

Harvest Children's Home July Newsletter

Happy July to you!!

Recent Happenings:

The big celebration in June was the Day of the African child on June 16th. (This event is in memory of the mass killing of children in the South African town of Soweto. It gives people the opportunity to reflect on the plight of children and to see the progress that has been made to uphold the dignity of the African child.) The theme of this year's celebration was "Eliminating harmful practices: progress since 2013". We had the Delegate of Social Affairs, Boyo Division, and his immediate associates in attendance. The activities for the celebration included songs, speeches, dance, recitations and feasting among others.



The written part of the GCE O/level started on June 28th. We had 4 students taking this exam – Carintine, Nadesh, Leonard and Joyceline. Our students joined over 28,000 candidates nationwide in taking this test. Additionally, Hilda and Julius are taking the GCE A/level test for their completion of their Advanced level high school studies.

We are awaiting the results of our elementary students First School Leaving Certificate exams – praying that all of those eligible will move on to secondary school. We'll keep you posted! (From left to right: Delvarise, Desmond, Nsom, Ketilaprince, and Blessing.)

No new news on the HCH #2 front... we are in the process of getting bids for putting a fence around the property as well bids from architectural firms for drawings so we can obtain bids for building the compound. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for these matters.



University/Skills Training:

As mentioned last month, we are quickly approaching trade school and University sponsorship time! As a quick reminder, kids that come to HCH are provided an education through their Advanced level studies – which is equivalent to High School plus some in the US. After that the ministry will facilitate finding a

sponsor for that student so that they may continue their education. Comparatively speaking, sponsorship of a student is very inexpensive compared to US prices for College/University studies. The costs for each student are slightly different as each student is studying something unique but a good general ballpark is approximately \$800 to \$1300 for an entire year! That includes books, room and board, registrations, tests, transportation... everything!

If you have previously sponsored a student and that student is wanting to continue this year, I will be reaching out to you directly in the next 2 or 3 weeks to see if you want to sponsor your student for this coming year.

At the beginning of August, all new students and those former students who now need a sponsor will be on the website for sponsorship. I will have their photo, a short bio, and their financial request for you to read through and pray about. However, I urge you now to begin praying about whether God wants you to sponsor a student to further their education – whether that be academically or through skills training. Since most of the students need to pay for many things up front (like accommodations, registration, tuition, etc.), we will need all the money for each student up front as well. The deadline will be Monday, August 29th. Please feel free to email me (sdunn@crycameroon.org) if you have any questions.

Matters of prayer (crisis update):

Unfortunately, there is no good news on this front... still road closures/blockages, still violence, still ghost town days. Please pray for a peaceful resolution to this crisis and that life in the NW and SW regions can return to some semblance of normal – road travel without risk, going to school without risk, moving about freely without risk, no ghost town days, etc. We continue to Praise God for his abundant protection over our kids and staff during this very long upheaval!

Praises:

Praise God for the in-country donations received in June!!

Praise God for a good celebration of the Day of the African Child!!

Praise God that our students have been able to take their national level exams!!

Praise God for our students who want to continue their education at either the University level or who want to learn a trade!!

Praise God for His abundant protection over and provision for our staff, our kids, and our teachers during this long time of crisis!!

Prayer Requests:

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

For financial partners to help build HCH #2 (We will be fund-raising in the fall) and for Godly people in-country to partner with us as we work to build HCH #2 – we are looking for partners who love the Lord more than they love the world

For all our students taking end of year exams to do well on their exams and move to the next level

For the Lord to provide sponsors for all of our students wanting to continue their education

For our HCH Homeschooling students and teachers to enjoy their short summer break

For the crops at HCH to produce abundantly

For wisdom and direction for the Board of Directors as we work on moving forward with HCH #2

Financial Update:

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

June Total Income: \$5973.09

If you would like to make a donation, please go to our website: www.harvestchildrenshome.org and click on the GIVE tab. Or if you prefer, you can mail a check to the Treasurer's address: Cry Cameroon USA, 1262 Sugar Land Drive, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

Blessings,
Susan Dunn
Sec/Treasurer Cry Cameroon USA

