

JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER



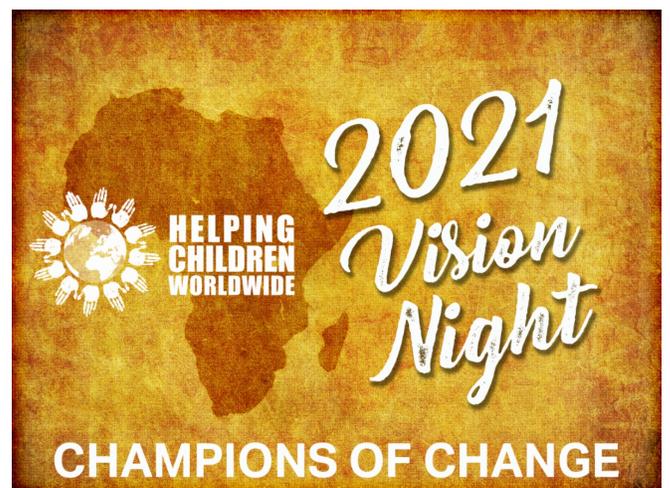
Greetings! We are excited to welcome 2021 with all the possibilities it holds! Please join us February 10 for our first event of the year, [2021 HCW Vision Night](#), to hear about our plans for the coming year and how you can get involved. From all of us at Helping Children Worldwide, may God bless you now and throughout the coming year!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here." 2 Corinthians 5:17

2021 HCW VISION NIGHT

Join us Wednesday, February 10 at 6:30 PM ET for Helping Children Worldwide's 2021 Vision Night! We want to thank YOU for your support with a fun night of fellowship and Trivia, share how HCW and our Partners were affected in 2020, and our vision for the coming year, "Champions of Change." The event will include a rousing game of Trivia and raffle prizes. Enjoy a time of fellowship and learn how you can engage in:

- Global Advocacy
- Medical Missions
- Family Empowerment
- Mission Deployment



Please RSVP online at bit.ly/HCWvision or call Heather at 703-793-9521, ext 102.

CRC holds joyful Christmas party for all the kids

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, the Child Reintegration Centre held a wonderful, joy-filled Christmas party for all the children and youth enrolled in a CRC program. The kids ate a delicious lunch with sodas, sang Christmas songs, held a Nativity pageant, danced, socialized, and received a special take-home gift which included a solar lantern. Many thanks to CRC Director Olivia Fonnies, SAC Coordinator Henry Kebbie, his assistant Assiatu Tarawally, and the entire CRC staff for making this a memorable occasion for the kids.

"It brings the true meaning of Christmas as we celebrate." ~ CRC student Raymond

"Since the start of the year I have not eaten delicious and rich food like this today. It was really enjoyable." ~ CRC student Memunatu

"I like to attend the SAC Christmas party because it gives me the opportunity to meet with my friends and make new ones." ~ CRC student Madiana



CRC students recognized for exceptional academic success

Fifty-four Child Reintegration Centre students were awarded special honors for doing extremely well in their academic work for the 2019-2020 academic year. The CRC gives awards for academic excellence to encourage the students to maintain high standards, and to remind the parents to keep monitoring their children's progress. The ceremony was incorporated into the annual Christmas party and attended by the children's parents.

Two Senior Secondary students were recognized for high achievement on the WASSCE college entrance exam, 29 primary grade children received awards for high NPSE scores, and 23 children were recognized for class promotions.

Education Manager Mabel Mustapha awarded the prizes and certificates to the high achievers. "My children, I am giving you these gifts and awards to motivate you to do more and make us proud. I assure you that we will continue to support you," she said. The beneficiaries each received a length of beautiful African "lappa" cloth.

(CRC Academic Success, continued)

"It has been my determination to grab an award at the CRC very year during their award events," CRC student Ansumana Farma-Bempa said. "I will continue to do my best in the university so has to make the organization proud of me. Thank you all for your support, especially the staff and management of CRC and my family. May God bless us all."

