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NEWSLETTER



Redeemed Pentecostal International Church- Ndirande, Blantyre-Malawi 2023



FINISHING STRONG:

Ecclesiastes 7:8a: "The end of a matter is better than its beginning..."

During the 1968 Olympics in Mexico city, the last runner to finish the marathon race was a runner from Tanzania. With only a few thousand people in the stands, everyone had finished and gone home when this man entered the stadium. As he entered the stadium long after the event was over, they gave him a standing ovation.

When he was asked, why didn't you quit, he said, *'my country didn't send me halfway around the world to start the race; they sent me to finish it'*
Its not how you start, its how you finish.

We have different journeys that we go through; from January to September. Some journeys we managed to finish and some became a struggle, however we can raise up and finish this race.

We are encouraged and motivated to know that there are many of us who are in this race of life. We are motivated to know that there are many others who have gone ahead of us. Reading from Hebrews 12:1-3, we are

encouraged to get rid of anything that will be a hunderance in running the race effectively; offload the unnecessary excess baggages (for example: forgive wrong doers, let go of bitterness and anything else that would drag you down).

In today's hard economic times, conflicts surrounding us, challenges of natural disasters everywhere we need to run the race of life with resilience. We must not give up and give in.

Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. He is the one who begun the good work of faith in us and He will also complete it.

There is hope for all of us who are running the race of life. We should not grow weary and loose heart. Jesus is our ultimate example. Finishing strong is a sign of our commitment, integrity and excellence in what we are called to do.

In this month

- i. Partnership with Patriah Institute for a two days' forum with 58 pastors at the PHARP center in Jilore-Malindi.
- ii. The Global Mission conference Africa that serves as a platform for shared learning and inspiration for pursuing wholistic impact in missions through the experience and expertise of Christian professionals.
- iii. The graduation of 80 men and women peace ambassadors and disciple makers at the Redeemed Pentecostal International church- Ndirande Township, Blantyre-Malawi.
- iv. Equipping of widows on economic empowerment.
- v. Celebration of the International peace day: *'Actions for peace: our ambition for the global goals'*.
- vi. The launch of a three-month peacebuilding and discipleship last class at Mbombolulu-Kibera.
- vii. Discipleship workshop of 84 young mothers in Rwanda.

Pastor Sisewa receiving his certificate





Trained pastors by Patriah Institute at PHARP-center, Jilore Malindi

1st and 2nd September: Jilore, Malindi Pastors training

PHARP in partnership with Patriah Institute based in Umoja, Nairobi conducted two days training sharing God’s word and learning more about salvation with 58 pastors and lay leaders in Malindi.

The focus of training was on salvation. It was a great joy to see the pastors in Malindi being engaged in learning more about salvation.

Through adoption God chose us and made us His own sons. We can call to Him Abba (translated father but literally means source).

God looks at us in Christ Jesus as those who never committed sin. We are made holy and pure in Christ Jesus. This should make us love God the more.

Though we are holy and perfect in the being we are not holy and perfect in the doing. This is why daily repentance and asking for forgiveness is required of us.

“Pastor Zablon testified to say: ‘thank you for teaching and making us understand about the true meaning of Salvation. I became a discipleship counselor because of God’s call to make disciples and participate in His mission of healing broken hearts as Christ is exalted among the nations’.

7th to 9th : Global Missions Conference

PHARP staff were invited by Life in abundance to attend the 11th Global Missions Conference Africa held at the Catholic Eastern University-Kenya.

The conference brought together men, women and youth from different countries in Africa and friends from USA.

The purpose of the conference was to encourage the church in Africa to pursue the discovery and creation of the new wine skins God has prepared for the 21st century, so that the new wine He is already making will not be spilled.

It was a delight to meet with tSOAR-Congo and Kenya staff at the conference as well network with other ministry partners. The church has never stopped growing; we need to reset and reboot.



