Cuban Friends have to function in partial isolation from the world Quaker family. In recent years they have been able to send members to the FWCC Wichita Conference in 1977 and Friends United Meeting’s triennial sessions in 1978 as well as to FWCC-sponsored Latin American Quaker consultations, the latest being in Mexico in September 1980. Occasional British, Canadian, and American Friends visits have been possible — though sporadic and unofficial. The latest visit was by a delegation of four from Friends United Meeting and Friends World Committee in 1978.

Encouraging signs for Cuban Friends in recent years have been the appearance of capable and well-prepared new pastors, the addition of new members, and the re-opening of one or two places of worship. Government regulations are not onerous. Churches are free to thrive and prosper in the country with comparatively mild handicaps.

EAST AFRICA

by Mary Glenn Hadley

Friends have been in East Africa since 1902 when three men — Arthur Chilson, Willis Hotchkiss and Edgar Hole — followed Jesus’ command to “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel.” They found, upon arrival, that in sharing Christ with others, they also would need to meet many physical needs. It was hard for people to respond to the Gospel when they were hungry and sick so Friends became involved in agriculture and medical work. Schools also were begun in an effort to help people learn to read and write so as they came to know Christ they would be able to read God’s Word which was translated into their language.

In 1946 East Africa Yearly Meeting was set off as a yearly meeting and in 1964 the church became indigenous with all Kenyan leadership. It is heartening to look at what is happening today. We find that medical services are carried on through two hospitals in Western Province. One is at Kaimosi and the other at Lugulu. The hospitals are managed by Friends Medical Services Council under East Africa Yearly Meeting. Edith Ratcliff, a registered nurse, is the only expatriate at Kaimosi and Dr. Sam Palpant is the only expatriate at Lugulu.

East Africa Yearly Meeting is still involved in educational endeavors. Though elementary and secondary schools were put under government administration shortly after Kenya became an independent country, schools normally have church “sponsors.” Including many “harambee” (self-help) schools, about 100 secondary institutions are today under Friends sponsorship. With sixty percent of the total population under eighteen years of age, government has not been able to keep up with building enough schools and so welcomes harambee efforts.

Friends College began in 1971 to prepare young men and women for secretarial and accounting careers. Enrollment has grown from 20 to 200. The college operates a food preservation and nutrition unit in an attempt to help people plan ahead and prepare foods to use during the times of hunger.

Some agricultural work continues through the Rural Service Programme. Jim Hoekema, a volunteer from FUM, is working with one of Friends more recent ventures, Friends Technical Centre in Turkana, Kenya’s northern desert area.

The yearly meeting recognizes about 70,000 members who make up about 150 monthly meetings scattered from Turkana in the far north, to...
Edith Ratcliff of Iowa helps make the love of God very real at a well baby clinic. Gideon Mwesusa and his singing praises at the 1980 sessions of East Africa Yearly Meeting. Photo by James Hoeksema.

Mombasa, the seacoast town in the southeastern section of Kenya. The majority of Friends are located in Western Province. A youth director is employed by East Africa Yearly Meeting and, with his helpers, is able to promote an active program. Friends Bible Institute continues to train young men and women for spiritual leadership in the church. Many of them will have to work as tentmaker-pastors because few will be employed by the church. The school offers a three-year course in addition to various “short courses.” A few graduates, who enter the Institute at about junior high graduate level, go on to further training.

A Village Evangelism and Nurture Program was initiated through Friends Bible Institute in 1979 in an attempt to meet the desires of many for a deeper and more meaningful Christian life. The program involves a week of ministry by an evangelist, followed by a ten-week Bible study, and lastly four weekly classes on church growth and leadership. Discipling new Christians is recognized as a very important part of this program.

As the yearly meeting matures it is passing through a variety of growing pains. Leadership with a broad vision is needed so the church can grow to be spiritually stronger and more effective.

Friends are becoming more aware of Ugandan Quakers who live just west of Kenya. Many took refuge in Kenya during the recent Idi Amin regime, providing an even closer tie for Friends. Now may be the time to become active in supporting Ugandans as they pick up the pieces and go forward in rebuilding their church and country.

**HONG KONG**

by James Morris and Reta Stuart

Hong Kong is a British Territory with a total land area of 404 square miles. Yet three-fourths of its population of 5,067,900 is crammed into a small area of 36 square miles. Despite its diminutive size, Hong Kong is outstanding in world trade, ranking about 17th among the exporting nations of the world.

Most of the population of Hong Kong, 98%, can be classified as Chinese, with many having come from mainland China. Though the housing situation is much relieved since the 1950s when many Chinese refugees arrived, it is still critical. In 1977 there were over 274,000 “squatters” without homes. In 1979 Hong Kong was inundated by boat people from Indochina, with about 10,000 arriving monthly.

Because of its proximity to mainland China, Hong Kong is in a strategic position relative to the evangelization of Chinese on the mainland. There are many exciting opportunities. This is important to Friends of Eastern Region (formerly Ohio Yearly Meeting because of their heavy investment in China for many years before it was closed to missionary work, and their deep continuing concern for evangelizing this mission field which is the world’s largest, with about one-fourth of its people.

