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*Come, follow me, 'Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men' - Matthew 4:19
Trained Disciples of Kakuyuni- Malindi.*

***“Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people’-
Matthew 4:19***

This was Jesus’ instruction to Peter, but He obviously meant it for John and James as well, who were present and also obeyed. These men were commercial fishermen, and the statement follows a miracle done by Jesus in which they threw their nets out at Jesus’ request after fishing unsuccessfully all night. Though it was the middle of the day and in deep waters, the catch was miraculously large, and the fishermen marveled.

Then came the invitation to follow Jesus and join in his ministry. By the grace of God, they laid down their nets and followed. Today, Jesus calls us all in the same way. One way or another, He shows himself. Some of us, even today are aware of a sign or miracle in our lives that leave us thinking, “There must be a God!” while others sense the evidence in His good created order and just know that the Bible is true and Jesus is to be trusted. Still, others live through experiences that drive them to the Savior who, is gracious and compassionate to save, and they follow him.

No matter how each of us comes to see Christ as Lord and Savior, the invitation must be accepted. Christ was always moving forward, and His invitation was always to follow him on his path. The result for Peter, James, and John, and for any of us today who will accept the invitation, is to lay down our lives and “follow,” becoming fishers of men.

PHARP invites you to join hands with us as we foster healing in hurting communities that needs to hear the message of hope and saving grace of Jesus Christ, no matter your profession or status in society. Come and be part of a people who are commanded to Go and make Disciples for Jesus.

In this month, God enabled us to empower and equip 63 peacemakers and disciple makers, who we hope shall train others for the glory of God.

On 3rd and 4th: PHARP was able to complete a peacebuilding and discipleship four-month training for 23 participants (men, women and youths) interested and involved in peace and discipleship in their communities.

Miriam a youth in school was very much delighted to be part of those selected by her church to attend the training. The teachings did not only help her, but what she learnt came in handy while at school. She was able to restore peace between two

roommates in the dorm who had serious conflict, to the point one lady burnt the clothes and clothes of her roommate. As much as the matter was taken up by the school administration, she was able to help the two ladies sit and look at the root-causes of their conflict. Using the 'conflict tree' she learnt during training, this would not have been possible. Her teachers were also impressed by Miriam's actions.



Top: Participants follow through the recap session of previous teachings



Middle: Participant makes presentation as well joint group discussion



Below: Graduands in worship of what God has done for them and Miriam receive her certificate

On 19th: A group of 25 leaders (men, women and youth) within the Kibera slum-Nairobi who started training in March 2020 and proceeded with the challenges of COVID-19 did manage to learn and do ministry amidst the challenges of poverty and not to mention the pandemic. On this great day 21 participants received their certificates. This marks the beginning of intense work within the community to create awareness and preach peace as the country gears towards elections in 2022. Kindly uphold these men and women in prayers that they shall not be discouraged in preaching peace and being active peace ambassadors within the slum and beyond.

Kelvin a youth among those graduated testified that he used to be involved in crime. Several times he was caught and taken to the chief for discipline. When his pastor approached him and asked him to use his energy for the good of the community; he asked how can he do that. That is when he was invited for the training. At first it was hard for him to be committed, but with along the way he saw the importance of the teachings. He learnt that he was causing people trauma and therefore he needed to change that bad image and be a peace ambassador. Now he is in a team of 40 youths set up the Chief's office to be community security daddies.



Peace ambassadors in prayer and woman testify of God's goodness



Awarding of certificates and the graduands (some in absentia)

On 13th and 27th: The church leaders of Church of Prophecy are going through a twelve-week discipleship and spiritual leadership training in order to better their leadership within the church as well be equipped and empowered disciple-makers.

Pastor Onyango who is the lead pastor of the church had this to say: 'these teachings of listening to Jesus came at the right time. Ministries were not growing; leaders were not motivated anymore. But as you can see, for the last four weeks we have been studying together, the morale has increased, parents are sending children for Sunday school and they have their own discipleship group and our handling of ministry has changed too. We thank PHARP and tSOAR who have seen it good to partner and equip us.'



Sunday school during their discipleship class

THANKS GIVING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

1. We thank God for sustaining us during the month of June.
2. We thank God for 55 beneficiaries reached with the message of peace on 10th and 11th at Mukutani- Baringo County between the Pokot and Njemas communities.
3. We thank God for peace and good health despite the cold weather being experienced.
4. We pray for peace in the Great Lake regions and the whole world, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. Pray for the July activities, for provision and strength.
6. Pray for Kenya as they prepare for the up-coming elections in 2022.