



The Children's Herald

A Newsletter from Rekindle Children's Hope in Cameroon, Africa

March 2015



2015 Was a Good Year!

by **George Mbunwe, In-Country Director**



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We praise God that He took us to the last month of the year 2015, which was characterized by lots of activities. The children were busy preparing for the end of First Term exams. As usual the RCH children performed so well in their respective schools. By the grace of God, the extra classes they have been receiving after school has contributed to this.

We have given priority to the spiritual health of the children. The greater part of the after school programs is used for Gospel

presentation and discipleship. We rejoice greatly because the spiritual, social, and hygienic situations of the children have witnessed great improvement which is very visible.

People in the neighborhood are testifying. One of the children Elsie Azia got baptized in Maumu Baptist church this December. We got a Pentecostal pastor (Pastor Victor, who joined the team of volunteers in Lysoka. Hopefully, by January, the Baptist pastor, Boniface in Lysoka, will be joining the volunteers. This will help to boast the spiritual health of the children. The training we had with the volunteers is still yielding fruits. We hope by the grace of God to have another training in 2016. (Continued Next Page)

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The RCH family in Cameroon was again blessed and encouraged with the coming of Mr. Jim Kiel, generally called by the children as Grand Pa Jim. He was accompanied in this trip by Mr. Nathan Troost, who shocked many by his professional skills in photography and videography. The Maumu village was shocked as he flew his drone to take photos of the village.

I must confess that the meetings with the children and volunteers strengthened us greatly in faith and brought about more commitment to service. The simple but powerful presentations by Grand Pa Jim to the children and volunteers helped to prepare us more for the hope of being in eternity with the Lord Jesus Christ. The coming helped me in particular as we had enough time to reflect on the future of RCH.

What joy could be seen in the Lysoka children as they migrated from the old wooden structure to their new building. The dedication ceremony headed by Mr. Jim was very remarkable. The dedication message on God renewing our strength by Pastor Kaye Kelvin, the presentations of drama, songs, and memory verses by the children, and the participation of guardians and some council members of the village, and the dedication prayer made the dedication ceremony glorious. We have some equipment left for the Lysoka kitchen which will be handled hopefully in January.



Two of our students enjoying their new school building

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The celebration of Christ's birth went well with the RCH family. The children and volunteers left the centers rejoicing with rice and ingredients for Christmas. One visiting pastor remarked, "This is what ministry is all about: bringing hope to hopeless children and helping them by God's grace to make heaven tomorrow." We thank God for every sponsor who contributes to put a smile on the faces of these children. May God remember you according to Nehemiah 5:19 and reward you accordingly.

In all, 2015 has been a successful year for RCH Cameroon. We are so happy for the grace of God and effort of the sponsors. We believe God will take us higher in faith in 2016.



Nehemiah 5:19 Remember me with favor, my God, for all I have done for these people.

Reflection on the Past Seven Years

by Jim Kiel
Chairman, RCH Board of Directors



September 2013 – Beginning of first Learning Center in Maumu



December 2015 – Finished second Learning Center in Lysoka

This year begins the seventh year of RCH's presence in Cameroon, and as I reflect on that, I am overwhelmed by what God has done in the lives of so many people in Cameroon and the United States. What began in one small house and spread to the front porch of another house in two villages is now housed in two concrete learning centers equipped with full kitchens, running water, and toilets. What began with three volunteers and 23 children now has 15 volunteers and cares for more than 90 orphans and abandoned children. I thank God for allowing all of us to be a small part of what He is doing to change lives there and here.

Listed below are some highlights or milestones of the past six years:

- ❖ June 2010 work began on the ground in Cameroon
- ❖ Aug 2010 first trip by Board member
- ❖ Jan 2011 renovation of first wooden building completed
- ❖ Aug 2013 addition of George Mbunwe as In-Country Director
- ❖ Sept 2013 began construction of first Learning Center
- ❖ Jan 2014 first full meals cooked on site for children

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- ❖ Sept 2014 more than fifty children with sponsors
- ❖ Sept 2015 five new volunteers added
- ❖ Oct 2015 first evangelism training course taught to volunteers
- ❖ Nov 2015 more than 90 children served by RCH
- ❖ Dec 1015 seventh trip by various Board members and friends
- ❖ Dec 2015 construction of second learning center completed



October 2015 – Certified Volunteers after Evangelism Training Course

I have been fortunate to make several trips to Cameroon. All of them have enriched my life, strengthened my commitment to RCH, opened my eyes to additional opportunities to spread the Gospel, and continue to demonstrate how blessed those of us who live in the United States are.

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George Mbunwe never fails to thank us for our visits and comment on how they are so encouraged and strengthened by them, when it is really the opposite. To see the living conditions, the struggles for basic needs, and all the other hardships in everyday life that they face, yet they continue to smile, give thanks to all RCH supporters, and praise God for all things is very, very humbling. It makes some, no all, of my complaints pale in comparison and encourages and strengthens me in my very “comfortable” daily life.