In 1975 Eastern Region sent David and Cindy Aufrance as missionaries to Hong Kong, on loan to OMS International, Inc. The Aufrances teach in United Christian College, a secondary school with 1,324 Chinese students and a teaching staff of 44; this school is a joint project of OMS and the Free Methodist Church with the government. The Aufrances live on the 20th floor of a high-rise apartment building in a 40-acre housing complex which has 80,000 people. Besides teaching, they also assist in local church youth groups and conferences; their ministry is vital since young people under 20 years of age make up 41% of Hong Kong’s population.
**Caribbean**

**BELIZE YOUTH CENTRE**  $7,920
Belize is a poor nation; unemployment is high, especially among young males. A Youth Centre, set to open in early 1982 will give youths a place to gather, read and study. A study center, tutoring, and discussions on spiritual subjects are part of the program.

**JAMAICA**  $22,283
Paul and Felicity Kelcourse serve as youth advisors to Jamaica Yearly Meeting. FUM’s support provides their living and program funds, as well as a decreasing grant for the operation of Jamaica Yearly Meeting.

**Chicago**

**CHICAGO**  $37,033
Well on its way to becoming a full-fledged monthly meeting, the Fellowship of Friends is growing in maturity and expanding its outreach. FUM helps financially with support for directors Steve and Marlene Pedigo, and funds for equipment and program use.

**East Africa**

**TURKANA**  $20,781
The Friends Centre in Kalokol has been teaching marketable skills to the Turkana tribesmen as an alternative to their nomadic lifestyle for a decade. In recent months, Friends from the Centre have begun a project of significance among the some 72,000 Turkana who settled in famine-relief camps. Under the leadership of Isaya Sikokwa, EAYM mission pastor, meetings are springing up in these desert camps, a nursery school serves 300 children of one camp and others are projected. FUM support will fund the first steps in making permanent communities for the new Friends. Project funds for Pastor Isaya, construction of a permanent building to serve as a meetinghouse and nursery school and a Kenyan nursery school teacher are included in this item.
A Volunteer Needed for Turkana

by Eldon Helm

To some 2,000 people in five relief camps in northwestern Kenya, the name Friends means something very special.
The people are Turkana — a nomadic people whose normal lifestyle has been made all but impossible by drought. Some 70,000 of them are now living in relief camps under a feeding program sponsored by the European Economic Community. The Friends are from the Friends Centre in Kalokol, near Lake Turkana, a mission endeavor begun over a decade ago, and run cooperatively by East Africa Yearly Meeting and Friends United Meeting.
The Friends Centre offers the Turkana technical training in trades needed in their location, and thereby the opportunity for a different, more stable, lifestyle. Now Friends Centre staff are ministering to the Turkana in several of the relief camps. Isaiah Bikokwa, a Friends Bible Institute graduate, is pastoring in five of the camps, and recently eleven Turkana from the camps became candidates for membership in the Society of Friends.

A Friends-sponsored nursery school for children of the camp at Lochuga has an attendance of 200-300, with classes being held in the crowded Lochuga palm-thatched meetinghouse until a more spacious permanent site can be completed. Two other nursery schools have been started and people are constructing temporary meetinghouses of daum palm posts and thatch.

FUM's volunteer technical advisor and administrator, Jim Hoeksema, is planning to return to the U.S. this summer. A replacement to continue Jim's work is needed, preferably to be on the job in July. The assignment is for two years, the first three months of which will be spent in language school. General requirements include:
Friends United Meeting is . . .

a new opportunity for mission

to the Turkana people.

Together . . . we can!

Because we are convinced that God is calling Friends to new frontiers of Kingdom witness in the eighties, we are sending $_________________________ to help meet the challenge of the new opportunities in Turkana.

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God Has Led Me — He Leads Me Still

A Letter of Testimony by Daniel M. Emuria, a Turkana student at Friends Bible Institute in Kaimosi, Kenya.

I went to school when I was about 10 years of age. My parents didn’t want me to go to school, because I was looking after animals. When our community was attacked by enemies (Pokot) they killed people and took all the animals and I was among the victims who were shot. After a short time when the neighbour who ran away came back, they took me to the hospital plus others who were shot, too, but they have not died. There was Dr. Hunderson who attended me until I recovered in 1969 early. He got a chance for me in Kalokol primary school which was under African Inland Church.

The school is near Lake Turkana. There were mixed tribes of Lubya, Kipsigis, and other tribes. It was strange for me to find this sort of people who were speaking other language which I was not understanding. In this school I learned Kiswahili (the national language) and English — we were taught how to write. This was a new experience to me. The languages I learned were very enjoyable because when I learned one word I became proud of it, and this showed my interest in learning.

In this school I learned, I had many friends who pulled me to Sunday school and we were taught of God and Jesus Christ. There was disturbance in my mind because I had never heard of it. I had many questions in mind about God such as: Where does God live? Does He have a woman because we are told that He has a son who is Jesus Christ? How is it possible that God can give his son to die for every one? How can I not to refuse when someone tries to beat me? When God made earth and Heaven, we are told that there was no man or either any creature, how come that everything which made and was created by God was written in the Bible? As days advanced, all this I came to understand clearly through my teacher who was Erasal Kindel whom I will not forget.

