

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3 v5-6

Dear Friends,

For the last month or so lives have been disrupted by the elections that were held on the 9<sup>th</sup> August. Schools were already planned to be shut but the Ministry of education closed them prematurely with just a days' notice and then they were closed for a prolonged period when the counting of votes took longer than expected. This means that schools, who were already facing a squeezed academic year from 38 weeks to 29 weeks, have lost yet more days. We are thankful to God though that the elections past without the violence seen in previous years although there is still much uncertainty after the losing candidate has filed a petition to the courts challenging the results. We continue to pray for stability and peace.

### On the move!

Last month we were given 2 months' notice on the property we rent in Njoro after the owner suddenly sold it. As you know the property is essential for housing children that come to us in an emergency, and we currently have two boys in our care. It also provides space for our office and a base for visitors when travelling to Njoro to do training or oversee projects. While renting is not ideal, it is our only option. Finding a new house for rent has been difficult and none were available in the centre where we have been. However, we did find a house that is a bit further out, it's a bit smaller so no room for the office, but it is in its own compound giving the security we need. Being further out the house is slightly cheaper so we have been able to rent a separate office space next to our APT workshop which is still in the centre. We are so thankful to God for providing for our needs and pray that Beatrice and the boys will be comfortable living there.



### Cycle with Dignity

As part of the Cycle with Dignity project we have started the education about menstrual health and hygiene in local schools. The education takes place over four 1 hour sessions and once complete the girls are given a pack of 6 sanitary pads. This has been disrupted somewhat by the elections and school closures but we are now ready to get back to it. We are using the education resources from Irise International and teaching girls and boys. Irise International are an award-winning global leader in period equality programming and advocacy who have been working in East Africa for many years. Our aim is to give 1500 packs of pads to girls over the next one year.



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

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

## APT Saturday Club

There are a lot of reasons why children go to the streets. It could be an abusive home, lack of food at home or peer pressure, to name a few. When on the streets, children are exposed to sexual activities, abuse, drugs, drink and criminal activity. Once they become familiar with these things it becomes the norm for them and is very difficult to break the habit, especially when there are no other activities to replace the streets. We have recently become involved with a group of boys who have become used to the streets. Even though we have now helped them back into school, as soon as the school day finishes and at weekends they go straight to the streets and stay until dark. Last month we started an APT Saturday Club for this group of boys. They are able to come and make small pieces of furniture and items from APT and in doing so are learning new skills as well as spending part of the day doing something more constructive than on the streets. The items they make they are able to take home. So far they are loving coming and will often need some persuading to leave! It also gives the team another opportunity to talk to them about the risks of street life and to share the gospel.



### Next trip.

Preparations are being made for a trip to Kenya in October. Cath Barton (physiotherapist), Deb May (occupational therapist) and Ruth Stevens will travel out to deliver further training in APT to local therapists, the Njoro team, and a team from Maua. The training will be done over two weeks and will cover a review of measuring and assessing children for appropriate APT equipment, types of cerebral palsy, contractors and deformities, adaptations for the more complex child and handling. Cath and Deb will also meet families and do group sessions for parents on handling and feeding. There is a lot to fit in!

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- *Give thanks for the new house and God providing for our needs.*
- *Give thanks for the APT and the different ways it is having an impact. Pray for the boys attending the Saturday club.*
- *Pray for the health and safety of the staff as they work.*
- *Pray for the Cycle with Dignity project and funds to continue it.*
- *Pray for the trip in October.*

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