

He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:24

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you well and you have had a good summer. Children are back to school here in the UK as well as in Kenya and it feels like the year is going too fast! As always, it is a pleasure to share with you a little of the work of the organisation in this newsletter, but it is not possible to write about everything that is going on. So, if you would like more frequent updates about the work, you can follow us on The Potter's House CBO Facebook or Instagram page and the APT Kenya project has a separate page where you can see lots of pictures of the work happening.

Holiday Club and Family Support.

The start of the school holidays in July meant the start of our holiday club. From Tuesday – Friday for 3 weeks we provided children with the opportunity to come and learn about Jesus, have fun and enjoy a cooked meal. Between 140 – 200 children came each day. Once again, we are thankful to the numerous helpers who helped to make sure the club ran well, and to the cooks who prepared and served all the children with a meal each day.

During the club several families were identified as needing home visits for possible support and they have now started a support programme. One of those families is a Mum living alone with her 7 children. Beatrice's interest in the family was raised when the two children attending the club couldn't say which school they attended. After visiting the home and meeting their Mum, Beatrice learned that the Mum had recently moved to Njoro following the breakdown of her marriage. They have very little furniture or possessions. None of the school aged children are attending school. Unfortunately, this is a familiar story to us and many families we meet are in similar situations.

For this family, following an assessment of need, a plan has been put in place. Our immediate concern is always health. The family had been missing meals so have been added to our food bank scheme and are now receiving food parcels each week. We also assisted with hospital fees for the baby to get the medical care he needed. Our next step is assisting the Mum to apply for birth certificates so the children can attend school and for a longer-term plan, Mum is showing an interest in starting a tailoring course. If this is her choice, then we will provide a couple of days work for her at the APT workshop while she completes the course and she will continue on the food bank scheme so she can still support her family. For the children, we will assist where needed so all of them can go to school or polytechnic. As well as this practical support we will also give importance to giving the Mum the emotional and spiritual support she needs.

This is an example of our holistic approach, it is not as easy as it sounds. It will take a lot of patience, understanding and love on our side. We pray for the family and ourselves.



Protests

Many countries all over the world at the moment are experiencing political unrest, demonstrations or war. Kenya is no different and recent decisions by the government have been responded to by demonstrations across the country. It was due to one of these demonstrations and safety concerns for the trainer who was travelling, that we had to cancel our planned training on Autism and Communication for teachers in local schools. We pray that we will be able to hold the training during the next half term break for schools which will be next year.

APT Training

We are very excited to have been asked by Walkabout Foundation to train a team from their organisation in APT so they can start a workshop of their own. It has always been our aim to share these skills and help others provide quality devices in other areas of Kenya so more children can access the equipment they need.

Walkabout Foundation are the leading wheelchair provider in Kenya. They receive unassembled wheelchairs from abroad and assemble them at their centre in Nanyuki. In addition to wheelchairs, their centre provides rehabilitation to children with mobility disabilities and training programmes to their carers.

The training will take place in October for three weeks and will include the training of therapists for the assessing, measuring and prescribing of APT devices.

As the APT Kenya project gets better known in Kenya, our waiting list increases. We are still praying for individuals and businesses to partner with us in this project to help maintain what we are doing, and even increase production. Please get in touch if the APT project is something you feel led to support.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Give thanks for the children coming to the holiday club and for everyone who helped run it.
- Pray for the APT training in October.
- Pray for financial support for the APT Kenya project in 2025.

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