In 1977, after one year staying at home, a friend of mine whom I made in school in 1975 called James Hole helped me to join Kalokol polytechnic under the Quaker church. I was trained as a tailor. During this period, Herman Otioko (warden, Friends Centre), asked me to help them in teaching Sunday school and also being their translator in the open air meeting, of which I was willing to do so very much. After my course, I helped them and applied to Bible Institute for more understanding in theology through the directive of Herman Otioko.

The Bible Institute also helped me both spiritually and morally. I remember when I came to Bible school, I had no wider knowledge about God but through the help of the Quakers, I have learned. I was assigned a village meeting for my practical work. The village is northeast of Kaimosi, by name Makuchi. There were friendly people and many welcomees. For one year practical in that village meeting I did plant or started a Sunday school, and also I did have a youth choir which is my best hobby in life.

We had Bible study every Sunday. By the church elders I tried to teach them various things, e.g., conducting the service, stewardship, etc. When I was taken to another village meeting, I think and believe that they are still carrying on with what I taught them.

I thank the Lord very much for everything that He had given to me in my life. Through His will I am able to stand in front of educated and uneducated and speak to them with all that power from God. God is great in my life and I believe that He is going to show me all that He needs me to learn from Him.

Jesus said, “They are few who will enter the kingdom because they are few who do follow my command,” ... there are many failings in the present church. There are many fightings in the present church. People fight for leaderships in power struggles. I believe with this little testimony you will learn something from it. My friends, God loves you for you have taken the burden of Moses when he was leading the children of Israel to the promised land. The way was long but Moses remained faithful to God even though the children of Israel turned against God. Blessed are you who are leading the church today.

My prayer is that may the Almighty Father, the Creator of Heaven and the earth, help you and guide you for ups and downs that you meet in the ministry. I know very well that it is not easy work, but don’t doubt for God for He is good in ways possible and impossible. Q
tured in Kenya. Dale spent a portion of his youth in Kenya when his parents were missionaries at Kaimosi in the late 1950s and early 1960s, and did his secondary schooling at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya.

Dale, who is 33 years old, is a native of Indiana, and has an associate degree from ITT in electronic engineering technology, a B.A. from William Penn College and M.M.A. from Earlham School of Religion. In earlier years he had interests in 4H and Explorer Scouts. At William Penn he was a member of the college choir for four years, and a member of the scholastic honorary society, Alpha Chi. He likes to do creative writing; he plays the guitar and enjoys photography.

Karen was born at Newton, Iowa, in 1951, attended the University of Iowa and received her B.A. from William Penn College. She did graduate work at Ball State University in special education. As a teenager she was also interested in 4H, church group leadership and glee club during her high school days in Newton. She has worked as a nurse’s aid and a teacher’s aid in special education, and shares her husband’s concern for the Ugandan ministry.

The Uganda mission is not an easy one. The economy is rebuilding from almost nothing. People are hungry, needing clothes and medicine.

Jesus went to the people. He lived among them. As the Dorrels live and work in Uganda, we expect that the new hope they bring will encourage Ugandan Friends as they struggle to meet the most pressing needs; and then release spiritual energy through evangelism and teaching. Dale and Karen will also seek to discover what technical assistance can be helpful, and how it can best be implemented.

When Jesus said, “Go and do likewise,” he gave a pattern for loving which respects people and honors their dignity, not through relief, but by affirmation, creating in us a whole new life. This is Friends United Meeting’s new mission frontier in 1983. Already Dale and Karen have seen how God has provided for their care as they undertake this new endeavor. That is because many are assuring their success with prayer. Let us join with them and Ugandan Friends daily in preparation for the tasks ahead.

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A LETTER FROM TURKANA

Isaiah Bikokwa writes to Friends in North America

Dear Friends,

God who spoke through men . . . speaks through us today through His son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

When I compare my previous work with the present one I find there is much difference, in that the people I am working with are nomads.

After my Bible College at Kaimosi in December 1973 my first job was in R.S.P. (Rural Service Programme). I served the church, the community in the task of development regardless of denomination, this was in Western Province of Kenya from 1974-1980.

The field taught me how to work with the people but not for the people. When I realized later that I was feeding the already fed, I prayed to the Lord to show me a more needy place and he directed me to serve his people in Turkana District as from June 1980 up to now.

THE LOCATION OF THE MINISTRY

This is Kalokol. It is in the northwest part of Kenya. The District is Turkana and is in the semi-desert province of Kenya. It is just in the middle of the shores of Lake Turkana formerly Lake Rudolph.

WHY THE MINISTRY IS HERE

The ministry is here to preach the good news, teach the doctrine of the Bible and advise on Christian family living.

We found the Turkana people to have many beliefs and superstitions. They believed in the existence of God, but they approached Him through sacrifices. So we had first to learn their traditional religion before we could introduce Christianity to them.

