

New Dawn Association *Newsletter* September 2019

New Dawn Association is an international, humanitarian, non-profit making association, initially working in Sub-Saharan Africa. Inspired by the Gospel, New Dawn Association's aim is to help the most needy, and more specifically, orphans and widows, without race, social or religious discrimination. New Dawn Association France - Charity registration number: 0462004206 and UK registration number - 1137292

We have had another very fruitful and rewarding year! Due to your generous donations we have once again been able to meet the commitments to all our projects. We continue to be able to support a total of 51 children, spread over Rwanda, Nepal and Kenya. Also, 28 impoverished families have received monthly support and, and over 70 medical cards have been funded. In July, once again, Jennie visited the projects in Nepal, bringing back encouraging news on all fronts.



Some of our little Nursery School stars in Rwanda!

Rwanda, Butare (Huye) Pastor Paul has had a very challenging year. The Rwandan government of President Paul Kagame, in its aim to continue to progress towards its 'Vision 2020' goals, has used its powers to enforce a rigid buildings code which has brought about the closure of over 8,000 churches across the country. During this year, Paul's church, the centre of his impoverished community and the hub of all the Rwandan New Dawn projects, has been under constant pressure by repeated governmental inspections demanding all kinds of infrastructural improvements. We are happy to say that his church has managed to remain open, satisfying the recent governmental demands. Throughout these stressful times, he, with his wife Annet and their team have enthusiastically and efficiently continued to keep all the New Dawn supported projects running.

The Nursery School will soon be completing its 4th year, with an ongoing 20 young local children in attendance. The benefits of this little school, run within the church building, are far reaching into the local community. The parents are seeing the changes in their children and much of what the children are learning is penetrating their families... simple hygiene, the washing of hands and brushing of teeth, and regular discipline and routines are taught with much fun and laughter. The daily bread-bun and milk-porridge are also a vital part of this program, helping to keep malnutrition at bay. Kanyana, our original teacher, has gone on to higher studies. She has been replaced by another teacher, who Josiane continues to faithfully assist. The Feeding program which was initiated in 2011, has since 2017, been transformed into the **New Hope Group** in which 11 desperately needy community families were selected to receive a home visit and a monthly cash envelope. In January 2019, 1 new family was added to the group;



Delighted children and parents on receiving their second term certificate!
2019 April

Angelique is a widowed mother, with HIV who is nearly blind, and has twins. (Jennie visited this poor mother in her small hut, during her last trip to Rwanda.) This monthly assistance is hugely appreciated and helps these families to survive. Over **70 Medical Cards** have once again been purchased for the neediest families, giving them basic access to medical care.

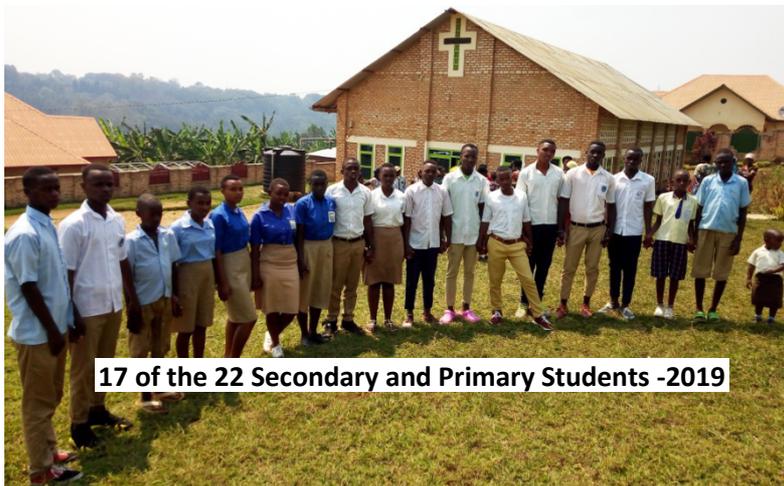


Some of the New Hope Group- 2019

The Education Program continues to run successfully, supporting 18 impoverished children in Secondary School and 4 in Primary School. We receive regular up-dates on these students and a selection of their school reports. We are proud to say that some of them are really excelling. Many of these children would have ended up as 'street' children because of a lack of funds to complete their schooling. Needless to say, their gratitude for this support is immense. Since September 2018, we have been able



Faith-2019



17 of the 22 Secondary and Primary Students -2019

to begin supporting a promising student, **Faith**, who has begun **3 year Travel and Tourism Diploma Course**. She is thrilled to be at university and to have this possibility to further her education. This is, is 'a dream come true' for her. In January, after her first trimester, she wrote to us to report her excellent marks, and also to express her gratitude.

