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Disciples and peace ambassadors of Shimo La Tewa- Kibera Slum

'Let us not become weary in doing good' Galatians 6:9

A woman planned an event at a local park and invited all the neighborhood children to participate. She was excited about the opportunity to share her faith with her neighbors. She invited 3 grandchildren and two highschoolers to help. They planned a number of games and activities, prepared snacks, bible story about Jesus to present to the children and waited for them to gather.

Day one, no children came, day two and three still no children came. On day four, she noticed a family picnicking nearby and invited the children to join in the games. One little girl came, entered into the fun, ate with them and listened to the story about Jesus.

Years from now she'll remember what she heard in that story. Who knows what the outcome will be? God encourages us to 'not become weary in doing good (teaching, preaching, evangelizing, helping the sick and poor) for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people'.

Let us not worry about numbers or other visible measures of success. Our job is to be faithful to what He wants us to do and then leave the harvest to Him. God determines the outcomes.

In the month of June, we are encouraged and confident that the Lord is doing a new thing in the lives of beneficiaries that are within Kenya, Rwanda, Malawi and Tanzania as well in the ministry of PHARP. Through His guidance and strengthening, PHARP team was able to start a second, three-month discipleship class in Shimo La Tewa- Kibera slum, visit with beneficiaries in Kona Baridi-Kajiado County, follow up with beneficiaries in Malawi and Tanzania. In all these, we give God all the glory.

On June 18th: PHARP team had a blessed second session launch on peacebuilding and discipleship training in Shimo La Tewa-Kibera slum to 33 participants. This is a three-month extensive course that targets religious and community leaders comprising of youths, men and women. This community being a hot spot for political violence, we are praying that the teachings will change and transform the participants; especially for the youths in the class.

Pastor Timothy who pastors the local church where the training will be held, was very much delighted for the course coming to his community.

"I am happy that these teachings on peacebuilding, conflict transformation and discipleship have come here. When I attended the graduation at Toi Market a different section in Kibera, and heard the testimonies being given by trained participants, I knew that the youths in my community; those idle youths who sit on the road-side and the bridge will be invited. Am happy that majority of those in this class are the youths who feel cast out, jobless and idle. We look forward to a great time of learning and helping each other."



Left: Pastor Timothy (hosting pastor) and Pastor Sophy of the previous class in To. Right: PHARP team member giving an introduction to the training

Peacebuilding and Discipleship at PHARP center- Jilore, Malindi Sub-County

On 21st: On this day, Pastor Chai (former PHARP beneficiary) with other beneficiaries met at the center for compound cleaning, fellowship of the word and fellowship of a meal. Each group represented shared on how they are fairing on both at individual level, family and community contribution.



Left: Pastor Chai (sitted) leading the prayers. Left: beneficiaries share a meal after cleaning the compound.

On 23rd and 24th June: PHARP team met with 11 group leaders on 24th June. This was a day of follow-up and noting down the areas that the group leaders need help with as they work with their individual group members. It was also a joy to welcome Joshua Amani to the group of disciple-makers. A young man who very much desires to serve the Lord and the community.



Left: peacebuilding and discipleship group leaders in fellowship. Below: Joshua working with the sewing group-Jilore, Malindi

MALAWI PEACEBUILDING AND DISCIPLESHIP FOLLOW-UP



Left: Pastor Kafupa teaching in the new believer's class. Right: Pastor Kafupa in discipleship training held in Malawi in May 2022

My testimony after the first session of discipleship training: That very week my bishop who knew that I had attended a peacebuilding and discipleship training, asked me to handle the young believer's foundation class. Putting into use what we learnt on the model of FAT (Faithful, Available and Teachable) which was given to us a model used by Apostle Paul and Timothy in line to discipleship, I was able to teach the class with confidence.

Before the training, I was happy to serve in other areas of ministry like organizing groups for prayers, organizing for evangelism crusades, sweeping the church, wiping the chairs, showing people where to seat; but I could not gather courage to stand in front of others and teach them. I was afraid that am not very competent enough to handle questions given to me. But having learnt about the four convictions from Matthew 28:18-20 which were: All Authority (source), All nations (scope), All things (strategy) and Always (season) have been given to every believer. Our facilitator, taught us that we should not shy away from taking opportunities that allow us to teach the word of God. And I thank my Bishop for having faith in me to teach others.