Ansumana and Hassan Koroma were the only two students to score 6 credits on the difficult West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE), earning both students a Promise Scholarship to attend university. Ansumana will attend Fourah Bay College to pursue an Engineering degree (also the alma mater of CRC alumnus Abdulai Sumaila), and Hassan will attend Canadian College of Modern Technology to pursue a degree in Computer Technology.

"I am really happy for my child for making it to the university and receiving an award. I will personally relay this good news to the rest of the family in the village, immediate members and the school. Without the support of CRC this will not have happened to my son," CRC parent Mary exclaimed.

The following students were recognized for academic excellence.

West African Senior School Certificate Exam (WASSCE) achievement:

- Ansumana Farma Bempa
- Hassan Koroma

National Primary School Exam (NPSE) achievement:

- Davida Gbla
- Hassan Combay
- Abdulai Dakowa
- Nanah Kallon
- Zainab Rogers
- Fatmata Gbongo
- Halimatu Kamara
- James Gbenga
- Musu Songu
- Sarah Kargbo
- Aquinas Kowai
- Kadiatu Makaya
- Joseph Ngiawo
- Precious Kona Jawara
- Rachael M. Alie
- Catherine Koroma
- Norman Musa
- Halimatu Gbondo
- Amadu Gbongo
- Tamba Johnny
- Fatmata Taal
- Patricia Massaquoi
- Yankuba Sesay
- Fatmata Sheriff
- Abibatu Moriba
- Rachael Esther Alpha
- Francis Nuni
- Marie Magbie
- Anthonetta J. Sovula

Ranked first in their class:

- Alfred Steven
- Janet G. James
- Salamatu Kaitor
- Esther R. Koroma
- James A. Koroma
- Josephine Pieh
- Tiangay Lamin
- Vallie T. Musa
- Godwin Rogers
- James Squire
- Sarieu Kamanda Bongay
- Mohamed Dorwie
- Joy E. Sharka

Ranked second in their class:

- Wuyata Gbenga
- Isatu Kpange
- Lucia Ella Bomah
- Salamatu Gbogudor
- Edwin Kpaka

Ranked third in their class:

- Rosaline Moriba
- Kadijah Koroma
- Mariama Mansaray
- Hassan Sesay
- Fatmata Lahai

Brave two year old guides her pregnant mother to Mercy Hospital

Fatmata is a very brave little two year old who helps her blind parents navigate the streets of Bo. When her pregnant mother went into labor, Fatmata guided her to Mercy Hospital to give birth. The staff delivered Fatmata's baby brother by vacuum aspiration. The family is doing well, and is deeply grateful for Mercy's timely intervention. Dr. Aruna, the attending physician, is pictured with Fatmata, her parents, and new baby brother.



Emergency surgery rescues baby in transverse lie

A transverse fetal position is rare, occurring in approximately one out of 300 deliveries. For women without access to a hospital delivery, a baby in the transverse position (lying sideways, instead of head down) is likely to be stillborn. 26-year-old Kadiatu presented at the hospital in advanced labor, and an ultrasound revealed the baby was lying transverse, making a normal vaginal delivery impossible.

The Mercy surgical staff performed an emergency caesarean section, delivering a baby girl, who was healthy but required resuscitation. "The condition is most common with multiparous patients (multiple births) because of the lax uterus," Dr. Aruna Stevens explained. "The fetus lies in any position that she feels is comfortable because of the large space available, which sometimes causes malpresentation." Kadiatu and her grateful husband credit Dr. Stevens and his team for saving their baby's life.



Is God calling you to be an advocate for vulnerable children and families in Sierra Leone?

Join a committed network of people who want to change the future for vulnerable children and families by becoming a partner church representative. We are always welcoming new partner churches and organizations to join our shared mission - maybe God is calling you! To find out how you or your church can get more involved, please call Mohamed "Nabs" Nabieu at 703-793-9521, ext 104 or email him at mnabieu@helpingchildrenworldwide.org.



Vicky Gaines, Otterbein UMC's partner church, on mission in Sierra Leone, with her sponsored child and Sponsor A Child Coordinator Henry Kebbie.



Take courage!

But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand. The victims commit themselves to you; you are the helper of the fatherless. Psalm 10:14



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