THE MINISTRY

To introduce them to Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord is our task in accordance to the Scripture that says in Matthew 28:19-20, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.” (RSV)

WHEN IT BEGAN

In the last decade the ministry was not very effective because the staff only ministered to students at Friends Technical Centre which is now called Kalokol Village Polytechnic. The population was scarce then and since there were other pioneer churches, they joined the neighboring church A.I.C. (African Inland Church) for worship.

RESULTS

Most of the students, who were ministered to by our staff, accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord, and three of them eventually joined Friends Bible Institute Kaimosi, after which they would come and serve the Lord among their people.
The first one works with Turkana fisherman's cooperative society in adult education, the second one works with Kalokol Friends Church as pastoral assistant, and the third has just finished and will be training as a bookkeeper — all have the name of “Daniel.”

**PRESENT**

We have seven village meetings. In each village there are 70-200 families [900-1000 families total] that we preach to, and those who come for teaching are 60-80 members and this is done four times a week.

In these seven villages, namely Lochuga, Napasnyang, Kalanysogol, Atamenye, Kanga Lung'urio, Namuyogole and Nakiria, we operate nursery schools (pre-primary) which have attracted many children. They are over five hundred in number with six teachers paid by the church.

This has been very successful because of your prayers and the prayers of many other Christian Friends who remember us from all directions of the world.

The Rehabilitation office under E.E.C. (European Economic Community) has been assisting with food towards the nursery school children. Kitale Monthly Meeting has also helped and we are grateful.

We are especially more grateful with our grand office F.U.M. sending us funds, and Jim Hoeksema, a young man of great dedication from Iowa Yearly Meeting to be the advisor. He was of great help to the Centre, community and the church.

Daniel Eurien and I have undergone three phases in nomadic pastoralism (NOPA) workshops. The last phase is going to be in April of this year.

These workshops coordinate churches working in desert areas. Currently, we have held two workshops in our Centre meetinghouses and learned that it is one way of working with the Turkana.

**FUTURE VISION**

As the population increases more evangelists will be needed, pre-primary classes will develop into primary schools thus creating another need for more teachers who will be paid by the Kenya Government.

We open Lochuga as the first Friends primary school in this District on 10 January 1983 when all schools will be opening.

As the church goal for this year, we intend to open up Adult Literacy classes in our villages. This will help our members read their Bibles in their own language. It will also enable them to read T.E.E. (Theological Education by Extension) books, thus strengthening their spiritual backgrounds.

Christian Friends, everybody needs a helping hand, let’s join hands in prayer and listen to the voice of the Lord in this second decade of our ministry in the desert.

Yours in Christ,

Isaiah Bikokwa (Pastor)

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After completion of Bible College at Kaimosi in 1973, Isaiah Bikokwa worked with the East Africa Yearly Meeting Rural Service Programme in community development from 1974-80. This experience taught him how to work with people, but not for people. When Isaiah prayed to the Lord to be shown a more needy place, he was directed to serve His people in Turkana. Isaiah has been ministering to the Turkana people since June 1980.
A Cry for Change and Spiritual Regeneration in East Africa

by A. Eldon Helm

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brethren, a tender heart and a humble mind." (1 Peter 3:8)

Inevitably a relationship with God through Christ develops love from the lower or simpler form to a higher and more complex mature love.

Such a love does not demand its own way, status, fame or money, and makes one willing to lower oneself and some of one's own ideas and hardened opinions to that of a servant as Jesus taught when he said, "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant." (Matthew 23:11)

It might be the last trip that Virginia and I would make to East Africa. It was good to leave this time with a peace that in all institutions and groups there seemed to be a refreshing spirit of a maturing love.

In the last three days it was a joy to meet with members of the Elgon Religious Society of Friends Executive Committee and a few pastors and sense their willingness to cooperate with other Friends in Kenya in a new approach to supporting the Friends institutions. Likewise it was good to meet with the East Africa Yearly Meeting, South Executive Committee, and learn that one of their priorities is to work together with the other yearly meetings. There seemed to be a new spirit of willingness to cooperate with the other two Kenya yearly meetings by East Africa Yearly Meeting. A few days earlier, 10 representatives from each of the three yearly meetings had met in the Provincial Commissioner's office and agreed to form a new constitutional committee to draw up a unified constitution to which they all could subscribe. Thomas Lung'aho of EAYM was selected by the three groups to chair the committee.

As we go to press with this magazine, we have received a copy of a new constitution from EAYM suggesting that all Friends in Kenya be unified as FRIENDS CHURCH KENYA (Quakers). The Church would be divided into yearly meetings, normally on the basis of geographical areas. New yearly meetings would be established by the Church upon request from the existing yearly meeting and the recommendation of the General Board of the Church. Yearly meetings would be governed by the charter as an appendix to the integral part of the constitution of the Church.

The document suggests that the yearly meetings hold their annual meetings in April of each year, and that the Annual Conference of the Church normally be held in August of each year. This document still has to be integrated with the constitutional drafts of the other two yearly meetings, approved by representatives of the three yearly meetings, and the annual meetings of the three yearly meetings this year.

In trying to sort out and put together the factors of this reconciliation, I first and foremost see the influence of Friends Bible Institute whose staff have continued to witness to that institution's fulfilling the dream of early missionaries that the institution founded at Kaimosi would make this location the "Hill of Vision." The FBI is the center of vision and outreach for East Africa Friends.