What I learnt in regards to the Great Commission was new to me, even as much as I knew this scripture. I also learnt that as a leader, I need to raise and groom other FAST leaders: Faithful, available, submissive and teachable. For this to happen, it needs to start with me. And I can only learn these critical truths when I spend adequate time listening to Jesus. The material on 'Listening to Jesus' is very helpful to me and my small group.

Thank you very much to PHARP partners who made it possible to hold this training and invite us. We very much look forward to our next session as we share of what God is doing afresh in our lives and ministries.

We are currently seeing many people join weekly cell groups to study the word of God. We pray that this revival continues. When we learnt on what contributes to the church dying; lack of discipleship was a major one. Please pray for us, that the church members will understand the importance of studying God's word and not wait for the Sunday sermon.

Prayer requests for Malawi:

- Pray that the denominations represented in our discipleship class remain united
- Pray for the discipleship groups formed that the members may be committed to their weekly meetings
- Pray for the church in Malawi to stand strong
- Pray that members will not be discouraged with the looming economic crisis and high costs of living.

ARUSHA- TANZANIA PEACEBUILDING AND DISCIPLESHIP FOLLOW-UP



Leaders of Pentecostal Church faith and Action (PCFAT)- Arusha, Tanzania led by Bishop Palanjo (seated front with cream suit).

Since our class in March 2022, the church leaders who attended the training were very much motivated and their spirits charged to continue with the work of God. When they understood that discipleship is the engine of the church, they devoted themselves to teaching and empowering more disciples. The missions that are being carried out now have more meaning. As the bishop to 33 churches (a former PHARP beneficiary), we all learnt that if you make disciples like Jesus made them, you will see people come to faith who didn't know Him. Through our small groups for learning God's word weekly, it is becoming clearer to us that if we disciple well, we will always get the mission work right. Am grateful for the two days training I had with leaders from the King'ori section of Arusha this month. These are leaders under the PCFAT church that am the bishop. Using what our facilitator taught us and the reference material she left us, we are all striving to better ourselves by: looking UP (worship), looking IN (discipleship) and looking OUT (mission). We are looking forward to our next class in September 2022. Thank you very much.

Prayer requests for Tanzania:

- Pray that leaders will see the great need of being discipled and in turn disciple others.

PHARP RWANDA PEACEBUILDING AND DISCIPLESHIP TESTIMONY

Many young girls and boys in Rwanda have been facing a lot of problems and challenges including social economic problems as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. This means many have lost hope for the future and are living a life without purpose. A common phrase amongst the hopeless youths when they meet each other is: 'Nta myaka ijana' (which means that they live a reckless life because they shall not even reach a hundred years due to the difficulty of life).

In helping some youths to rebuild hope, PHARP has been helping them to learn a skill. Sewing is one of the skills that helps them to make income and improve their life conditions and to find hope for their future.

On June 6th 2022, Rev. Anastase (PHARP-Rwanda Director) spent a day with 38 youths in Jenda sector, Nyabihu district, western province- Rwanda introducing to them how to become an effective disciple of Jesus Christ using '*Finding your place in the World*': they need to develop a lifestyle of a time to listen to God; by discovering the truth God reveals to them in His word; by trusting in Him; by surrendering their lives to Him; by obeying Him and His word, by abiding in Him and keeping His word; and by reconciling with Him.



Rev. Anastase (standing left) with some of the youths in Jenda studying the word of God.

Prayer requests for PHARP Rwanda:

- Pray that youths may find peace and hope in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that this sewing project will be an effective evangelism tool.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

1. We thank God for the month of June; for enabling us with strength and health.
2. We thank God for His sustenance for the ministry and the activities established in various communities.
3. We thank God for the just concluded Commonwealth conference in Rwanda peacefully.
4. Please continue to pray for our Nation Kenya as we prepare for the August 9th elections
5. Pray for DR Congo that are undergoing violent conflict, for peace to prevail.
6. Continue to pray for Russia and Ukraine conflict to stop and they engage in peaceful dialogue.