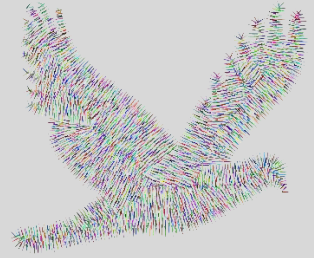




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“And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith- Acts 6:7.

It is often said that, the best time to plant a tree was 100 years ago, the next best time to plant a tree is now. What lesson can we pick from this saying?

God has called us to plant new and multiplying communities of faith in un-entered places. This is the work that God has placed upon all disciples, believers, pastors, peace ambassadors and leaders. The time to do this is today.

With Christ’s love burning in our hearts, PHARP staff and like-minded partners were able to go forth to win, empower through training and commission men and women of God who have understood the Great Commission and have given their time and resources to go and empower others.

In this month of July, PHARP partnered with tSOAR Ministries to train and empower religious and community leaders in discipleship, Young Life to bring together 85 youths at the PHARP Jilore Centre for a two days’ camp, Continued peacebuilding, and discipleship training for 20 religious and 15 youth leaders in Lindi-Kibera-Nairobi, commissioning of 60 trained leaders in Moshi, Tanzania, PHARP Board Chairman visiting with 80 PHARP beneficiaries at PHARP-Jilore Centre, Malindi-Kilifi County and growth testimonies of peacebuilding and discipleship in Blantyre, Malawi.



Pictures: “Multiplied greatly...” youths at PHARP-Jilore, Malindi

Making Disciples

On 25th: PHARP was delighted and grateful for the visit done by the PHARP Board Chairman- Prof. Paul Mbutu (Senior Registrar- Daystar University) at the PHARP-Jilore Centre. His leadership in leading the PHARP staff and Board to focus on the organization's strategic matters, overseeing the organization's business and setting high governance standards has helped PHARP stay committed to its vision and mission since its inception. He has played a pivotal role in fostering the effectiveness of the ministry to community.

To commemorate his visit, Prof. Mbutu (Black blazer bending) planted a banana tree that shall grow to feed many who come to seek training at the Centre.



This month...

On 1st and 2nd July: A two-day youth camp organized by Young Life (an evangelical Christian organization that focuses on young people in middle school, high school and college) before schools

resumed from half-term break was focused on introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them to grow in their faith. The camp brought together 85 youths who have been going through discipleship sessions in their respective churches. Therefore, this was an opportunity to strengthen their faith through practical teachings as they were headed back to school.

Earnest the leader says, 'The camp is an event tool to expose teenagers to a fun-filled adventure and still get to have biblical teachings to renew or strengthen their faith in salvation.'



On 15th July: 15 youths in Kibera who are part of a three-month extensive peacebuilding and discipleship class went through training that helped them take measures on self-care and set goals on how to improve their lives daily.

Youths in Kibera have over the years been used in activities that promote violence and many destructions to the society; many due to unemployment engage in drugs, robbery, prostitution, and many other negative things. But now, youths are being encouraged to distance themselves from negative activities and embrace self-care and self-development. Through engaging in short courses and gaining knowledge, then youths in Kibera can make a difference to their lives and those around them.





On 10th to 13th July: In person training at Pentecost church in Bomangombe, Moshi- Tanzania came to a good end with 60 men and women being awarded certificates and commissioned to go out and make more disciples. Having gone through 5 months of in person and community practical training, the participants were awarded certificates of participation as well helpful material that can be used as they go out and teach others and form small discipleship groups.

Bishop Palanjo testified that: *'since these classes began in March, I have witnessed great change in the church and more so in the leadership I work with. Since PHARP trainings began in 2021 here in Tanzania, I had made sure that each location the classes are held, I send my pastors and lay leaders for training. And I can testify that CPCT ministry has not been the same. We are having less conflicts within the various church plants, because everyone involved in ministry has understood their role. We don't have people fighting for power positions, but am seeing more people look for opportunities to preach the gospel and make disciples. We are grateful for this day and the work of PHARP. Through these trainings, we have seen much unity amongst the denominations in Moshi. Pastors can sit under one roof, talk to each other and find solutions of growing the church. We are now seeking to disciple church members into spiritual maturity, not fighting to have many numbers of church attendants.'*

On July 19th: On this day, one of trained PHARP beneficiaries in Ntambanyama, Blantyre-Malawi was invited by a local church in the area that runs a primary school to go and train their teachers. This was a great opportunity for ministry because teachers were taught on how to care for children the biblical way.

Rev. Lawrence in his two-day training to the teachers echoed *'that learning is not about just head knowledge but wholistic teaching. We are entrusted to also be spiritual guides to these small children. So training teachers on being intentional disciple makers to the young ones, we are part of those fulfilling the great commission. Am grateful for the school administration seeing the worth and need to invest in the teacher's knowledge. I would also not have been considered if it was not for the lessons, I received from PHARP and tSOAR ministries. The materials and constant follow-up by PHARP team has greatly shaped how I do and carry out ministry to the church and to others.'*



Above: One of the group discussion sessions. Right: Commissioned peacebuilding and discipleship grandaunts of Moshi, Tanzania.

Below: A teacher receiving an attendance certificate. Right: Rev. Lawrence with one of the pupils.





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Prayer Commitment and thanksgiving

1. Thank God for His goodness, mercy, protection and provision in the just ended month.
2. Pray for stable peace within Kenya and the neighboring countries: Uganda, Tanzania, DR Congo, Sudan, South Sudan.
3. Pray for Europe (Ukraine and Russia) and America that would also be facing various challenges one from another.
4. Pray for all our ministry partners and friends.
4. Pray for the remaining quarter of the year 2023.