situation continues to deteriorate to the point of the US Government issuing a Level 4: DO NOT Travel to the NW or SW regions of Cameroon. The advisory also cited a breakdown in order, crimes of opportunity and a significant decline in medical resources in large areas of both regions. In Mbingo, where the hospital is located, there were people shot and killed around the area of the hospital. Additionally, when our staff went to get money for the month they were stopped and searched, but Praise God! He protected their lives... and the money He has provided for our kids and staff!

Please be in diligent prayer for the safety of our kids and staff; and for a peaceful resolution to this crisis to come very soon – only the Lord can bring this conflict to a peaceful end.

Recent Happenings:

We had a huge Thank You Lord happen early in the month... We received a very large financial donation from Mr. Ntam Peter Chia to purchase a refrigerator/freezer for storage of our bulk food purchases! (Our old freezer had died a few months back, so this is much needed and welcomed!) Mr. Ntam is a longtime friend of HCH and a personal friend of Emmanuel Ful. We Praise God for his generosity!

This donation has spurred other churches and individuals to visit and make donations – Praise God!! One of our recent visitors was the Catholic Women Association (CWA), Queen of Prophets Zone Fundong. They came to pray and encourage the children through word and song.

The children have been busy with lessons in various areas of learning, learning new songs, and helping the staff weed the garden on the grounds. The children are continuing to learn life lessons of commitment, teamwork, and respect of their elders during this time of turmoil and crisis.

The welder has also been busy putting together the iron work for completing the fence. Hopefully soon we will have some pictures to share with you of the iron work in place as well as the gates installed.



I believe that we have mentioned previously about a worker we have hired to work the farm in Mentang. His name is Franklin and he has been busy planting cocoyam and sugar cane at the farm. He actually came to HCH this past month for a visit. In the next newsletter, we will share a little more about Franklin with all of you.

University Update:

Despite all that is going on, all our University students successfully wrote their exams concluding the first semester. Also, it seems that the University authorities have made some changes to the schedule to allow the second semester to continue past what was previously scheduled.

In speaking with some of the University students, most of them express a desire to go elsewhere next semester – somewhere they can learn and be safe.

Praises:

Praise God for His protection over David and Ngala during the recent encounter with the government soldiers!!

Praise God for His continued protection over all our staff and children at HCH and for His continued abundant provision!!

Praise God for the financial gift for a new refrigerator/freezer!!

Praise God for the work being done on the fence and for the crops being planted at the farm in Mentang!!

Praise God for the recent upturn in visitors and donations at HCH!!

Prayer Needs:

For a peaceful resolution to the crisis in the NW and SW regions

For God's continued protection over all our kids, staff, university students and graduates

For the health of Silas and Favor (2 of our kids), and for continued healing of the Director's mother who was recently hospitalized

For the crops growing at the farm and at the small garden at HCH to produce an abundant harvest

For all those living at HCH during this time of crisis to dwell together peacefully – it's a very stressful time and there are quite a few living there that would normally be living on their own or in their own homes

For the work on the fence to be completed soon and to not cause any undue attention to the orphanage

For there to be a safe time for someone to take the generator to Douala for the needed repairs

For wisdom and guidance as other University options are explored that are outside of the NW and SW regions

For wisdom and direction for the Board of Directors as we lead according to God's will