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Some of the Pamoja Leadership Initiative Participants

(Pictured at Daystar University, Nairobi)

These leaders actively serve in partnership with PHARP, growing in capacity and calling through this 9-month journey of equipping for inclusive and transformative leadership.

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"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You."

Isaiah 26:3

Finding Peace in the Midst of Chaos

In a world that constantly demands our attention with its noise, distractions, and endless to-do lists, it's easy to feel pulled in a thousand directions. Chaos becomes a way of life we never asked for. But in the midst of it all, here is a gentle reminder:

Peace isn't found in the absence of trouble. Peace is found in the presence of Jesus.

As we reflect on the month of May, PHARP is delighted to share highlights from our ministry activities. We are deeply grateful to God for every beneficiary, facilitator and partners He brought our way. It is our earnest prayer that each one will be equipped and empowered for every good work God has destined for them.

Please join us in celebrating and praying for:

- The ongoing Peacebuilding and Discipleship Training
- Participants embarking on a 9-month Leadership Initiative hosted at Daystar
- Our facilitators, who minister to men and women from diverse callings and professions; may they be led by the Holy Spirit, teach with clarity, and carry God's heart for this generation
- Strategic partners like VOHFA, who lead capacity-building trainings
- Ministry friends and supporters who faithfully uphold local PHARP programs
- Our staff team and partners serving faithfully in Kibera, Malindi, Malawi, and Arusha in Tanzania.

We remain profoundly thankful for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership in God's work. Together, we press on anchored in peace, empowered by grace, and united in purpose.

Blessings,

The PHARP Team

Ongoing Peacebuilding & Discipleship Training – Gatwekera- Kibera, Nairobi

We are thankful to God for the 35 men and women who have enrolled in our three-month *Peacebuilding and Discipleship Training* course, which began this month and will culminate in July at the Church of Christ – Kibera.

A special highlight in this season is the involvement of two former trainees, Pastor Sophy and Pastor David, who are now actively partnering with PHARP to train fellow religious and community leaders. Their transition from beneficiaries to facilitators is a powerful testament to the fruit of discipleship and the transformative impact of this work.

We celebrate the maturity and faithfulness that enables trained leaders to rise up and serve others. It is a beautiful reminder that:

"The privilege of ministry is growth, and the measure of ministry is sacrifice."

We invite you to continue praying with us for the participants, the trainers, and the communities they serve, that this journey would bear lasting fruit for the Kingdom.





Left: Participants of the Peacebuilding & Discipleship with PHARP staff member *Pelagie* **Right:** *Pastor Sophy* leading a training session with passion and purpose.

Pamoja Leadership Initiative – Daystar University, Nairobi

At PHARP, we believe in the transformative power of education, especially when it comes to building the capacity of our staff and ministry partners. That's why we are excited to highlight the **Pamoja Leadership Initiative**, a 9-month training journey launched in collaboration with **Daystar University**.

This month, 16 men and women who serve alongside PHARP in various communities embarked on this enriching program. The initiative is designed to equip leaders to serve side by side, fostering a church that reflects God's inclusive and holistic design.

We celebrate each participant for their commitment and passion to grow as Christ-centered, servant-hearted leaders and we remain grateful for the partnerships that make such capacity-building efforts possible.



A participant, Apostle Mary, actively contributing during the session as Dr. Musembi (Daystar University) listens.

Practical Love Through Giving

At PHARP, we are continually moved by the generous hearts of ministry friends and individuals who respond to God's prompting not just with words, but with practical expressions of His love as we read in God's word: "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." Romans 12:10

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Diane Fox and the women's Bible study group from St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Marguerite, PA (USA), who recently supported 35 families with ECOA charcoal burners eco-friendly, energy-saving stoves that are a lifeline for many families living in informal settlements.

One story that touched us deeply is that of **Mama Maria**. Just a week before the distribution, her home was raided by local youths who stole her 6kg gas cylinder, a paraffin stove, and other household items. With no means to cook, she was forced to buy street food for three days, which

led to health issues. On the very day of the distribution, she came directly from the hospital to collect her ECOA burner. Her gratitude was profound and so is ours.

This gift of love goes far beyond the physical item; it brings comfort, dignity, and hope. We thank each one of you who stands with PHARP in showing God's love in real, tangible ways. You are making a lasting difference.





Left: recipients of Ecoa char burns. Right: Maria (in purple) very much grateful with other beneficiaries

Ongoing Ministry in Malindi: Youth Empowerment in Malindi

We are grateful for the ongoing work among 35 youths in Malindi, currently undergoing a one-month training on peacebuilding, conflict resolution, discipleship and self-development. This initiative, led by Maitha at the PHARP Centre in Malindi, was born out of a deep concern for young people spending their days idle on the streets and roadsides.

Through this program, these young men and women are discovering purpose, dignity, and the value of community. Even more encouraging is their request to be supported in launching a joint income-generating activity, a sign of their desire for long-term transformation and sustainability.

Please join us in praying for these youths:

- That they remain steadfast in this journey of renewal
- That they resist the pull of destructive influences
- And that God opens doors for their personal and economic growth

We thank God for each life being touched and for the opportunity to invest in a hopeful future for Malindi's young generation.





Left: Maitha (PHARP Malindi staff) training youths at the Centre. Right: Trained youths planting memorial tree

Empowering Women for Sustainable Impact – Malindi

At PHARP, our mission goes beyond training. We are committed to walking alongside our beneficiaries through practical empowerment and development initiatives.

In Malindi, women who have completed our training are now actively engaged in projects that promote education, economic empowerment, and sustainable farming, efforts that support not only their households but also their wider communities.

One of the current initiatives we celebrate is a women's group in Jilore Ward, now in the planting season for green grams (ndengu). We are praying for a bountiful harvest, one that will nourish many families and serve as a testimony of what can happen when women are equipped, encouraged, and empowered.

We are deeply grateful for every partner and friend who makes this kind of transformation possible.





Left: Women actively engaged in planting green grams, learning effective techniques using sacks to grow vegetables.

Ongoing Peacebuilding and Discipleship - Malawi

PHARP is deeply grateful for the faithful ministry taking place in Gomani Village and Mitawa village in Zomba, Blantyre, where dedicated workers are actively engaging 30 members of the community through peacebuilding and discipleship initiatives.

Discipleship groups have been formed and are now meeting weekly to study the Word of God in depth, growing together in faith and fellowship. Additionally, bi-weekly leadership trainings are being held to equip local leaders with the tools and spiritual maturity needed to serve effectively in their communities.

We give special thanks to Pastor Keith and Rev. Nchito, who continue to lead with passion and purpose, ministering to both men and women in the village. Their commitment is a powerful testimony of servant leadership in action.

Please continue to pray for the Malawi team as they advance the Gospel, reaching villages, shaping lives, and building peace that reflects the heart of Christ.





Left: Pastor Keith with one of the disciples he is mentoring in Gomani Village, Blantyre.

Right: Rev. Nchito with disciples from Mitawa Village, growing together through the ongoing peacebuilding and discipleship ministry.

Thanksgiving and Prayer Requests

- 1. We thank God for His enabling grace throughout the month of May.
- 2. We are grateful for our ministry partners and friends. A special thank you to **Ed**, the director of VOHFA, who traveled to Kenya to empower ministry partners through leadership training.
- 3. Please join us in praying for all initiatives taking place in June; both new projects and ongoing programs—that God's guidance and blessings will abound.

MAY AT A GLANCE



Part of PHARP team (Pelagie, Sophy, David, Saphano (South Sudan) and Susan.



Beneficiary of the ECOA burns

Youths during training on farming



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