The majority of Friends in Kenya may not know it but the graduates of FBI have contributed greatly, not only to Friends, but to church and community throughout Kenya. Some have continued in their education and become educators, some have joined the ministry of health. Some work in the co-op movement. Some are in agriculture.

One survey indicates that about 75% of the graduates from 1968 to 1981 are somehow active in the church and 37% are employed by churches as pastors, tutors or in leadership roles in EAYM. Notable pastoral successes among Friends have been at Mombasa, Kakamega and Eldoret where meetinghouses are bulging with attenders. More young women are coming to FBI and are taking their place in ministry.

There is a cry for a change and spiritual regeneration at the grassroots in East Africa.
The Theological Education by Extension division of FBI continues to solidify the church and produce trained leadership at the local level. TEE brings Bible knowledge to the people in the local village meetings and provides individual and group confrontation to help people grow spiritually and intellectually. This encourages participation of people in the church and community. As the fellowship community grows, men are learning to respect wives and families. Families are brought together, ironing out problems with children and moral standards. More and more women are participating in church functions. Both men and women are coming forth and being appointed as leaders. There is a sense of excitement and accomplishment that relays the message to other church members who begin to come and visit the classes. Then the activity spills over outside the church as leaders and others visit families outside the church. TEE is returning friends in Kenya to the sharp edge of evangelism and reviving hope within the membership.

Again, the majority of friends in Kenya may not be aware of it, but those in the Kitale region and others who are concerned are thrilled with the enlarged ministry among the Turkana people. There are now over 150 members of friends among the Turkana, with a new membership class of 40 which began in January 1984. They attend the class for a year to become familiar with the scriptures and the faith and practice of Friends.

Much of the success of the enlarged ministry among the Turkana has been inspired by Isaiah Bikokwa, an FBI graduate who felt called by God in 1980 to serve the Turkana. He had the concern to begin pre-schools for small children at Luchuga camp. This led to contacts with families and development into an eagerness from other camp-villages for friends to establish meetings and pre-schools in their camps. Isaiah was joined in 1982 by Daniel Euriian, himself a Turkana and a graduate of FBI.

When Isaiah saw children who were no longer pre-school age, and had no primary school to attend, he acted on faith and started a primary school in January 1983 in the Luchuga meetinghouse. Three hundred standard one pupils showed up. Additional palm thatch shelters were built, units B, C and D, to provide temporary classrooms. Turkana laborers, who have little history of cooperation outside the family, volunteered to make sun-dried mud bricks and build rondel houses for the teachers who were provided by the government.

Isaiah had the concern that adults be able to learn to read so that they could study TEE materials. Soon there were adults wanting to learn to read like their children and so an adult literacy class was started. There are now 51 in this class, some reading at the standard 3 level in less than a year.

FBI has its outreach into Uganda, too. The only Friends trained pastors in Uganda, James Lubisya, Josephat and Samuel Wafula, are former FBI students. Here the remnant of Uganda Friends split in two factions by the deprivation and struggle for survival are coming together in cooperation.

The most powerful motivating force in the world is that relationship with God through Christ that releases love in our lives. When this happens, our entire being changes. A life that is bleak and barren and lacking enthusiasm begins to bloom like the desert after the rains. We begin to see ourselves as stewards trusted by God with all his creation. We learn to share our love with others.

FBI was on the verge of closing its doors in 1981 when the USFW shared its love and encouraged the staff with a gift of $5000 to keep the school going. From that time on, enrollment has increased and the outreach of FBI has taken on a new dimension as "the heart of the church" in the minds of East African Friends. EAYM seemed to be coming apart in 1981, too. The continued encouragement of FUM in support of FBI, Kaimosi and Lugulu Hospitals, increased support to the Turkana outreach, the new outreach into Uganda by Dale and Karen Dorrell working with the Uganda pastors — which opens up a whole new opportunity for witness and service — all of these are telling Africa Friends that all of us in FUM care. And out of this caring and encouragement is coming a new creation of hope and reconciliation.

The cry for change and spiritual regeneration continues, as I hope it always will, but Friends of EAYM, EAYM-South, and the Elgon Religious Society of Friends are doing something about it as they are encouraged and supported in that challenge by Friends United Meeting!
FRIENDS MINISTRIES TODAY

by FUM World Ministries Staff

FUM Missions

East Africa

Friends have been a part of the exciting story of Christianity in Africa for over three quarters of a century, first as planters of the faith in Kenya in 1902, and now as partners with the growing family of East Africa Yearly Meetings.

From that first vision on a hill in Western Province of a great people to be gathered, four yearly meetings presently comprise the Friends Church in Kenya, with the possibility of others in due time because of the demands of growth and the geographical size of that beautiful land. From the original East Africa Yearly Meeting at Kaimosi, established in 1946, have now come Elgon Religious Society of Friends, East Africa Yearly Meeting (South), and the newest member, Nairobi Yearly Meeting. These, and others that may come, all face tremendous opportunities for continued numerical growth as well as compassionate and creative Christian services to that land.

