

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,

As another year draws to a close, we are once again humbled by how God has touched the lives of families in Njoro through the staff and work of The Potter's House CBO. We have been so blessed to witness children starting school for the first time, families change from abusive homes to loving families through the support, guidance and counselling of the parent support groups, parents and young adults starting vocational courses, children enjoying bible clubs and Saturday activities, families fed weekly through the food bank, hundreds of girls benefiting from the Cycle with Dignity project, children's lives changed by having APT equipment and so much more. All this has been done by God's grace with the support of you all and we are truly grateful for every donation, prayer, partnership and message of encouragement we've received. Thank you.

Finding family

One of the highlights of the year for us is the reunion of the boys in our care with their elder brother a couple of months ago. It is just over a year since Beatrice found a boy on the streets in a traumatised state. After tracing his home in the next town and visiting, it was clear that the home was not safe for him or his brother who was still there. Both boys were placed in the care of The Potter's House CBO by the children's office. The boys shared with Beatrice their family history and that they had another brother who had been taken into a children's home very far from where they are 10 years ago. The last time they saw him was over 4 years ago and had since lost touch. We thank God that Beatrice was able to trace the brother and it gave us so much joy to take the boys to see him. Following that visit Beatrice arranged for the brother to come to Njoro and spend several days with them getting to know each other again. From now on, each holiday the brother will be invited to spend time with them and build the bond that will be so important for them in adulthood. Beatrice is still trying to trace other family members on their mother's side but that is proving much harder as their mum died when they were very young and they were moved from the area she lived. It's wonderful to see the boys settled and doing well in school. Both are doing final exams this week and will then be going on to new places of education in January. The younger one will start Junior High school and the eldest will start a vocational course in electrics at the polytechnic college.

Cycle with Dignity

Last newsletter we told you that we'd started the education about menstrual health and hygiene in local schools in preparation for handing out the packs of cloth sanitary pads. Since then, we have given out nearly 300 packs. Each pack contains 6 reusable sanitary pads, a wet bag to put used pads in and a larger bag to carry them all discretely. We will continue the education and distribution when schools resume in January.



If you would like to donate to this project, go to

<https://gofund.me/2abb4415>

This month

December is always a busy month. The children are now on holiday until the end of January and so we will be running our Bible Club Tuesday – Friday each week. (Not Christmas week!) Numbers have increased greatly for the last few clubs with around 100 children attending. We have also started inviting the parents to the last day where they get to hear what their children have been learning and enjoy a meal together afterwards. This outreach is a great opportunity to share the gospel and get to know families better. We are so grateful to the Covenant Baptist Church who will be sending a team from the church to help.

December is also the month that we give out food parcels to families so every family can enjoy a meal together on Christmas day and the few days after. The parcels contain basics like rice and flour as well as items they would not usually be able to buy such as fruit which is a real treat for children. We also add some soap and charcoal.

As the school calendar has changed, we will not have to rush getting school items and needed uniforms the week after Christmas. Instead, this will be done during January which is a great relief to Beatrice!

Ways to support

We know that donating to charities is difficult for people at the moment but here are some ways to donate without it costing you a penny. Shopping online with SmileAmazon and GiveAsYouLive is a quick and easy way to donate every time you shop. Please consider using the links below to sign up and name The Potter's House CBO as your chosen charity.

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/signup/details>

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1183023-0>

Raising Awareness.

Sharing about The Potter's House CBO with your friends, colleagues or churches can help generate future support and raises awareness of the needs of families in Njoro. Please consider following us on our social media pages and sharing our posts.

Donating.

One off or regular donations can be made using this link.

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/22088>

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Give thanks for the boys being reunited with their brother.*
- *Pray for the holiday bible club.*
- *Pray for finances to be able to employ someone to help Beatrice with the workload.*

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