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Graduated Disciple Makers with PHARP staff including the PHARP Director (Seated front center)- Malindi 2019

“When love is the way, then no child will go to bed hungry in this world ever again. When love is the way, poverty will become history. When love is the way, the earth will be a sanctuary. When love is the way, we will lay down our swords and shields down by the riverside, to study war no more.

When love is the way, we know that God is the source of us all and we are brothers and sisters, children of God”- Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

In the month of November, we give thanks to the LORD and proclaim His greatness. Let the whole world know what He has done. Sing to Him, yes, sing His praises. Tell everyone about His miracles- 1 Chronicles 6:8-9.

On 6th to 9th November: PHARP held two days training then on 9th held a graduation for 15 pastors, lay leaders, women and youth leaders. These leaders have been going through a one year intensive time of training on peacebuilding, spiritual leadership and discipleship.

Nyevu Katana (49 years of age) a women's group leader at the PHARP centre-Jilore had this to say, " I always admired those who graduated wearing these black gowns. Since I never had the opportunity to study to a level of wearing this gown, I always prayed that my own children would study and wear these gowns. Through PHARP, I took the step of faith to enrol in this class. I was not sure I would make it, but I was determined. When my family came to celebrate with me, I felt appreciated and loved and will live for peace in my family and community".



Left: Nyevu during group discussion. Right: Nyevu being celebrated by her family as she receives certificate

David, a pastor and group leader had this to say, "The knowledge and skills given by PHARP was not meant for people like me as I thought when the course was beginning. When I got the opportunity, I prayed to God to give me the grace so I could attend the training from the beginning to the end. The terms that were being used were new to me, but I am thankful to the PHARP team who took their time after class sessions to explain the terms to me again. The words of time, truth, trust, surrender, obey, abide and reconcile have helped me a lot in my family and ministry. I am more dedicated to my family and also the leaders I work with at church are more dedicated to the ministry. With this certificate I have got, will always be a reminder of the skills and knowledge I have received from PHARP. Thank you for empowering us.



Left: David's wife giving testimony of her husband's change. Right: David receiving his certificate

On 16th November: PHARP held an awareness class with 16 interested participants representing 6 churches within Kibera slum for the peacebuilding and discipleship class. Among those present were youths who are unhappy with the state of violence in their community (Kibera slum). They know they want to make a difference, but they don't know how and where to start. And this is why this new course at PHARP is very important for anyone who is interested to work with communities. Out of the 16 participants, 13 registered to start their class in January 2020.



Left: Pastor Alois following the presentation. Right: PHARP staff making clarifications of the course.

On 18th November: PHARP received Ed, the director of Visions of hope for Africa- VOHFA-USA. We are pleased for the partnership between the two organisations to work towards sustainable peace through having short term mission trips that are focused on offering medical support to vulnerable communities that PHARP works with and women empowerment.



Ed accompanied by his board member (VOHFA) to PHARP office

Deadly Floods in Kenya: In Kenya, we are experiencing deadly floods which have seen about 120 people killed in flooding and mudslides during an unusually severe rainy season. More than 60 died over the weekend in West Pokot county where PHARP has some peace and conflict programs going on. Tens of thousands of people across the country have been displaced, while infrastructure has been damaged, making aid delivery more difficult. Amongst PHARP staff, some were affected by the heavy rains, their homes totally flooded and being forced to seek refuge elsewhere as the homes are being cleaned. Dear friends, please continue to pray for this situation in Kenya, since the meteorological department has warned that the rains will go up until December.



Left: Flooded and submerged homes in Pokot. Right: One of PHARP staff flooded home

PHARP MALINDI: Discipleship of women and youths are ongoing. Youths are harvesting fresh vegetables as they also engage in beadwork, while women are engaged in maize farming as they continue to disseminate the message of peace.



Left: Youths harvesting fresh vegetables. Right: Youths being taught at a bible club

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER REQUEST

- 1. We thank God for the peace within the nation.**
- 2. We thank God for a successful PHARP Board meeting held on 21st November to deliberate on activities that will be carried in 2020.**
- 3. We thank God for the rains within the country: this has provided water within homes and food for the animals.**
- 4. Pray for the families that have been affected by the heavy rains: some families are mourning the loss of loved ones; others are mourning the loss of destroyed property.**
- 5. In partnership with the CALVARY church-Kirigu, PHARP-Malindi shall host 60 youths from the church for their national youth's convention between the dates of 4th to 8th December.**
- 6. Pray for all those travelling to be with their loved ones over the Christmas festivities for journey mercies.**
- 7. Pray for PHARP activities in December: training in Mwatate-Voi.**
- 8. Pray for youths in the discipleship program in Malindi who will go for a three days camp.**