The World Ministries Commission continues to carry out a partnership relationship with East African Friends that tries to respond to their needs as requested, working with these yearly meetings to support what they feel called to do. Specifically, Friends United Meeting’s World Ministries Commission is supplying some financial resources to help with the Friends Bible Institute and Friends Hospital at Kaimosi, the mission to the Turkana tribes in northern Kenya, and both financial and

Lochuga nursery school — Turkana.
Friends Bible Institute

The Bible Institute has been called "the heart of East African Quakerism," and rightly so, for it is the only Quaker institution of this nature established to train East African Friends for effective ministry and leadership in local meetings. Both short courses, running from a few days to several weeks, and a full three-year course are offered as training and equipping opportunities. Courses offered over the three-year period are sociology, philosophy, Old and New Testament, contemporary theology and religions in the world, pastoral counseling, Quakerism, general church history and typing. Clearly the dynamic growth of Friends in East Africa will experience and express appropriate depth only as adequate training and equipping for ministry is available. With Nairobi Yearly Meeting eager to reach out in the larger urban centers to the east, as well as the other yearly meetings needing to continue to relate to the growing population in the west, the Bible Institute will have to keep gearing up to meet these challenges. The World Ministries Commission is eager to assist Friends in East Africa to improve their quality of leadership among Friends so that it will both effectively reach out to a great people to be gathered, as well as minister helpfully to the hundreds of local meetings.

Turkana

One example of Friends in East Africa pushing into new frontiers is the mission among the Turkana people in the north. Begun in 1970 with a technical school and orphanage, this work began to expand greatly in 1980 when Isaiah Bikokwa, a Friends Bible Institute graduate living near Kitale, responded to a call from God to go as a missionary pastor to these people. Working prayerfully and patiently, Isaiah began by starting schools for children. Interested parents then began to come so Isaiah started sharing the Good News with them, and soon had to start membership classes for the many new converts. Today several meetings and schools comprise this growing edge of Quakerism. With the newest outreach point being at Lodwar, 45 miles south of Kalokol, Isaiah Bikokwa has said that though there are other churches working in the area along with Friends, such as Africa Inland Mission and Roman Catholics, there are still many places in this expansive desert region where the Turkana people need to be reached with the good news of God's love and ministries of hope and healing. This is certainly one of the cutting edges of Quakerism in East Africa. The World Ministries Commission is eager to assist Friends in Kenya reach out to the unreached, facilitating people like Isaiah and others in their evangelistic and pastoral ministries.

Kaimosi Friends Hospital

The other areas of our World Ministries Commission's financial and personal involvement are the hospitals at Kaimosi and Lugulu. These institutions represent Friends concern for a wholistic ministry and thus were established as expressions of that concern.

Lugulu Friends Hospital

The 120-bed hospital at Kaimosi has not had an expatriate doctor for several years as they have attempted to rely on Kenyans. Though this is commendable, it has not been completely successful as it is not always easy to attract even national doctors to the more rural hospitals. In recent months a fire destroyed the administrative and bookkeeping departments, creating even more difficulties for the staff and the Board of Advisors. But while the hospital continues to deal with these challenges, the World Ministries Commission will try to continue to offer modest support, feeling that the hospital is an important part of our Christian Quaker ministry to the many, many people of that part of Kenya.
New World Ministries Commission Gathers

The World Ministries Commission gathered in Richmond October 27-29 for its first meeting this triennium.

Because so many of the Commissions and General Board members were new, a day of orientation was held to give them the opportunity to get acquainted with one another and the ministry and purpose of Friends United Meeting.

The World Ministries Commission began its work by appointing the following officers: Presiding Clerk—Bill Griggs, Indiana YM; Assistant Presiding Clerk—Keith Sarver, Southwest YM; Recording Clerk—Betty Polster, Canadian YM; Caribbean/Central America Committee Clerk—Keith Haworth, Iowa YM; East Africa Committee Clerk—Marian Baker, New England YM; Middle East Committee Clerk—Bob Garris, Western YM; North America Committee Clerk—Les Paulsen, Western YM. These persons also form the WMC Executive Committee.

In addition to the representatives from North America, the Commission meetings were enhanced by the presence of Steve and Marlene Pedigo, Chicago Fellowship of Friends; Sadie Vernon, Belize; Nadia Abboushi, Ramallah Friends Schools Board of Trustees; Dr. Bob, Hope, Nathan and Levi Carter, medical personnel at Friends Lugulu Hospital, Kenya; Isaiah Bikokwa, pastor/evangelist of the Friends work in Turkana, Kenya; Elisha Wakube, Elgon Religious Society of Friends, Kenya; and Homer and Gladys Dorrell, who will be working at Friends Bible Institute.

Caribbean/Central America Committee Sadie Vernon shared with the Committee about the current status of and hopes for Friends work in Belize. The greatest need is for volunteers to work with the youth. There are thousands of children who aren’t able to attend secondary school and many of them turn to crime and drugs. When asked why Friends should get more involved in Belize, Sadie replied, “It is the internal dimension out of which we minister that is special. Friends have a sensitivity to hear, to sift, and to act that is not readily seen in others. A lot of people want that gift that God has enabled Quakers to work out of.”

