

### Mission trip... but not what you think!

It is with great joy and excitement that I get the privilege of telling you all about HCH's first mission trip!! Now you may be thinking to yourself... wait a minute, many people have been to HCH on a mission trip – in fact, our missionary Justin is there right now... But what I'm talking about is OUR kids from HCH going on a mission trip!! That's right – our kids are going to be Jesus' hands and feet to another part of Cameroon - Bamenda (the capitol of the NW Province) to be exact. So, here's the scoop: 10 of our oldest, most well-behaved and responsible kids will be going to Helping Hands Children's Home (an orphanage that is currently home to 19 orphans) in Bamenda to be missionaries. They'll play games with the kids, put on a short VBS, do some Bible lessons, help around the compound, and possibly do some small construction projects. The trip is April 5th through 7th. Everyone is so excited to go and have been preparing for a couple of weeks now. Here's who's going (they are listed back row, left to right) Clovis(16), Shaphan (18), Richard(13), Donald(16), Shansline (13), Claris(14), (front row) Nathaniel(13), Jusphine(12), Vergini(11), and Lizette(13). [Justin and Emmanuel Ngala will be going as their sponsors/leadership.] Please be in prayer for these 10 children – that God will really impact their lives through this type of service for His Kingdom. Also pray for the logistics of the trip - for safe travel, for God to be honored and glorified in all that goes on (whether it be serious lessons or fun times of play), and for this to be a great start in teaching our children how to be Light and Salt to their peers and surrounding community. A special thanks goes out to Cornerstone Baptist Church in Hartshorne, OK for providing funds to make this trip possible.



### Prayer Needs:

- ❖ The HCH mission trip – April 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>: Pray that this will be a significant spiritual milestone in the lives of the children going – that they would be forever changed for Christ.
- ❖ Pray for Mispha, Ghislain, Derrick (big), Nathaniel, and Shaphan regarding their school studies; also several of the primary school students need prayer in this area as well.
- ❖ Pray for a good exchange rate when it's time to wire money for the orphanage needs.
- ❖ Please pray for the children to be spiritually strong, physically healthy, and mentally astute – that they would be Godly leaders in their sphere of influence.
- ❖ Please pray for Justin's health – he's been up and down lately health wise.



### 2010 Trips:

Well, our 1st short term mission trip to HCH in 2010 has been completed. The Rev. Valentin Mbong (the founder of HCH and President of Cry Cameroon), his wife Pearlie, and their pastor had a wonderful time at the orphanage. They were a blessing to the kids in many ways – playing with them, bringing jerseys for the boys and new clothes for the girls. Rev. Mbong also orchestrated some administrative changes that will strengthen HCH for years to come – more on those changes in future newsletters. A very special thanks goes out to Zion Hill Baptist Church in Newman, GA for their very generous monetary gift to HCH – which will be a huge blessing for many months!



### Letters from volunteers:

I had NO idea just how huge the depth of God's love was before I fell in love with the precious children at HCH. After about a day of spending time with the little girls playing games, singing, and talking about their lives I realized just how unfathomably God could love each of us. It took me seconds to fall in love with the sweet smiling kids. I mean, sure, they were smelly and dirty from running around and sometimes they acted like little selfish kids picking fights with one another or stomping around when they didn't get their way, but now I know exactly how God can love the smelly dirty, rotten child that I am. I do things ten times more atrocious than any kid, and yet he still loves me beyond belief! This year, I'm leading a team back to HCH so we can tangibly spread more of God's love with some of the girls. Our goals are to lead nightly devotionals, disciple some of the older girls, and teach some of the kids how to sew on the sewing machine. We're incredibly excited to see exactly how God uses each of our unique talents to reach out and help these kids! Please pray for Shannon and her team as they prepare for their trip to HCH in early May. Pray also for God to use them to complete His plans and not their own.



Don't forget to keep up with Justin at [www.lifeofawanderer.com](http://www.lifeofawanderer.com).

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