



JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2020



“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” - 1 Peter 2:9

WHO IS OUR SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR THE YEAR 2020?

Now it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag, on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire, and had taken captive the women and those who were there, from small to great; they did not kill anyone, but carried them away and went their way. This event didn't happen by accident; God had a purpose for all of this in David's life (1 Samuel 30). David inquired God's direction for the next step.

Through all this, David strengthened himself in the LORD his God: It took a lot to bring David to this place, but now he is here, God is his only strength.

Dear reader, how has the year started for you? What may you consider a sudden event in your life? And where is your source of strength?

In 2020, PHARP is committed to reach communities with the word of GOD for personal transformation. In partnership with you our dear reader, we are commanded to go and bring back those who are held captive into the kingdom of GOD for peace to prevail in our communities.

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The month of January saw PHARP carry out some activities that brought men and women together to realize the need of working together to achieve the Great Commission mandated to us by our LORD Jesus; ‘To go and make disciples and be peace ambassadors’.

On 7th January: PHARP staff held a meeting with representatives of World Serve-USA at the Sheraton Hotel-Four Points to discuss how peace can be enhanced in vulnerable communities that have young girls who miss school every month because of poor or lack of sanitary hygiene. World Serve-USA currently operating in Tanzania is looking at ways to implement the same product in Kenya through partnership with PHARP-Kenya. PHARP through its involvement in communities will mobilize young girls who will benefit from this project, so that they may not miss school any single day because of the trauma and shame associated with monthly menstruation. We continue to pray that this partnership will be strengthened and communities will be supported effectively.



Laura and pastor Kangethe of World serve with Pelagie PHARP-Kenya staff

On 10th January: PHARP team held a consultative with a former trained pastor in the area of discipleship. This pastor who has opened seven churches in his rural home of Kiambu and Muranga Counties, approached PHARP for the support in offering discipleship and spiritual leadership to the members of the church God has

entrusted him with. Please pray for this opportunity of empowering and equipping God's people in these Counties.

On 16th January: A meeting with Kona Baridi women was held at the PHARP office. This meeting focused on laying down the activities of the women for the year 2020; especially on how they shall disseminate the message of peace to fellow women in their community.



Left: women leaders deliberating. Left: women leaders and PHARP team.

On 18th January: this training brought together 13 pastors from 6 churches within Kibera slum. These are pastors who are in a pastor's fellowship that meets once a month to be empowered and equipped on how to do ministry better through teachings on discipleship, conflict resolution and spiritual leadership. Each pastor acknowledges the need to be trained because education never ends. Through sharing, one is able to learn and realize how they can be better ministers of the word, in a community that has many physical needs. These pastors will be trained for three intensive months during weekends.





Top Right and left: Pastors in attendance for the first-class training. Below: Group photo of first class for 2020

On 20th to 24th January: PHARP Kenya staff Pelagie visited the PHARP-Rwanda team. The Kenya staff was privileged to see the community projects that are being implemented in support of alleviating poverty and as well making disciples of Christ amongst widows and single mothers. Of particular interest is the visit that was done to the Northern part of the country- Musanze at the Kimonyi village. 20 widows and single mothers were supported with 10 sewing machines to aide them in starting a sewing class that would give them a skill to help them be economically independent. Dear friends, let us continue to pray for this sewing class that it shall be successful and help many women who are faced with the huge responsibility of raising a family without a stable income.



TOP LEFT: Rev. Anastase-PHARP-Rwanda Director addressing the community. Left: Pelagie-PHARP-

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Kenya staff part of women receiving the sewing machines. Bottom: Right: Enrolled students ready to learn. Left: Julianne the women's coordinator at PHARP-Rwanda office.

On 30th January: PHARP met with Rachel of African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries-ALARM Kenya, whose primary work is in servant leadership, peacebuilding and Trauma healing. The focus of the meeting was to see ways on which we can work together on matters of peacebuilding and trauma healing.



Left: Rachel with PHARP staff. Right: Rachel perusing the trauma healing material that PHARP uses for trainings

ONGOING ACTIVITIES AT PHARP- JILORE MALINDI CENTRE

DISCIPLESHIP; New Year celebrations: 50 PHARP members assembled at the Pharp center on 1st /01/2020. The aim of this gathering was to thank the Lord for the far He has brought us and also commit our plans to Him just as the scripture says in the book of **Psalms 37:5** “Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart. , commit your ways to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will do it”



New Year celebrations at PHARP Jilore, Malindi

PHARP Group leaders: 8 leaders from 3 women PHARP groups met on 13th/01/2020 to evaluate last year's performance and also chart a new way forward. The theme was "PERFECT PEACE" derived from the book of Isaiah 26:3 This was a reminder that cooperating with God and letting Him use us the way He desires is the key to perfect peace and success.

Mrs. Gona had this to say, "Last year was a tough year, I was preaching peace but there were many conflicts in my family and with my neighbors, I thank God that I stood the test of time. With this very clear message of perfect peace, am sure the Lord is on our side and will help us get where He desires despite our weaknesses"

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

1. We thank God for enabling us to start a new year of 2020 and more so God enabling us to serve within communities that need to learn the love of God.
2. We thank God for our friends and partners, we pray that the partnership this year will even be stronger.
3. We pray for upcoming activities in the month of February: discipleship training in Malawi, Kibera and Malindi in Kenya.
4. Pray for 'sports for peace' tournament that is being planned for April 2020 in Jilore, Malindi for youths and entire community.
5. Pray for the young nation of South Sudan that peace may prevail.
6. Pray for the nation of America, Iran and other nations without peace, that God may give peace to His children in those countries.
7. Pray for all ministry partners of PHARP that the Lord may continue to provide for them in order to be a blessing to many others.

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