

# HCH October 2020 Newsletter

## In-country update:

Unfortunately, we have nothing new or good to report here... the violence continues, movement between the larger cities continues to be difficult (and dangerous at times), and the prices of basic commodities continues to rise. Schools in the area “officially” started this past week, however, the safety of the children going to those schools is significantly at risk, and it’s uncertain whether any children are actually attending the schools.

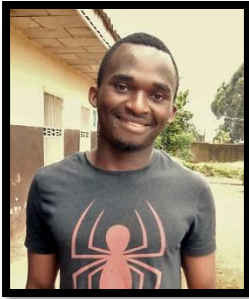
Please continue to pray for this deteriorating situation both in the NW and SW regions of Cameroon. Pray also for God’s continued protection over our kids and staff at HCH. He has Supernaturally protected and provided for them during these very difficult times.

## Recent Happenings:

Despite what is going on all around Harvest Children’s Home, God is still doing some wonderful things at HCH and for our kids!!

First on the list of good things happening, is the safe journey back to HCH for Hilda and Julius!! They were in Bamenda taking their GCE O level exam and were unable to return due to the dangerous travel. But by God’s grace, He has returned them safely to HCH!! We praise God for Mrs. Njung Emmaculate who not only cared for Hilda and Julius while they were taking their exams, but was also gracious enough to allow them to stay many, many days afterwards until it was safe for them to return home.

A close second on the list of good things happening is that Hilda, Julius and Derrick all PASSED their GCE exams!! We are definitely praising God for this amazing accomplishment!! These kids have not been to formal schooling for the last 3 years – yet they have worked hard, studied with tutors, and have done what was necessary to move on to the next level of their education!! We are so proud of all 3 of them!! [Hilda and Julius will move to the next level of High School, which is 2 years long. Derrick will be going to University.]



We also had a mass birthday celebration on October 2<sup>nd</sup> complete with birthday cake for everyone! Some prizes were given out to the children who excelled in singing, dancing, soccer, and cleanliness. It was a fun time for everyone! We praise God for the





ex-students of Jua Memorial College Njinikom whose monetary donation made the birthday party possible!!

## There's still time...

There is still time to participate in our Virtual Event...

We are having a Virtual run, walk, bike ride! The event is September 19<sup>th</sup> through October 17<sup>th</sup>. What's a virtual run, walk, bike ride you may ask? Well, I'm glad you asked! A Virtual run, walk or bike ride is an event where you either run, walk or ride your bike a predetermined length anytime during the event dates, anywhere you want, with whoever you want or by yourself; and about a month after the event you will receive your participation SWAG (event t-shirt and medal ). It's a great way to get outside, get some fresh air and tell others about HCH! To participate in the event, simply [click here](#) to get registered for either the run, the walk or the bike ride. The cost to participate is \$35. You can also sign up to sponsor someone who is already participating or get sponsors yourself – all the info is on the registration page. We are working on getting corporate type sponsors to pay for most if not all of the SWAG so that the majority, if not all, of our participants fees go directly to acquiring the land for Harvest Children's Home #2!!

## Praises:

Praise God for His continual protection over our kids, our staff, and our staff's families during these very difficult and violent times!!

Praise God for His abundant provision for HCH during these very difficult and violent times!!

Praise God Hilda and Julius safe return to HCH!!

Praise God for our 3 students passing their GCE exams!!

Praise God that despite all the craziness going in Cameroon (and in the US), we know that God is in control of all things!!

## Prayer Requests:

For a peaceful resolution to the current crisis gripping the NW and SW regions

For God's continual protection over and abundant provision for our kids, staff, and staff families

For all of the University and Trade School students to have a great start to the school year

For wisdom and discernment regarding starting school again on the HCH campus – the main concern is the health of our children concerning COVID-19.

For our staff to continue to work together in peace and unity

For our Run for Cover event to be successful in raising funds and awareness of HCH

For peace and comfort for the family of Rev Yongkuma (our former comptroller), they have been unable to have a funeral service for him because of the road closures and violence in the area

For wisdom and discernment for the Board as we work to take this ministry to the next level in order to positively impact the lives of more and more children in Cameroon