

# New Dawn Association *Newsletter* July 2018

New Dawn Association is an international, humanitarian, non-profit making association, initially working in Sub-Saharan Africa. Inspired by the Gospel, New Dawn's aim is to help the most needy, and more specifically, orphans and widows, without race, social or religious discrimination.

We have had another busy and fruitful year, with good news from all fields of work, and also the commencement of a new branch of work within a prison in Dabou, Ivory Coast. We continue to be able to sponsor a total of 51 children, spread over Rwanda, Kenya and Nepal. There are 20 Nursery School children, 18 Secondary School children, 11 Primary School children, and 2 students at college level, (nursing and hotel management.) We are currently in the process of considering the costly support of another student desiring to embark on a 3 year long Nursing Course. 26 impoverished families are also receiving monthly financial help. Jennie has again visited the projects in both Rwanda and Nepal this year (2018), assuring that funds are being correctly allocated and bringing back dynamic and encouraging news from each of the different areas of work. (Sadly, Don was unable to travel, due to a successful pacemaker operation.)

## Rwanda- Butare (Huye)

It was a delight to re-visit the **Nursery School** which will soon have been successfully running for 3 years. This school is having a life-changing effect on 20 local children and their impoverished families. The daily milk-porridge and bread provision is helping to keep malnutrition at bay. Joy and fulfilment is written on the children's faces. Most of them would have been roaming the streets all day long, having been left to their own devices. The Nursery School



has become such a central stabilizing block in their little lives that during the holiday periods, many still come to the church door, looking for the material and affective nourishment and stimulation many of them are clearly lacking. Jennie spent some precious, creative time with them, and brought much needed Nursery materials from France. Pastor Paul and his wife Annett, our co-ordinators on the ground for the programs in Butare, shared that for many of these children, their school uniforms are the only decent piece of clothing they possess and they end up wearing them all the time. To their delight, Jennie was able to distribute some beautifully hand-crafted clothes given to her by a faithful supporter in France. Also, she had a few second hand clothes which were gratefully received. We are extremely thankful for the untiring and sacrificial services of Josiane, (assistant), and Kanyana, (schoolteacher) who have been working for very modest salaries. Once again, finances have been provided for more than **70 medical cards**, enabling poor families to have access to medical

treatment. Without this card many poor people needlessly die of curable ailments, simply because they have no hope of accessing affordable medical treatment. Jennie met with all the

students in **the Primary and Secondary Education** programs to encourage them. They are so grateful for this opportunity to continue their education. She also visited two of their local schools, and met up with some of the staff. This year, we are very heartened by the excellent



results of certain students in this program. It is extremely rewarding to see these boys and girls proudly standing in their school uniforms, clearly desiring to complete their school education successfully. All the **'New Hope Group'**, made up of 11 extremely impoverished families within the community, continue to receive a vital monthly cash envelope. Jennie was able to meet with all the members of this particular group bringing them a special gift of a blanket, mattress, mixed-flour, sugar, and soap. They shared poignant stories about how this monthly assistance is impacting their lives. It is hard for us who have so much, to comprehend the plight of such

Visiting one of the local schools- June 2018

poverty. Many of the members of this group are AIDS victims, struggling to work regularly and provide for their families. One lady shared that had she not been elected to be a member of this group, she would have lost all hope and believes that she would have died. It is wonderful to witness the growing



A home visit- June 2018



With members of the 'New Hope Group'- June 2018

fellowship between the members of this group. We are greatly encouraged by all the on-going work in Rwanda and are impressed by Pastor Paul's and Annet's diligence and devotion to their local community. They would like to start, what they term, a **jiggers' care unit'**, based at the church, to treat affected people in the community. (A jigger is a flea-like parasite which unless treated, causes crippling, painful deformity in the hands and feet.) We are waiting to receive the estimated costs of setting up and running such a program in Pastor Paul's local church.

## Ivory Coast – Dabou- Prison Feeding Program

During 2017, through a close French friend, Danielle Fouquer, we became aware of the remarkable work of Pastor Akpa in the Ivory Coast, who has a heart and mission to serve the extremely needy people in the prison of Dabou. There are 358 prisoners, living in deplorable conditions, in overcrowded cells, and with only one modest meal a day. The conditions of hygiene and sanitation are minimal. Pastor Akapa, who has been visiting the prisoners for many years now, has earned the respect of Mme Le Regisseur of the prison, who highly praises the various social actions that Pastor Akpa undertakes with regard to the prisoners. Following an initial personal donation to this work, which was spent and accounted for in a very satisfactory manner,

we discussed with the board of New Dawn, the possibility of allocating some funds to allow Pastor Akpa to set up a more regular feeding program within the prison to assist these very needy people. It was agreed to entrust an initial sum to Danielle Fouquer, who visited this project in April 2018. With the assistance of Pastor Akpa, she placed, the money in 2 feeding programs for the prisoners, and carefully accounted for it, on behalf of New Dawn. New Dawn has decided to allocate sufficient funds to enable Pastor Akpa to organise 4 quality 'fellowship meals' for 358 prisoners, at the prison of Dabou during the coming year. With these nourishing meals prepared and served by Pastor Akpa and his team, and his encouraging words, we know that that this work is truly impacting people's lives.



