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His presence is sure!

In 1892, a resident with cholera accidentally transmitted the disease via the Elbe River to Hamburg, Germany's entire water supply. Within weeks, ten thousand citizens died. Eight years earlier, German microbiologist Robert Koch had made a discovery: cholera was waterborne. Koch's revelation prodded officials in large European cities to invest in filtration systems to protect their water. Hamburg authorities, however, had done nothing. Citing costs and alleging dubious science, they'd ignored clear warnings while their city careened toward catastrophe.

The book of Proverbs has a lot to say about those of us who see trouble yet refuse to act. "A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions" (27:12). When God helps us see danger ahead, it's common sense to take action to address the danger. We wisely change course. Or we ready ourselves with appropriate precautions that He provides. But we do something. To do nothing is pure madness. We can all fail to miss the warning signs, however, and walk toward disaster. "The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences" (v. 12).

With the many sad things happening our world today like war, violent conflicts, hunger, pain, sicknesses, danger and lost people who have no relationship with God; God shows us the path to follow and warns us of trouble we'll surely face. If we're foolish, we'll barrel ahead, headlong into danger. Instead, as He leads us by His grace, may we heed His wisdom and change course.

His presence with us is sure. God's promises to strengthen us and give us hope and joy remain true.

10th to 13th October

PHARP in partnership with Faith Evangelistic Baptist Church-South Sudan held a three-day peacebuilding and discipleship training for 20 South Sudanese men and women living in Nairobi and some coming from Kakuma refugee camp. The training focused much on how these men and women displaced from their home country due to violent conflict can be effective peace ambassadors and well disciple makers in the community that the Lord has placed them; despite the hardships that they face as foreigners in a foreign land.

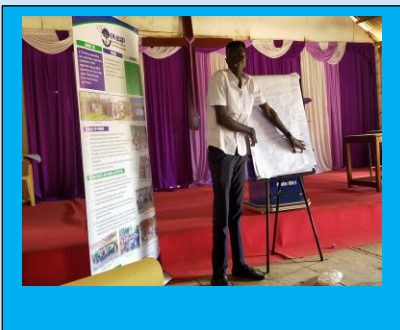
Mama Rebecca was grateful for the training because: *“I was scheduled to travel back to Kakuma on Monday, but now my pastor asked me if I could stay until Friday, he would like me to attend a short course. I was not very sure because I had left 4 children at the camp with my husband as I had brought my eldest son for treatment. But am grateful I stayed. What I learnt from being a disciple maker in my home and even in the village camp at the refugee camp has greatly helped me. I don’t know how to read the material we were given, but my children can read. Thank you for reminding me that God has given me all authority to preach the gospel despite my environment or challenges. Please come to Kakuma too.”*

14th

A 5-month peacebuilding and empowerment training for 21 youths came to a glorious end. During the training session, three youths were enabled to start small businesses that would help them get an income to support their young families.

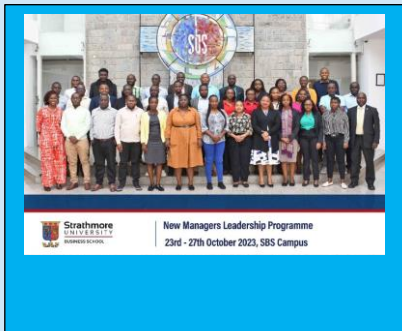
“As a young mother of one daughter, my desire is that my daughter will not have to experience the hardships I went through. I did drop out of school in form 4 due to early pregnancy. Am grateful that my pastor who invited me to this training has been walking with me and my mother who helps me to care for my daughter.

We have learnt that we need to seek something that can improve our lives. Also, I learnt, for me to make positive change in my life and of those around me, I need to deal with conflict that is within me, because this way bitterness and anger will be dealt with. Having learnt this and given my life to Christ again, my pastor helped me to set up a small business of making mandazi and samosa (this small round bread). What I make in a day is sufficient to support my daughter, mum, and me. My desire is that come 2024, I will be able to take my 4-year-old daughter to school. But am very happy that this time of learning has given me a new sense of belonging”.



23rd to 27th

One of PHARP staff had the opportunity to be part of a one-week course on new manager’s leadership program at the Strathmore Business School – Nairobi. Of great interest has been how to build and lead high performance teams, driving productivity and leading teams remotely as well as effective decision-making. In today’s changing world, where we experience volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity; one must be a step ahead and acquire skills that help to support the ministry vision, manage people and resources and effective performance management among other very crucial lessons to learn for positive impact in community and to give God glory.



21st and 28th

Ongoing discipleship and capacity building of 25 pastors in Bombolulu, Kibera slum is ongoing. Pastors are appreciating going through the 24-week material on 'Hearing Jesus'. Doing ministry in a society that is fast paced and facing various challenges, it is a welcome opportunity to have brothers and sisters walk hand in hand to encourage and shepherd them.

Pastor Morris was grateful to be part of the training: it has been a long while since I had been in a forum like this with other pastors where we discuss and learn from each other. Am grateful for this healthy forum that focuses on how to better ourselves for ministry. Thank you for the material we have received, because we have no excuse not to preach the word of God".



PEACEBUILDING AND DISCIPLESHIP IN MALAWI AND TANZANIA

In Blantyre, Malawi several trained beneficiaries have been active in forming groups to train and raise leaders in their congregations. Pastor Peter and Apostle Mlenga have been able to come together and engage in weekly classes with selected lay leaders and also engage in evangelism sessions. Pastor Mlenga says: "Teacher, as I send you this brief report, we are from an open air evangelism. As per what we were taught and cautioned that discipleship is costly, indeed we have faced some challenges. People are getting saved, but we now need bibles so that as they are in their homes, they can also read the word of God on their own. Please keep us in prayers and we appreciate your continued support".

On the same note, Bishop Palanjo both a former beneficiary of PHARP training and a ministry partner is being used of God to train and empower young upcoming ministry leaders in the various church plants under his CPCT ministry in Kikatiti, Arusha-Tanzania. This month we had a leader's seminar at the church and it brought together 17 leaders. Among the leaders are 5 pastors doing theological course in Kikatiti but they were interested in the 24-week program of 'Hearing Jesus'. We are very much grateful for the impact of the ministry and the immense support we are receiving from the office.

Thanksgiving and prayer requests

1. We thank God for the month of October that has been successful in the activities carried out.
2. We thank God and continue to pray for our ministry partners and friends.
3. We continue to pray for peace and stability in nations that are experiencing various challenges: Israel, Palestine, prolonged war in Russia and Ukraine, DR Congo among many others.
4. Pray for the parents and students in Kenya who will be on holiday for the next two months.

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