Nepal, Kathmandu

In July 2019 Jennie had the joy of meeting up with all the children supported by New Dawn in Nepal. A torrential monsoon season began 3 days after her arrival causing landslides and flooding across large areas of the Kathmandu valley. Tragically, many lives were lost. Also, a scary 4.1 earthquake hit Kathmandu city while she was there. In spite of the challenging conditions, she was able to maintain her program.

Isha, a total orphan, taken in by Pastor Krishna when she was 5 years old, is now 22. She has successfully completed her **Hotel Training Diploma** course having concluded her final internship-training in China. She was back in Nepal while Jennie was there and now waits to leave for Qatar to begin a 2 year contract in a new 5 star hotel. She is so happy, and expressed her sincere gratitude for the assistance she has received from New Dawn. Isha aspires to travel to many places through her work, and she also intends to support abandoned children, helping to provide them with a future. It has been very fulfilling to watch this girl grow up, to have been able to assist her through part of her journey, and to witness such positive fruit in her life.

Rupa, from a very impoverished lower-cast family, was taken into Pastor Krishna's home when she was 6 years old. She will soon be 19 and will complete her **Nursing Training** this autumn. She loves her studies and is an



excellent student. She has already worked in several hospitals, and also in a dispensary in a remote area. She shared with

Jennie the thrilling experience of delivering a baby alone, while on night duty in the remote dispensary! She will complete her final exams before the end of this year. Her desire is to continue her studies to obtain a further level of specialized training. However, she can already apply for various nursing posts as soon as she gets this diploma.

The Little Feet Children were thoroughly feted during Jennie's stay! Her visit is always a little like Christmas-time for them! The children are stable and happy and all are doing well at school. They are growing up so quickly! Jennie organised a

special cream cake tea-time at the home. Even the little dog had a piece of cake! A bag full of small gifts for each child was specially brought from France, and Jennie also took them out to have a festive meal in a restaurant one evening. Ayshuma desires to become a children's rights lawyer, and Priskila wants to become a nurse. We pray that they are able to fulfil their dreams.

Kenya, Kisumu

Since the closure of the 'Arise and Shine' orphanage to make way for the new road system to serve the Kisumu Airport, we continued to support several children through their High School education. We installed a small team on the ground, on behalf of New Dawn, to oversee the various children's needs and progress, and subsequently we have been able to also continue assisting the widows group in Kisumu, (although this has been a costly implementation.) In view of the fact that there were initially 5 children in the program, we felt that it was a necessary investment. Very recently, we received unexpected news that another charity has committed to support the "**Desperate Widows**" Group with a feeding program. Bearing in mind that the final 2 children, Susan and Edwin who we have been supporting since 2007, are nearing the end of their High School years, this information has helped our board to finally make the very difficult decision of winding down our branch of work in Kisumu.



Molissa, Sunita, Solina, Ayshuma and Priskila July 2019

For 10 years, these widows have received financial support from New Dawn, and we have such fond memories of them all. However, now with the knowledge that they are still going to receive on-going assistance, and the fact that there will be only 1 child remaining in the program after 2019, we believe that the right time has come to hand on 'the baton' concerning our dear widows. We shall continue to support Susan and Edwin through to the completion of their High School education.



A big smile of gratitude from some of our dear ladies in Kisumu- April 2019 (on right, Susan, co-ordinator.)

Since the costs concerning the children in the 'King's House', **Molo, Kenya** are now fully covered by another donor, we feel that now would also be a good time to step back from this project and concentrate our resources in other areas of very demanding of work elsewhere in Africa.

Ivory Coast, Dabou We are very satisfied with the prison feeding program, run by Pastor Akpa, and the efficiency of Daniel Fouquer who is overseeing it on behalf of New Dawn. For over 2 years now, we have been connected to the work of this remarkable man of God who goes primarily to comfort and counsel the prisoners, where the conditions are deplorable. With the help of the New Dawn resources, he is able to bring them special meals and snacks about 6 times a year. On the 5th March 2019, he and his team prepared a meal, called 'Placali' for 293 prisoners. It is a local dish made up of 'la purée de manioc' accompanied by a 'spiced grain sauce + powdered 'dry gombo', spinach, beef, fish and crab meat. The consistent energy and devotion of Akpa and his team are remarkable.



Cooking the 'Placali' at the prison- 2019

We close in **thanking all the donors of New Dawn** for making these programs possible, and would like to especially mention our co-founders, Rosie and Guy Pernet, and our co-directors Karen and Bryan Lambert. (No monies from NDA are used to pay for our air flights and accommodation costs.)

'With a little so much can be done'...

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