Above: PHARP team (Pelagie and Sophie) together with tSOAR- DR Congo team (Jeremy and Gideon) and Senegalese facilitator at the Global Missions Conference- CUEA grounds. Below: Delegates and facilitator Lisa from Arizona, USA with PHARP staff.



16th September: Widows forum

This day saw about 50 widows come together to share and learn from one another the challenges that widows pass through.

Supported by VOHFA-USA, widows from Kibera slum, Kirigu-Nairobi, Machakos and Kajiado met at the Africa International University- karen for a one day forum. The widows talked of challenges that they encounter and ways the church can be of great support to them in these hard economic times.

PHARP is pleased to have had a representation of 19 widows that they work with attend this forum.

Below: Ed Fischer (director of VOHFA-USA), staff of PHARP and representation of widows in attendance.



12th to 15th September: Malawi

A total of 80 pastors, lay leaders, community leaders and youths finished the peacebuilding and discipleship training that was started in May 2023 at the Redeemed Pentecostal International church, Ndirande- Blantyre, Malawi. The participants were invited from the Ndirande pastors fellowship which had a representation of 19 denominations. As the participants shared on what they have been doing since May 2023, four key things were evident: The participants need to share their skills for service, they need to be surrendered for service, they need to serve single minded and Serve for holistic impact.

“Pastor Sesiwa was very grateful for the May trainings and the support in between. After being trained, he gathered his church leadership and took them through the teachings and they together did the 24 weeks of the ‘Listening to Jesus material’. Through the weekly meetings, the leaders were encouraged to each start a discipleship group in their locations. Now we have 4 ongoing discipleship groups ongoing in Kameza, Lunzu, Nsuri and Ncholo. This is multiplying the church membership too.

We have also got other opportunities of doing discipleship through visitations in hospitals and prisons. The trainings opened our eyes to see that ministry is not bound in the four walls of the church but even beyond.”



The Ndirande participants on day one of training.

23rd and 30th : Mbombolulu, Kibera peace and discipleship

The last class of peacebuilding and discipleship training in Kibera shall be conducted in Mbombolulu, Kianda.

The training brought together 20 church lay leaders and community leaders who seek to reset and reboot. The participants have a desire to focus on legacy goals: that service is by God’s grace and we must do more to the people around us. The important question asked in the introduction class was, *“can our ministries out live us?”*

We look forward to an interactive time of learning as we hope to finalize the class on December 15th.



Pastor Tom welcoming us for the training at Apostolic overcoming Holy Church of God
Below: Pastor Sophy and Madam Claudette conducting youth discipleship



21st September: Peace Day

Each year on September 21st, the world celebrates World Peace Day, also known as International Day of Peace. A 24-hour period of peacefulness and cease-fire is observed on this day throughout the globe to reinforce the values of peace.

It’s a special day that PHARP used to show solidarity with those working to create a more peaceful and sustainable community in Kibera slum. This day sought to inspire women, men and youth to work together to make the community a better place.



Above and below: youth and women leader sharing how they work together to maintain peace.



28th and 29th: Discipleship workshops in Rwanda

The two day workshops were held in 2 different locations: Kamonyi- Southern province and Rulindo- Northern provinve. The workshops focused on encouraging the young mothers who got early pregnancies and dropped out of school. The PHARP team has been walking with them counseling and discipling them on how to live exemplary lives and being disciple makers in their homes based on 2 Timothy 3:16.



Rev. Anastase (pharp Rwanda)with trained young mothers

Thanksgiving and prayer requests

1. Thanking God for the month of september that ended well as we continue to pray for more grace and strength to finish the year strong.
2. Pray for all ministry partners and friends.
3. Pray for the people of Morocco and Libya: millions of people’s lives changed due to disasters that left thousands without homes, hospitals and schools.
4. Pray for Egypt preparing for elections in December.
5. Continue to pray for peace in Russia and Ukraine.
6. Pray for Mali that are experiencing election delays that peace may prevail.
7. Pray for peace in Sudan, DR Congo for peace and stability in South sudan.