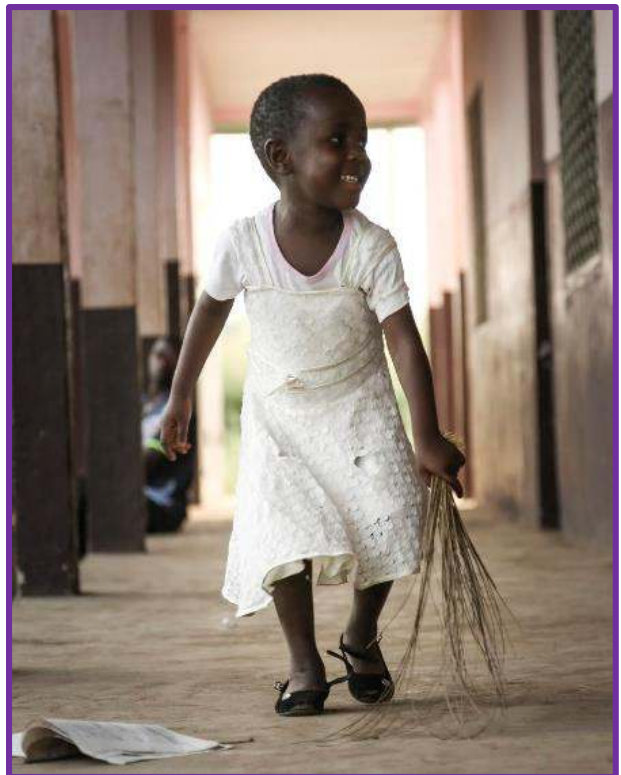
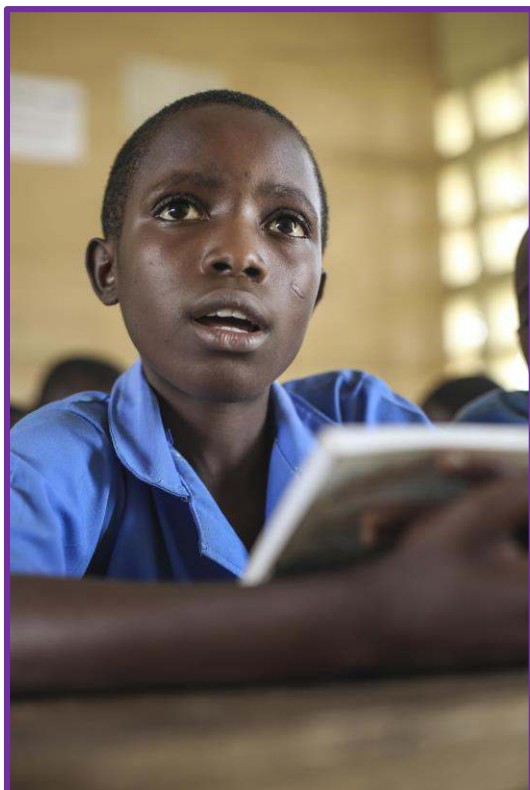
During our most recent trip to Cameroon, we were accompanied by a professional videographer, and he has produced a short movie about life of a child in Cameroon and RCH. Soon, this video will be sent to all partners, sponsors, and donors and will be available for viewing on our website RCHAfrica.org. Several board members and close friends have viewed the first “cut” of the movie, and all believe that it not only is an accurate reflection of what is happening in the villages of Maumu and Lysoka but will inspire all who watch it.

As we look forward to the next several years with RCH, we pray that God will continue to equip the volunteers, sponsors, partners and board members to spread the Gospel in Cameroon through teaching, loving example, and the Holy Spirit. **Thank you for your continuing support of that work.**



Two of RCH's Volunteers

The Beautiful Faces of RCH



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More Beautiful Faces of RCH



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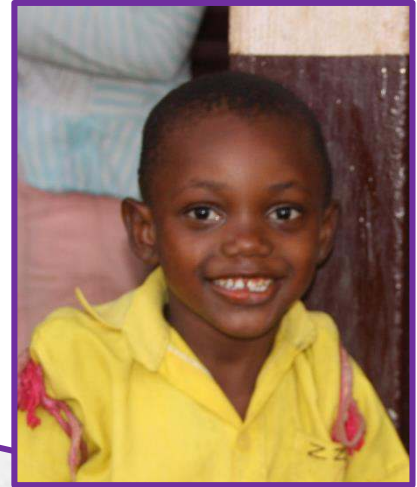
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Letters from the Children to their Sponsors

Dear sponsor
 I hope you are fine. as for me
 I am fine to. I want to tell you that thank
 you for providing my school uniforms, books
 and bag. I also want to tell you that I am in
 Form One. may God bless you more and more
 and give you long life
 Thanks for
 understanding



Dear Sponsor
 How are you I hope you are fine
 in America as for me I am fine
 How are your family and wife
 you buy me book bag uniform
 etc God bless you good luck
 I am in class five Good Luck



Pardy Fantu
 G.S Lysoka
 2nd 11/21 2015
 Dear Sponsor
 How are you and children I hope
 you are fine How are you wife
 and wife I hope you are well
 How are your family I want to
 Thank you for me buying books
 and test books I wish you good Luck
 and I want to tell you that the day
 we are opening our school we will
 see that day and I will say my
 memory vest and we will sing

Sponsors, Have You Written Your Child Lately? They Love Hearing from You.

Send Your Letter care of:

Jim Kiel
3200 Woodford Way
Birmingham, AL 35242

1st/12/2015
Name Chadracks-S
from I
names/4-5 weeks
Dear Sponsor How are you doing
we all hope that you are fine as
for me I am fine we are all saying
that Thanks for your good help.
may God Bless you all and give
you Long life so that you may
Sponsor we all. you are very
good to us. ~~be a~~ we should be a
better person to tomorrow in future
~~is a~~ and I hope this letter will
visit you in a good hand.
Good bye
Dear Sponsor
HAPP MERRY
Crist mass
To God be The glory

Thank
Etchu Larisia
P.O Box 114 Belea
Monday 30 November 2015
Dear sponsor
I hope you are doing well
in America.
Because as for me I'm doing fine in
Cameroon. How are you with your family great
them for me.
I thank you for your gift that you
gave for me, and what you have been doing for
me because you have sponsor me for my
education and being my school needs.
I And want to say that God should
give you long life so that you can live and
do his work.
Good bye
to your beloved
Etchu Larisia
Larisa

Don't Delay!
Write it today!