

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:17

What a year it's been! We have so much to give thanks for and some very exciting news!

The year started with God answering our prayers for additional staff. We welcomed Beth to the team on a permanent basis in January, and John in February. Having Beth has meant that we have been able to improve and increase the support we give to parents of children with disabilities through our support meetings and provide training days for parents on Caring for a Child with Developmental Disabilities.

John joining the team has enabled us to start a new mentoring programme for boys in the local schools as well as a Monthly Men's Breakfast meeting. John has also been leading our weekly bible study and the bible lessons at the holiday club. We have been encouraged by the number of men coming to the meetings and the regular attendance of parents at the bible study.

Jossey and John have continued to run the weekly Saturday Club for boys referred by schools, teaching them APT skills and mentoring them. We have been pleased to see the growth of these boys in maturity and spiritually.

In February, we were blessed to have Cath Barton (Physiotherapist) lead 10 days of training on Working with Children with Developmental Disabilities and their Caregiver. We were joined for the training by members of staff from The Action Foundation and The Metropolitan Sanctuary, which was a great opportunity to strengthen links.

Also in February, we formed and hosted the first ever APT Network meeting. APT staff from 7 other organisations joined us for two days to share ideas and practices. This led to closer links with the organisations and, following this, we were requested by the Walkabout Foundation to train their staff on how to fabricate APT devices. The training for this took place over three weeks in October and included Cath Barton training 7 therapists from different organisations/hospitals in the prescription of APT devices. We are thankful to Cath Barton for delivering the training. Cath has been



Members of the APT Network

instrumental in the training of therapists for APT and has also helped enormously behind the scenes with grants that have helped to fund our APT project so far. We thank God for the gifts He has given her and her ability and willingness to share her knowledge.

Our holiday club took place in April, August and November. We saw a huge increase in numbers, with between 150 – 200 children attending each day. God answered our prayers for provision for this and we were able to provide a meal for the children each day and manage the high numbers with the help of many new volunteers. We are extremely grateful for the use of the Salvation Army Special School's field and classrooms, and to everyone who has supported the club through giving their time, money and donations of food.

During the year we received requests from schools to be part of our Cycle with Dignity project. God provided the funds needed and we were able to increase the number of schools we worked with from 4 to 7. The feedback has been very encouraging with teachers saying that they have noticed an improvement in girls' school attendance. Girls have said that for the first time they have not lacked sanitary pads when they have needed them.

Throughout the year we have provided weekly parent support meetings which are an essential part of our holistic support. Beatrice's experience, compassion and wisdom have helped a number of parents through difficult times. The sessions not only address parents' personal issues, but also teach parents positive parenting techniques that help to build relationships in the home and strengthen the family unit. We thank God for the positive changes we have seen in the lives of those attending.



The APT Kenya project continues to thrive. Each week more children are referred. 132 postural support devices have been made this year plus a good number of therapy wedges, stools, day beds and toys. The project has provided work for parents, helping them to put food on the table and pay school fees. Some have used the extra income to start new businesses. We are thankful to God for the organisations and individuals who have supported the project financially throughout 2024, and for the Njoro community, who have supported enormously by donating materials for the project and referring children for devices. In October we were thrilled that Mega Pack Ltd, a cardboard manufacturer in Nakuru, agreed to support the project long term with cardboard. This is a massive boost to the project and will save the team a lot of time, as they won't need to collect used cardboard from shops around Njoro and then remove the sticky tape, staples and labels. This should also lead to increased production.

Last, but by no means least, we are extremely excited to announce that Accomplish Children's Trust will be partnering with us for the APT Project next year. Accomplish Children's Trust is a UK-based charity that funds locally run projects in rural Africa. We anticipate God's blessing on this partnership and pray that it will be one of mutual benefit as we share skills and knowledge. Their extensive experience of working with projects in Africa, and our shared objective to positively impact the lives of children with disabilities, will no doubt ensure that the APT Kenya project continues to grow and transform many children's lives.

A message from Founder and Vice Chair of Accomplish Children's Trust, Rebecca Cornish:

"Accomplish Children's Trust is excited to be partnering with Potter's House. Our Mission is to transform the lives of disabled children in Africa. We believe that every child should be loved, respected and encouraged to reach their full potential. Since 2008 we have been supporting grass root organisations in Uganda, and more recently Malawi. We work with our partners to address the multiple factors influencing these children's lives including education, health, poverty and locally held myths regarding disability. The equipment APT Kenya is producing is transformational for these children and their families and we are delighted to be supporting them in continuing the wonderful work they are doing."

For all that has been achieved this year, we give thanks and glory to God.

Christmas is now upon us and, as usual, we will be giving parents food parcels so they can enjoy a good meal with their family on Christmas day. The staff will be preparing for the reopening of schools in January which is always a busy time and they will finish work on the 23rd December to take a much needed rest and enjoy the Christmas and New year.

From all the UK Trustees, Kenyan board members and staff, we want to thank you all for your love, encouragement and support throughout the year and may you all enjoy a lovely Christmas and New Year with family and friends.

Happy Christmas everyone!

A quick overview of what God has done in Njoro through The Potter's House CBO in 2024...

132 APT postural support devices have been made, plus therapy wedges, stools, beds and toys.

366 packs of reusable sanitary pads have been given to girls in local schools.

31 boys have attended the Saturday Club

10 weeks of Holiday Club ministering to between 150 - 200 children each day.

22 boys have had mentoring sessions with John.

27 Parents benefitted from APT work.

7 parents or young adults supported through a polytechnic course.

6 Children assisted to start school.



PLAY DAY – *Teaching parents the importance of play for a child's development and how to adapt games and toys for a child with special needs.*



BASIC BUSINESS SKILLS TRAINING – *Teaching parents basic business skills before we help them start new businesses.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Give thanks for all God has done in and through the Potter's House throughout 2024.*
- *Give thanks for the partnership with Accomplish Children's Trust and pray for God's blessing upon it.*
- *Give thanks for the staff and their faithfulness in serving God in Njoro. Pray God will bless them and keep them over the Christmas period and they will return to work refreshed in the New Year.*

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