



## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019



***“And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’- Nairobi Chapel Ngong Hills Pastoral Interns 2019 visit at PHARP office***

*The late king of a certain community had ten wild dogs. He used them to torture and eat any of his servants who made a mistake. One of the servants gave an opinion which was wrong, and the king didn't like it at all. So, he ordered that the servant be thrown to the dogs. The servant said, "I served you for ten years, and you do this to me? Please give me ten days before throwing me to those dogs?" The king agreed.*

*In those ten days, the servant went to the guard who looks after the dogs and told him he would like to serve the dogs for the next ten days. The guard was baffled but agreed, and the servant started feeding the dogs, cleaning for them, bathing them and providing all sorts of comfort for them. When the days were over, the king ordered that the servant be thrown to the dogs for his punishment. When he was thrown in, those who witnessed were amazed to see the ravenous dogs only licking the feet of the servant.*

*The king baffled at what he was seeing, said, "what has happened to my dogs?" the servant replied, "I have served the dogs for only ten days, and they didn't forget my service. Yet I served you for a whole ten years and you forgot all, at my first mistake!". The king realized his mistake and ordered the servant to be set free.*

How does this story relate to us this month? Whether you are in ministry, a professional, a worker from home, a farmer or pastoralist; we need to learn to forgive our brothers and sisters from our hearts.

This month we engaged in activities that focused on building peace and spreading the good news of the gospel such as: commemorating the International day of peace, fellowship with commissioned trained pastors and discipleship with women.

**On 12<sup>th</sup> September:** PHARP had its monthly discipleship meeting with Maasai women who are eager to learn more of God. The women shared much on the impact of discipleship on their lives and family, especially on the benefits of 'surrender'.

Jane shared a brief testimony: *I am a business woman, but I have never gone to school to acquire any skills on business. But all I know is that in business you are supposed to make profit. This profit comes after you have removed all monies used to stock up the business. Three weeks ago, we handled the topic on surrender. And I remember the teacher asking the question: "Lord, did my thoughts and actions reflect that I have surrendered all to you? Did I practice spiritual disciplines? Did I ask forgiveness and forgive others?". This question really has been ringing in my head each time I would remember of a lady who went to talk bad of my business. Many times, I would be tempted to also say bad things to her customers. But I realized that am not being a true disciple through my surrender and obedience to the word of God. I forgave my competitor and am content with the customers that God brings my way. And I also praise God for how my business is growing slowly but steadily and my heart is contented.*



*Women discussing the concept of 'surrender' using the tSOAR discipleship material*

**On 18<sup>th</sup> September:** PHARP hosted 11 intern pastors from Nairobi Ngong Hills- Kajiado County. These young men and women have been undergoing training for 9 months in missions and church planting. It was amazing to hear each of their stories of how they got called into ministry and what their vision and mission is to serve the Lord. There shall be church plants in South Africa, Embu, Meru, Mai-Mahiu, Ngong township (BulBul), Limuru, Mombasa and Nyeri.



*left: PHARP team share about its ministry. Right: a time of worship and prayer led by the interns*



**On 22<sup>nd</sup> September:** PHARP made a visit to Calvary Church-Kirigu with a purpose of follow-up in line to discipleship and visiting with groups formed. The bishop of the church is a PHARP disciple maker; trained and empowered to make more disciples. Recently on August 24<sup>th</sup> he was ordained a Bishop. Disciples present in church noted that they needed to work harder in witnessing to others and bring them to church, they needed to work on their character to be above reproach and to keep trusting in God. The day that we also visited, we celebrated the **International day of peace 2019**.

This day which focused on ‘climate action for peace’ was a great reminder to us that nature does not negotiate. This means that if we are not at peace with the physical environment, then we shall continue to suffer the consequences of climate change. When rains do not come at the right time; farmers suffer, animals suffer, soil erosion takes place, hurricanes, drought, famine among others are experienced and the consequences are negative. This day is therefore devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and people.

By planting the ‘**peace tree**’, this drew the attention to the importance of combating climate change as a way to protect and promote peace throughout the world. Therefore, youths, women, men and children need to work together to preserve the environment.



*Left: Some of Calvary church congregants. Right: PHARP Director and Bishop Michael plant the ‘Peace tree’ 2019*

**On 25<sup>th</sup>:** PHARP hosted the Secretary General of Faith Evangelical Baptist Churches both in Kenya and South Sudan. The main purpose of this meeting is to see how PHARP in partnership with tSOAR Ministries-USA can be of help in empowering and equipping youths and young adults with discipleship as they are the promising future of today’s church. It is Rev. Saphano’s dream that South Sudan mores so in Juba shall be bubbling with a godly generation after all the years of civil wars and broken peace accords. Let us continue to uphold the country of South Sudan in prayers that peace may prevail.



Left: PHARP team with Rev. Saphano (Secretary General of Faith Evangelical Baptist Church). Right: PHARP team with Rev. Saphano and church elder.

**On-going Discipleship in Malindi:** As part of ongoing discipleship, the field officer mobilised youths and women to grow in the knowledge of Christ through different ways and means. From 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of September, group members were not only reminded about tSOAR (**time, truth, trust, surrender, obey, abide and reconcile**), but also encouraged to engage in a 10 days chain prayer and fasting. The need for a prayer driven life was anchored on James 5:16 *“therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective”*. At the end of this season of prayer, healing (physical, emotional and spiritual) took place.

*Charo, a group leader says, “I was suffering from constant cold and flu for a long time to an extent that I could not get my shirt off even on a sunny day, but through prayer and fasting, I called on God to stretch His healing hand upon me. By faith, I am healed”.*

*Amina and Joan who were in the fasting prayer but were experiencing conflict between themselves based on land boundary between their two farms. During prayer devotion they shared about their challenge. Others advised them to seek legal address and resolve the conflict between them. This time of prayer initiated the process of reconciliation.*

**International Peace day in Malindi:** To mark the international day of peace, the field officer mobilized his friends and local leaders within Rotaract Club to visit Amani –Club at Ngala Memorial Girl’s secondary school. While at the school, the students were involved in environmental clean-up exercise and later given peace talks on **“peace is beautiful, peace is a**

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*process and qualities of a peace maker'*. The students were very receptive to the peace message and there is hope for them inspiring fellow peers and future generations.



*Top left: Participants in discussion and prayer. Left: Peace Club Students of Ngala Memorial girls.*

*Below: Peace club facilitators within Coast Region*

### **THANKS GIVING AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. We thank God for the month of September. The strength and provision that God has given to each one.
2. We thank God for the peace and economic development that is being experienced in Kenya and its neighbors.
3. We continue to pray for all our leaders (the president and the entire cabinet) and the neighboring countries.
4. Pray for peace to prevail in Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, DR Congo and South Sudan.
5. We continue to pray for the friends and supporters of the ministry.
6. We continue to pray for the October activities