



*The power of partnership*

*“If you want to go fast, go alone. But if you want to go far, walk together”*

It is no coincidence that these simple, yet powerful truths are associated with people who face and overcome profound challenges. For when it comes to meeting our basic human needs, we can only do so by walking and working together.

There is a powerful and humbling clarity that takes place when we are able to slow down and appreciate how precious our time truly is. It is even more powerful when we are able to give that gift to others in order to reach their fullest potential.

Through partnerships, we can create a stronger life together by empowering and equipping men, women and youth to stand up and be peace ambassadors for Christ being salt and light to the world.



*Ruth, a friend of PHARP from West Virginia-USA*

**On 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>:** PHARP staff through the partnership with American Baptist International Ministries- USA and great support from tSOAR Ministries- USA made it possible for her to be part of World Mission Conference which was held at the Green Lake Conference Center in Wisconsin-USA.

Participants gathered from across USA, Lebanon, Chile, South Africa, Bolivia, Malaysia, Kenya, DR. Congo, India, Japan, Philippines, Brazil, Hungary, Thailand, Haiti, Mexico, United Kingdom and Burundi to renew their spirit, interact with global servants and mission partners, build lasting relationships and explore ways we can participate in God's Great mission.

God desires to use each of us in ways as distinct and unique from each other as are our faces and voices. The roles we each play in faithfulness to Jesus Christ are woven together in one master plan to bring healing and reconciliation to all of creation.

This opportunity opened a door for PHARP to share about the vision, mission and core values of the ministry. In the one week of listening to great teachings on salt and light, the question; *'am I willing to pay the price'* was continually referred to as a reflection point in our Christian walk with God. Our faith was stirred through the great and moving testimonies of those who paid a price for the sake of the Gospel.

*A Syrian woman lost her three children to ISIS for the sake of the Gospel. The Muslim husband ran away with them. But she to this day hopeful that she will one day meet her children again.*

Mark 9:49-50 *"Everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other"*.

Dear readers, let us be purposeful and intentional in investing in discipleship to ourselves and others. If you don't have an impact on community, then there is need for self-transformation.





*Rev. Dr. Eleazar (left) sharing with some of the participants. Right: PHARP staff (Pelagie- dressed in blue) connecting with team from Holy Spirit Renewal Ministries-USA.*

**On 15th to 18<sup>th</sup>:** PHARP team (The director, project manager and communications officer) visited PHARP initiatives in different locations. The aim of the visit was to meet with beneficiaries who have been trained and are engaged in peace and literacy initiatives supported by FTM-UK.

*Kasiwa a woman living with HIV/AIDS was so happy to be hugged by the PHARP director. She says; ‘I was hugged by the guests and that changed the way I perceive Christ’s love. With my status, no one in community wants to get near me, but today I felt the love of God. I know that am valued and loved’*



*Mrs. Susan interacting with beneficiaries*

Women were greatly encouraged by the encouraging remarks by Susan; *when we look at the structure of a house in which all guests were seated in, it has different parts but each has a vital role to play. This same concept does apply to us who are in Christ and living within community.*

Within the course of meeting, PHARP team helped the beneficiaries choose new leaders to head the various project groups present. As we know, leadership is key for the success of any organisation. If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more; that is leadership that these groups needed by the time PHARP was making this visit.



*Electing of new group leaders and PHARP team praying for them*

**On 23rd a “Sima Mtaani”** Merry go-round was held bringing together 32 women. These women inspired each other to buy 7 bundles of maize and distribute it to the neediest amongst them. This idea has brought peace and happiness in the said families. After the meeting, the women walked to one of their very own whose house was falling on one side. They all went to carry stones and mud and worked together to have it repaired.

*Adija is very excited that for the next two weeks she has food to give her family. This is made possible through the team work of the women. May God bless this organisation that saw it fit to come and educate us women who don't know how to read and hold a writing tool. Not only are we able to learn, but the basic needs that bring conflict in our homes are attended to. God bless PHARP.*



*Left: Happy women with supply of food. Middle and Right: women helped their own to repair a falling wall.*

**On 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>;** PHARP held two day discipleship training with 35 participants drawn from 4 churches that have been visited in Malindi (10 members from Baptist church, 5 from Spirit of faith, 15 from Rivers of healing and 5 from Kakoneni). In the four churches, discipleship groups have been formed with each having 10 members. Much thanks to the tSOAR discipleship material ‘*Finding your place in the World*’, discipleship has progressed well and church members are appreciating the need to spend time with God through His word.

*Pastor Maheli testified; for the last 5 months since I was trained and started using this material; I have seen a great change in my personal life. Because of spending time reading God’s word, I have learnt new truths that I didn’t know before. I am more confident in my preaching, because I have knowledge. It is amazing what discipleship can do: I introduced this book into our family devotions and this has brought my family closer. Our smallest daughter always reminds us to read the Bible before we sleep and this has brought peace and harmony within the family. My teenage son, who was becoming rebellious, is now towing the line. He is leading a youth discipleship group in our house every Thursday for one hour in the evening.*





*Left: Pastor Maheli (white shirt) with one of the discipleship groups outside the church. Right: Pastor Maheli son (orange shirt) leading a youth discipleship group.*

## **THANKS GIVING AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

- 1. We thank God for all the friends and partners of PHARP who supported the ministry.**
- 2. We thank God for continued strength and good health of PHARP team.**
- 3. We pray for all people and organizations involved in peace work, discipleship and humanitarian work to the hurting in communities.**
- 4. Let us pray for the August activities which will take place in Pokot, Nairobi, and Malindi for strength, wisdom and provision.**