

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,  
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!  
Psalm 115 v1

Dear Friends,

It is now 5 years since The Potter's House CBO was first registered and we give thanks to God for His faithfulness in sustaining each one of us and enabling The Potter's House to positively impact so many lives in Njoro. We are extremely grateful for your continued support and for every donation, prayer and message of encouragement we've received.

Some of you will remember the first child that Beatrice found on the streets in 2018, and that he remained in the care of The Potter's House living with Beatrice for several years while his family were traced and reintegration was achieved. We thank God for how far he has come and it is such a joy to tell you that he is doing really well. He has just finished primary school with 322/500 and has started high school. He now lives with family in the nearby town of Molo. Beatrice keeps in regular touch with him and the family, and we continue to support him with school necessities when the family are unable.

## APT TRAINING

Since the start of the APT project last February we have made 120 devices for children with disabilities. The need is massive and we currently have a 4-month waiting list. We are regularly contacted by parents from all over Kenya who need a chair or standing frame for their child. Sadly, for some of the families the distance is too far for them to travel to Njoro for the needed assessment and fitting. It is for this reason we have been very keen to train other organisations how to make APT equipment, so more children from a wider area can benefit.

Last month Ruth Stevens and Cath Barton, paediatric physiotherapist, travelled to Njoro and trained a team from BethanyKids so they can set up their own APT workshop in Kijabe. This is closer to Nairobi where we get a lot of calls from parents. BethanyKids is a Christian organisation that work through mobile clinics for children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and hold mobile clinics for wheelchairs. At their hospital in Kijabe they provide paediatric surgery, rehab and train health professionals. Cath trained 12 therapists in postural management, cerebral palsy sub-types and how to assess and prescribe APT equipment and Ruth trained 4 employees how to make the APT equipment. The team will now start producing APT equipment at their Kijabe site and God willing, at Thika in the near future.



## SCHOOLS

The introduction of Junior High School has seen many children from classes 6-8 unable to continue with their education. Parents were not given any information as to which school their child would attend or the costs involved until just two weeks before they were expected to start. Even this start date was later than all other children starting back for the new term as the schools themselves were unprepared for the changes. The parents were given a huge list of required items for their children which included, a wooden desk, new full uniform including sports kit, compulsory lunch fee for the term, books and printing paper for the school. Bearing in mind that most children are still attending the same school they did last year, with the same teachers, the need for all these new items is baffling! Needless to say, the 14k -20k cost of this is beyond most families especially if they have children in two year groups. (Most families we work with will be earning 200ksh -350ksh per day). We give thanks that we have been able to assist some families with the costs and some parents have been given work at the APT doing papering to help them save for the fees.



## CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

We continue to hold a weekly bible study which is led by The Covenant Baptist Church. Every week around 20 -25 people attend to learn more about the gospel of Jesus Christ and have a time of fellowship afterwards. For the children, we hold a holiday bible club that runs Tuesday to Friday each week of the school holidays. Once again, we are grateful to The Covenant Baptist Church for their assistance with this. On the last day of club we have started to invite the parents to come and hear what the children have been learning about and to enjoy a meal together afterwards.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Give thanks for the boy who is doing well and has started high school. Continue to pray for him and his family.
- Give thanks for the Bible Study and Holiday Club. Pray for the salvation of all who attend.
- Please pray for the families and the children who are still not able to go to school because of the expense.
- Pray for the BethanyKids team as they start their new APT workshop and continue their existing work.

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