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Equipping Farmers International Participants-PHARP Malindi

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Dear Friends, Partners and Supporters,

Warm greetings from the Peacebuilding, Healing and Reconciliation Program (PHARP).

September has been a month of equipping, discipleship, compassionate care and renewed hope. Across Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, we have seen how practical training, God's Word and intentional relationships can transform lives, families, churches and communities, touching approximately 349 people this month.

We give thanks to God for every partner who makes this work possible. Your prayers, generosity and encouragement enable PHARP to walk alongside communities, equipping people not only with knowledge and skills, but with the confidence and faith to become agents of peace, healing, reconciliation and transformation.

As we close the month, we simply say thank you.

Thank you for praying. Thank you for giving. Thank you for believing in the potential of communities. Thank you for helping PHARP equip leaders, farmers, children, churches and peacebuilders.

Behind every number is a person, a family and a community with a story and a God-given potential for transformation. Through your partnership, beneficiaries are becoming equipped rather than dependent, connected rather than isolated, and transformed rather than simply informed.

We are grateful for partners who understand that lasting transformation comes through both spiritual growth and practical community development. Together, we are investing in people who can multiply what they receive and carry hope into their communities.

There is still much to do, but we move forward with gratitude and confidence, trusting that God is at work and will continue to strengthen us for the three remaining months of the year.

With gratitude,

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PHARP Executive Director

EQUIPPING FARMERS: FARMING GOD'S WAY IN MALINDI



Equipped farmers for resilient development

Malindi presents a unique challenge for farming. The climate is very hot, water is not easily accessible, and many families depend heavily on rainfall for their livelihoods. Yet, despite these challenges, local farmers continue to work their land and provide for their families.

This month, PHARP in partnership with L2J Global and EFI conducted an Equipping Farmers International training with 57 farmers in Malindi, introducing practical approaches to farming while integrating biblical principles of stewardship and discipleship through Farming God's Way. The training goes beyond agricultural techniques. It encourages farmers to see the land, their work and their communities through the lens of God's purposes.

Farmers were encouraged to: steward the land responsibly, use practical farming techniques suited to their environment, make the most of available resources, strengthen household and ministry food security, learn from one another, share what they learn with others and connect practical livelihood development with spiritual growth.



For PHARP, community development and discipleship belong together. When people are equipped spiritually, practically and relationally, the potential for sustainable transformation increases. We pray that these 57 farmers will not only improve their own livelihoods but become multipliers of knowledge and hope within their communities.

EQUIPPING CHURCH LEADERS IN ZIMBABWE



National Baptist Convention trained leaders-Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

PHARP had the opportunity to partner with leaders from the National Baptist Convention in Zimbabwe, equipping 65 men and women serving in leadership across Baptist churches in Harare and Bulawayo.

Church leaders are serving communities where congregations are experiencing conflict, trauma, grief and other pressures. This creates a significant challenge for pastors and ministry leaders: How do we care well for wounded people while continuing to help the church grow spiritually and become grounded in God's Word?

The training therefore focused on strengthening leaders with tools for: peacebuilding and conflict transformation, understanding and responding to trauma, reconciliation, caring for wounded congregations, leadership development, discipleship and helping believers continue growing in the Word of God.

Rev. Dr. Zulu had this to say: *Our desire is that church leaders will become increasingly equipped to create congregations where people can heal, belong, grow and serve. A healthy church is not only a place where people hear the Word; it can also become a safe community where wounded people encounter God's love and are helped towards restoration.*

We are grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside these 65 leaders and pray that what they have received will multiply through their churches and communities.

ON GOING THIRD COHORT OF PEACEBUILDING AND DISCIPLESHIP: Dagoretti Constituency



Lowrem church- Kawangware discipleship 3rd cohort with Pst Jacob (facilitator) front row, 5th from left seated

Our third cohort of Peacebuilding and Discipleship is progressing well, with 70 participants enrolled across four stations. Participants are not only learning concepts; they are being encouraged to put peacebuilding and discipleship tools into practice in their families, churches and communities.

This practical approach is important as Kenya approaches another election season in the year 2027 August. Communities such as Dagoretti carry memories and effects of previous periods of violence. The wounds caused by conflict can remain long after the immediate crisis has passed. One of the lessons emerging from the training is the importance of the church as a safe space for everyone.

A brief story of hope

One participant shared how discussions around conflict and peacebuilding have helped them think differently about the responsibility of the church during times of tension. Rather than allowing political, ethnic or social differences to divide believers, the church can intentionally become a place where people listen to God, one another, reject violence and choose reconciliation. As one of our key principles reminds us, peace begins with relationships.

As Kenya prepares for the 2027 elections, we want to see churches equipped not merely to respond after violence occurs, but to become communities of prevention, healing, reconciliation and hope before, during and after times of tension.

The 70 participants are therefore more than students. We see them as potential peacebuilders and disciple-makers who can multiply what they are learning.

BIBLE CLUB IN MALINDI; LOVE IN ACTION



PHARP Malindi group leaders visit with the bereaved family

Through Bible teaching, prayer, fellowship and practical expressions of care, the children are learning that following Jesus is not only about what we know, it is also about how we love and serve others. This month, the Bible Club community experienced a beautiful opportunity to put discipleship into action.

A child in the community had their grandparent pass away, and the entire team of teachers and children's leaders came together with the children to visit the bereaved family. The family was deeply encouraged by the visit. For the children, this was a practical lesson in Christian compassion. They experienced what it means to stand with someone who is hurting, to show kindness and to remind a grieving family that they are not alone. The family was especially happy to know that they belonged to a community that cared for them. This is discipleship in action. It is teaching children not only to know God's love, but to become people who demonstrate God's love.

PRAYER REQUESTS

As we enter the final three months of 2026, we invite you to stand with us in prayer.

1. Pray for countries and communities affected by climate change
2. Pray for Kenya as we prepare for the possibility of El Niño-related weather conditions.
3. Pray for our children and schools which are ongoing, and the national examinations are approaching.
4. Pray for peace as Kenya looks towards future elections in 2027