East Africa Committee Isaiah Bikokwa related that God has given Friends a great opportunity to minister in Turkana, especially to the children. Over 450 children attend the Turkana Friends Schools. He expressed joy that there are now four Turkana evangelists helping to spread the Gospel.

Homer and Gladys Dorrell shared that they will be leaving on January 1, 1988, for a two-year term of volunteer service at Friends Bible Institute where they will have various teaching, maintenance and health care responsibilities. They challenged other retired persons to consider giving time to world missions.

Also returning to Kenya in early January, Dr. Bob Carter described the ministry of Friends Lugulu Hospital. With the hiring of a Kenyan physician, made possible by New York Yearly Meeting, Bob is anticipating having time to minister to the spiritual needs as well as the physical needs at the hospital.

Middle East Committee A description of life in the Israeli-occupied West Bank given by Nadia Abboushi helped the committee better understand the difficult and complex situation in which the Ramallah Friends Schools operate. They were moved by the faithfulness of the Palestinians. The schools are filled to capacity—549 students at Friends Girls Schools and 470 students at Friends Boys Schools. The appointments of Ramallah Friends

Belize Needs YOUR Help!

The FUM work team is ready to go to Belize on January 18, 1988. Sadie Vernon is anxiously waiting for the Friends Center to be enlarged. Something is missing, though — YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE!

We need to raise $5,000 for the materials and supplies needed to build a two-story addition, remodel, repair and paint the Friends Center in Belize City. Approximately $1,500 has been raised so far. The total amount must be raised before the work team can go!

Seventeen Friends from six Yearly Meetings—Baltimore, Indiana, Iowa, New England, North Carolina and Western—are planning to build a two-story addition to the Friends Center and replace posts in the middle of the first-story rooms with supporting beams. These improvements will create larger, more functional rooms at the Center. Sadie already has many plans for using this additional space!

In support of Friend Sadie’s work in Belize and the work team members, would you or your meeting send $20, $50, $100, $200 or more for this project? This is an unbudgeted special project that was approved by the General Board in March 1987.

A videotape will be made of this work camp, so you will really be able to see your money at work!

Make your check out to Friends United Meeting clearly designated for “Belize Work Camp Supplies” and send it to WMC, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, IN 47374.

Thank you!

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From Isaiah Bikokwa

Dear Christian Friends, as I come to the end of my stay in the U.S.A., my special thanks goes to FUM World Ministries Commission office for involving me in the ministry of the Lord with love and wonderful fellowship among Friends.

My special thanks also goes to the superintendents, pastors, clerks and individual Friends in whose homes I stayed while visiting several Yearly Meetings.

This has been my first visit among Friends in North America. I have appreciated very much their concern about my stay and for arranging meetings where I could share about the physical and spiritual needs in Turkana.

As you continue praying for the Turkana mission, please remember that there is need to have people with special technical skills. As our mission expands, we need to put up more classrooms for the Lochuga Primary School, and by 1990 we will need a secondary school on the same grounds.

We thank the Lord that the pastor's house in Lodwar is completed. We need to build a meetinghouse for Lodwar Friends since the climate does not allow us to meet in the open sun. We pray that this need will be met.

At Lochuga, where a home for the evangelist has been built, we also need to build a meetinghouse.

"I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me; you were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content... I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble." (Philippians 4:10-14 RSV)

International Friends Conference on Evangelism a Great Success

by Bill Wagoner

Two hundred fifty Friends from 20 countries around the world gathered in Guatemala City, Guatemala, November 4-11 to participate in an International Friends Conference on Evangelism. The conference arose out of concern expressed by Bolivian Friends to Northwest Yearly Meeting in 1984 for training and equipping in evangelism. Northwest Yearly Meeting took the matter to Evangelical Friends Alliance, and further joint consultation and coordination with Friends United Meeting resulted in this historic gathering.

There were 24 persons representing Friends United Meeting from our overseas fields of mission, with 19 from Kenya, two from Jamaica, and one each from Belize, Tanzania and Uganda.

The conference focused on evangelism and church planting. Friends leaders from around the world shared messages during morning sessions, and Sam Kamaleson, Vice President of World Vision International, brought messages each evening. Thirty different workshops were offered over the course of the conference presenting many helpful subjects pertaining to evangelism.

While experiencing the beautiful color and culture of Central America, the conference was itself a beautiful Christian Quaker cultural collage, with Friends representing their respective countries through national dress, music and language. Indeed, the interaction of Friends from around the world with one another was one of the real positives of the conference. The messages were challenging, the workshops were helpful, but the encouragement gained by individuals in realizing they were part of a larger company of concerned Friends carrying out the Great Commission was the biggest benefit of all.

The conference ended with expectations and commitment on the part of all to return to their various countries to be about the business of evangelism. Certainly World Ministries supports and encourages overseas Friends representing FUM to move ahead with efforts in reaching out and growing.

