



# PRAYER DIARY

## JANUARY 2023

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us

1 John 5 v14

**1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup>** Most families we work with struggle to afford enough food each day for the family. Without food in the home children often have no choice but to go to the streets to beg or steal food. We give thanks that we were able to give food parcels to families at Christmas and for the community food bank that helps families all year. Pray for families without enough food and for children suffering from malnutrition.

**3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup>** Two of the boys who have previously been in our care finished primary school last month and sat their final exams. We give thanks that both boys did well. One of the boys will now go to high school and the other boy who is 18yrs will start an electrical course at the Polytechnic. Pray for both boys as they continue education and give thanks that both are now settled with their family.

**5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup>** During December we were able to hold the bible club until Christmas week. We give thanks for that opportunity and all the children and parents who came. For the next few weeks until schools start again we will continue to run the bible club Tuesdays - Fridays. Pray that the Holy Spirit would move in the hearts of everyone who came and heard the gospel. Pray for the leaders and volunteers who help run the club and give thanks for God's provision.

**7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks that the girl who has TB of the spine is now receiving treatment and regular check ups. Pray that the treatment would be successful and she would make a full recovery. Pray for her mum who is involved in a cult and finds it difficult to listen to the doctors about treatments. Pray that we will continue to build a good relationship with her and that we will get opportunities to tell her more about Jesus Christ.

**9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup>** We have had several enquires from students requesting attachments to start at the end of January. It is unlikely we can accommodate all of them. Pray for us as we consider which can have a placement with us and pray that the others get placements in other organisations that will help their learning. Pray for the ones that will start at the end of the month, that their time with us will be beneficial and they would see God in our work.

**11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>** We give thanks to God for sustaining the work in Kenya for another year. With the cost of living crisis people have found it harder to give financial gifts and we've had to make adjustments to a few activities to help cut costs but we continue to trust that God will provide for our needs and ensure His work continues. Pray with us for God's provision throughout 2023.

**13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup>** For over a year we have had two boys living in our care. This came about after Beatrice found the youngest on the street after he had run away from home and it was unsafe for both of them to remain living with their granny. The aim has always been to reunite the boys with other family members and reintegrate them back home. We give thanks that after all this time Beatrice has finally been able to trace their Dad who they have not seen for many years. He had not known where they were. Pray for them as they start to build relationships and get to know their family.

**15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the staff and volunteers that work tirelessly to serve the families in Njoro. We thank God for the love and compassion they show the families. Pray that God would bless them in their work and give them all they need to fulfil His purposes.

**17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup>** We have been amazed at how God has used the APT Kenya project to touch lives in Njoro. Not only have we seen a huge impact on the development and quality of life of the children with disabilities, we have seen it used to provide parents with work which has enabled them to pay school fees for their children and feed their family. We give all the praise and glory to God.

The waiting time for being assessed for a device is now 6 months. For a young child that is growing quickly, 6 months is a long time and without the postural support they need they can develop spinal deformities and contractors which make them more disabled. We know the need is endless and this year we seek to employ more local people to help speed up the waiting time. Pray that God would lead us to businesses, churches and individuals that share our heart for this project and could commit to giving financially. Pray for the staff working on the project and the families that receive the devices.



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Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.

Jeremiah 29 v12

**19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup>** Much of our work is giving emotional and spiritual support to parents. Many parents did not have the love and guidance from their own parents that would help them to know how to parent well themselves. Through the weekly meetings we are able to teach positive parenting techniques and they are free to share their experiences and struggles. Praise God that we have seen families transformed through this work. Homes have become less violent and relationships between family members have strengthened and children are not feeling the need to go out onto the streets to get away from problems at home. Pray for all the families we work with that their homes would become the safe and stable environment children need to thrive, filled with the love of God.

**21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup>** Last year we supported 7 students through different polytechnic courses. In the next few months some of them will sit their final exams. Pray God would help them through the exams and give them opportunities to use their new skills to earn a living once they finish. Pray for students that will start their courses now and that we would be able to continue to support them throughout the year.

**23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup>** With the new curriculum now implemented we pray for a more settled year of learning for all students. Pray that schools would be a safe and friendly place for children to learn. We have one boy who after getting him off the streets and back into school last year, then refused to continue. He tells us he is ready to start again this term. Please pray that he would go back to school and that God would help him to settle into the routine and see the importance of education. Pray that his parents would support and encourage him.

**25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup>** We currently have 4 disability support groups that meet either weekly or fortnightly. Three of the groups are in the rural areas surrounding Njoro town. These groups have helped raise awareness and bring education about disability to these areas, as the villagers rarely go into the town because of the cost of transport. Through these groups we have helped members learn new skills and kickstarted small businesses. The groups have helped us identify families in need. More importantly, some parents have stopped hiding their children and found the support of the group invaluable. Recently, as a way of reducing our running costs, we have had to take the decision to reduce our visits to the groups. We know that without our regular visits it is easy for the groups to lose focus and people to stop going, pray this doesn't happen and they continue to meet and encourage new members. Give thanks for the impact the groups have had on the community. Pray that our finances would allow us to be visiting the groups as we used to again soon.

**27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup>** We thank God for our weekly Bible Study that is open to all. For the majority of people who attend, this is the only time they hear the gospel. Give thanks for this opportunity and for Tony who faithfully leads the meetings each week. Pray that we would see fruit from the seeds planted and lives transformed.

**29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup>** During our 5 years in Njoro we have seen many children suffering from severe malnutrition, some we have seen die. With the cost of food increasing so much over the last year, the community food bank is needed more than ever. Give thanks for those who donate food to the food bank and help feed families that would otherwise have nothing. Pray that as we try to raise more awareness of the needs of families, God would place it on the hearts of the community to donate food to help others.

**31<sup>st</sup>** Working with families living in poverty is made more difficult when a parent is an addict. With no professional counselling for addicts available in Njoro and with limited resources, it is difficult to give the support and help the parents need. Pray that God would intervene in their lives and help them to turn away from their addiction. Pray the practical, emotional and spiritual support we can give would be effective and we'd see people turning to Christ not to drink.