

December 2024

Welcome to our December 2024 Newsletter. As always, we have plenty to report, starting with our Christmas Appeal.

Hoe, Hoe, Hoe! Our Christmas Appeal 2024

As you will see, we have given a Christmas branding to our project to provide **Seeds and a Hoe** to those former refugees who are returning home from Uganda to the Kajo Keji region of South Sudan.



We would be grateful if, this Christmas, you felt able to gift a present of some **Seeds and a Hoe** to a returning family so they can support their own nutritional needs by planting and cultivating healthy crops with advice and practical support from the Diocese of Kajo Keji. As you consider a donation, you may like to bear in mind that it costs £50 to supply each family with their **Seeds and a Hoe**.



"Thank you! I never dreamt that one day I would own my own hoe."

This photograph shows the gratitude of one lady when she received her **Seeds** and a Hoe from an earlier PDH project. Overjoyed, she said: "*Thank you! I never dreamt that one day I would own my own hoe.*" There are plenty more who will express similar levels of gratitude for your contribution.

So far, we have raised 35% of our planned £5,000 funding for this project. For more details and to donate to our Christmas 2024 Appeal, please visit:

Seeds and Tools Project – Projects Delivering Hope



Recent Project Updates

Thank you to all those who have kindly given financial and prayer support to the following PDH Projects which have now been completed, having reached their fundraising targets.





Skills **Training Project:** Thanks your generosity, another forty trainees at the Smile Academy can carry with their life on changing training of in а range skills including Tailoring, Hairdressing, and Motor Mechanics & Driving. With the provision of equipment, these young men and women will be enabled to set up small businesses, giving them a sense of identity and self-worth and benefiting their families their communities. and

Smile Clinic Nurse: Thanks to your donations, full funding is now in place for Prisca to remain in post for another year as the Nurse at the Smile Children's Charity Village and Academy, whilst the PDH-funded Clinic is fully established. Prisca is kept very busy looking after 400 children in the school and 40 young people in the training academy, mainly treating Sickle Cell disease and Malaria.

Welcome home, Cathie!

Last week we welcomed home Cathie, one of our PDH Trustees, and her husband John, who have just returned to the UK after two months in Uganda and South Sudan, visiting the people of Kajo-Keji in refugee camps and also back in their homeland. Time was also spent at Kajo-Keji Christian College and with the Bishop

of

Kajo-Keji.

At our recent Trustees' meeting, Cathie shared that:

"As more people return from the camps to the countryside and their previous homes, the ongoing need for seeds and tools is great."

She saw at first hand the direct impact possible through our **Hoe**, **Hoe**! **Christmas Appeal** – see above.

2025 Diary Date

After a sold-out concert in Salisbury in aid of PDH earlier this year, singer-songwriter **Philippa Hanna** will be performing again on behalf of PDH next year in Ripon on **Friday 12 September 2025**. Further details to follow on our website.

Fund Raiser Vacancy at PDH

We are currently recruiting for a **Fund Raiser** to increase and maximise income generation for our projects amongst South Sudanese people by working a few hours per week for PDH. We welcome enquiries from those offering their time on

a voluntary basis as well as those who would require remuneration.

Please follow this link for more details about the role and how to apply, or share the link with anyone you know who may be interested:

Job-Information-for-the-role-of-Fund-Raiser.pdf

And finally, a Good News Story!

Back in March, when trustees and friends of PDH were last at the Smile Village in Uganda, they met **Joseph** and his mum **Suzan**. Both had serious mobility problems (Joseph's legs are paralysed and he only has the use of one arm; Suzan can only move around bent double on all four limbs).

Since then, it has been on our hearts to provide both Joseph and Suzan with some form of support, so there was great joy recently when Rev. Francis Candiga (the Director at Smile Village) presented each of them with a **PDH-funded** wheelchair so that, with assistance, they can now move around their village and attend the services and community events at their church.



We record our huge thanks to those who funded this project which has made a massive difference to these wonderful people. Thank you!

See more photos and some videos of **Joseph** and **Suzan** here:

https://projectsdeliveringhope.org.uk/wheelchair-provision/

May the spirit of love and peace fill your heart with warmth this Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support through prayer and, for those who are able, through donations. Your backing and generosity are a great encouragement to us at PDH and, especially to all those whom we support in South Sudan.

With grateful thanks and wishing you a Happy Christmas!

The PDH Team



"All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor; the very thing we were eager to do." [Paul. 49 AD]

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