Danielle, with Akpa, in front of a pile of food purchased for the prisoners- Dabou-April 2018

## Nepal- Kathmandu

In April 2018, Jennie visited **the Little Feet Children's home** during her 3 week stay in Kathmandu. We are happy to say that all the children are well, and are growing up fast! They were on holiday, having just completed the school year and were preparing to spend a week away from the home with their relatives. Nonetheless, Jennie met with the children several times, and also had several in-depth meetings with their house parents, (Pastor Yam and his wife Gauri), while visiting the home. A shopping expedition was made in which all the children were able to purchase needed school items and clothing for the up-coming school year. (All the children will be moving up into the next class following the holidays.) Jennie also organised a special outing to a local restaurant where she shared a festive meal the children. An ice-cream tea was also arranged, much to the delight of the children, so as usual, Jennie's visit was full of colourful high-lights. We would like to specially express our gratitude for the special donations that were received for the children before Jennie



Shopping with the younger children- April 2018

left. They were well invested during her visit, and brought many smiling little faces! We receive regular detailed up-dates on the progress of these children from Pastor Yam, (who is a close associate and working partner within Pastor Krishna's New Life Feet Ministries.) Jennie also spent some quality time with **Rupa**, (one of the older girls living in Pastor Krishna's home,) who is being supported by New Dawn to do a **3 year Nursing Training**. Rupa is loving her course and coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in her year, achieving excellent grades. This August, she will commence her 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year which will be



Jennie celebrating Pabitra's birthday with Pastor Krishna and the older children in their Home. (Rupa is 3rd from left.)

totally focussed on midwifery training. Isha, another of the older girls living in Pastor Krishna's home, who is also assisted by New Dawn to complete a Hotel Management course, was away in China doing an internship, so Jennie did not meet with her. However, we receive regular news from her and she also is doing well, and enjoying her studies. We have also been able to supply **funds to buy 3 computers**; one new one, for Isha, and two second-hand computers for two of the other older students, (who are still living with Pastor Krishna until they complete their

studies.) They have all been most grateful. This year, a volunteer, Eva, from France, spent a very rich time in Nepal, assisting the work of Pastor Krishna. Her report will soon be posted on the New Dawn web-site.

## Kenya- Kisumu

Our co-ordinator, Alphonse with his assistant continues to efficiently oversee the New Dawn projects in Kenya. The 'desperate widows' support group, (now 16 people), has been running since 2008. The faces and lives of these dear people have deeply marked our lives, each with their own unique story. We are pleased to report that support has been able to be advanced every month to each of them for 9 years. Needless to say, their needs are great. Occasionally, we are able to intervene more specifically to assist a widow on the ground, thanks to available



Most of the "desperate Widows, in Kisumu- April 2018

resources. We are delighted to announce that Phanice successfully passed her 4<sup>th</sup> and final High School year exams. Edwin and Susan, who have been supported by New Dawn since 2006, continue in the expensive boarding School system, to complete their 4 years High School requirements. We continue to receive all their school reports, and are closely following and encouraging their progress.



Meeting with Susan, Edwin, their mother, and sister- 2018

## Kenya, Molo

We are still following up Pastor Paul's ambition to achieving self sufficiency. He faithfully persists with his husbandry project, and at the beginning of the year, he was fighting an invasion of ants in the

chicken house! Maize was grown, (the Kenyan staple food,) which lasted for all the year. Gratitude was expressed for the specially allocated monies to provide a festive outing for all the children and staff of 'The King's House Orphanage'. Mini busses were hired, a picnic prepared and they spent a wonderful day visiting the Nakaru National game park. There are 13 girls in Primary School in Paul's Home, and 2 in Secondary level. At the present time, since Paul receives help from other donors, we assist them by funding various special projects.



The outing, on Lake Nakaru- January 2018

We, want to thank you, with our fellow directors in England, Karen and Bryan Lambert, all for your support, (with a special mention of our co-founders, Rosie and Guy Pernet in Switzerland, St James's Place Foundation, "Sa Parole pour Aujourd'hui" and the Kerith Group in France. )

**None of this would be possible without your generous help in so many different ways.**

**With a little so much can be done**

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(We would like to mention that no monies from NDA funds are used to pay for our personal flight and accommodation costs.)

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