

# NEWSLETTER

# **DECEMBER 2023**

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

1 Timothy 1:17

Dear Friends,

As we look back over the last year, we can clearly see God's hand and blessing on all that has been achieved in Njoro. From all the families, staff, Board members and Trustees, we would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support.

#### **FAMILIES**

This year we've seen an increase of families needing our support and the APT has been a huge blessing by providing work for parents. This has made it possible for their children to attend school and for them to put food on the table. Our work with families is holistic and alongside this and other material support, we have been able to provide weekly support meetings for parents and for those living with disability. These have been well attended and we've seen positive changes in family relationships and life at home for children. Here's a quote from a parent who has been attending the meetings,

"Whenever I lift up a cane to discipline my child, I remember what I've been learning and I have to draw the cane back. I am learning to be patient with my child. Today I've also learnt how to be a gospel centred parent, that a parent can preach to their child by their actions. I used to think that teaching a child is sitting them down like a preacher and then you preach to them. I have learnt that my behaviour too preaches to my child."



Another need for parents is medical costs which can be a huge burden when they arise. To address this, we have helped parents through the process of applying for the NHIF card so future costs can be reduced at the hospital. We have also helped parents with the process and costs of applying for their child's birth certificate.

## **SPIRITUAL SUPPORT**

We've been encouraged by the high number of children attending our holiday club during the year and the number of parents who have attended the last day fellowship meal each time. It's been a great opportunity to get to know families as well as identify families in need of further support. Crosspoint Bible Church (CBC) have continued to support and encourage us throughout the year by helping at the clubs and continuing to lead the weekly Bible Study. We were thrilled when CBC began Sunday evening meetings, and we give thanks that they are now planning a Church plant in Njoro. Thank you to everyone who has been praying alongside us for this.

## **COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

This year, with your support, we have served four schools by educating boys and girls in classes 7 and 8 about menstrual health and hygiene and giving each girl a pack of 6 reusable sanitary pads. The pads were made using

local materials and by a parent who we had previously supported through a tailoring course. Next year we plan to repeat this for the new class 7 pupils in the same four schools.

The APT KENYA project has been a huge blessing to children, parents, and the community. During the last year, 40 parents have been provided with employment, 119 devices have been made for children and 18 boys have benefitted from the Saturday club. We have also provided training for two organisations which means that APT equipment is now available in those other areas of Kenya.

All this has been done by your support and God's grace. We are truly grateful for every donation, prayer, partnership and message of encouragement we've received. Thank you.

Of course, the year has not been without difficult times and disappointments. We have seen young ones, as well as parents, lose their lives to illness. These times are the hardest, but God has been our rock and has faithfully equipped the staff with the strength, wisdom and grace needed to comfort and support families in those most difficult times.

We were also disappointed when Sam left us to move to Nairobi with his family. However, we are thankful for the short time he spent with us.

#### **WAYS TO SUPPORT**

It's the time of year that many people think of donating to charity, but we know that it can be difficult financially for some. So here are some ways to support us without it costing you a penny. Shopping online with GiveAsYouLive is a quick and easy way to donate every time you shop. Please consider using the link below to sign up and name The Potter's House CBO as your chosen charity.

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

#### Raising Awareness.

Sharing about The Potter's House CBO with your friends, colleagues and 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. The APT KENYA project has a separate page where you can see the items the team are making.

https://www.facebook.com/thepottershousecbo/ https://www.facebook.com/APTinKenya/

### Financial gifts.

One off or regular donations can be made using this link. <a href="https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/22088">https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/22088</a>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Give thanks for how God has led us and provided for all the activities throughout 2023
- Pray for Crosspoint Bible Church and the church plant in Njoro.
- Pray for increased practical and financial support in 2024.

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