Friends from Kenya gathered to share traditional songs at the conference.
News from Turkana

Samson Simiyu, Chairman of the Turkana Mission Board, recently wrote the following encouraging news, "On behalf of the Turkana Mission Board, I convey our loving Christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"In the first place, I should thank Friends for their wonderful donations they sent through the FUM office. The bicycles for our two evangelists were bought. The evangelists are really enjoying doing God's work." The evangelists, Paul Makada and Isaac Ewalan, are traveling 12 miles a day by bicycle, as opposed to four miles a day when on foot.

The USFW International raised funds during 1987 for materials to build desks and chairs for the Friends Lochuga Primary School. Sixty desks, one table and ten chairs have been built by workers and students at the Friends Technical Centre in Kalokol. "Now the children enjoy sitting at their desks. The teachers are happy."

Pastor Isaiah Bikokwa, as the Coordinator of Spiritual Work in the whole district of Turkana and the work at the head office, visits new areas in the district. He appreciates using the new tent, purchased for him by Friends in North America, as he travels for several days on end to these new areas of outreach.

In a recent report Isaiah requested, "Let the Christian Friends not forget to pray for us as we work together in his vineyard. Your supportive prayers enable us to reach other people that we never imagined we would."

The Need and Hopes for Friends Ministry in Belize

by Sadie Vernon

(These remarks were excerpted from a paper Sadie wrote for the Belize Consultation that was held at FUM in June.)

Belize City is in a very serious state of moral decay. It is almost impossible to explain what has led to this condition, but for a number of us who have been working in the urban situation, this change began in 1961 following Hurricane Hattie.

The lifestyle of Belize as a nation is deplorable. The post-Hattie ills have come upon us strong:

• increased number of teenage mothers;
• increase in prostitution, abortion, drug abuse, violence and child abuse;
• crime was up 16% in 1987 and general opinion is that 1988 is already passing that;
• there is a decline in church attendance, with Roman Catholic and evangelical churches making a major effort to correct this;
• urban children have need for food and the height/weight statistics of the 221 children in the present school feeding program of the churches must be given attention;
• parasitic infestation in both children and adult population is high;
• unemployment in the city is extremely high; however, more mothers are working and there is urgent need for more day care services;
• annually over 4000 youth leave primary school with continuing education available for only 2000 of them.

Why drugs, abortion, more single parent families, abuse, crime, increased numbers of mental hospitals, high unemployment, prostitution, decreased church attendance, stealing (the biggest problem in school), truancy and delinquency? The churches must take time to study together and to declare the cure as they know it to be.

The church is often seen as useless, for the nonwitnessing find it easy to promote excellent programs that are purely humanistic and have no basis in the Gospel. The church is being seriously questioned as to its purpose in society.

The church must recognize its task as the one that proclaims the Good News of God's grace, and provide for those who need to hear and to join the ranks of those who say with assurance that "Unto me was born that day a Savior."

The church must bring to humanity the wonder of God's redeeming grace to mend the brokenness that needs to be healed.

As I ponder the future of the Society of Friends in Belize, I have one conviction: There may not be leaves, stems and flowers yet, but the seeds

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Middle East Committee

Khalil Mahshi

Khalil Mahshi provided invaluable information about the current situation in the West Bank and the status of the Friends Schools. He stressed the fact that had it not been for the emergency funds raised by Quakers last year, the schools would be permanently closed by now. However, those funds will be depleted by the end of this school year. The schools will need at least $150,000 by the end of May to even offer contracts to their employees for the 1989-90 school year. The schools honor contracts with the teachers because they must be ready to re-open on a moment's notice.

Fund raising efforts will be increased, especially among the alumni of the Friends Schools.

East Africa Committee

Bill Wagoner and Steve Main shared about their recent trip to Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. As it was his first trip to East Africa, Steve related that he was impressed with the spiritual vitality of Friends at the grassroots level, and the strength and cooperation among the women of each yearly meeting. The several conflicts and disputes among East African Friends were also discussed. The committee, feeling the pain of the disputes, urged Friends to pray for these dear members of the family of Friends.

A Mile of Pennies!

Money can be raised in a variety of ways: direct appeals, bake sales, fund raising dinners, collecting a mile of pennies. Yes, collecting a mile's worth of pennies is one of the more interesting ways of raising money that we have heard of for some time! The children of Indianapolis First Friends Meeting, with the help of adults and friends, had a campaign to collect a mile of pennies — 84,800 pennies — for the Jamaica Hurricane Relief Fund.

On January 29, the meeting had a celebration of success, which included walking a mile within the meetinghouse. They laid out 1000 pennies at the beginning of the mile to give the children an idea of how many pennies it takes to make a mile. At the end of the walk, one small child said, "Do you mean it took that many pennies?"

Thanks, First Friends!

The meeting laid out 1000 pennies along the beginning of a mile long path within the meetinghouse.

The children of Indianapolis First Friends collected 84,800 pennies for the Jamaica Relief Fund.
Scenes from the East African Safari

When we ran Bill Wagoner's article about the East African Safari in the April issue of Quaker Life, the photographs of the trip had not yet been processed. We want to share with you now some of those photographs.

At a meeting the Tanzania Yearly Meeting General Board held at Kisanguria, Steve Main presented Presiding Clerk Francis Ngegokora some books on behalf of FUM. Tanzania Friends are eager to be remembered by the world family of Friends.

Friends Lugulu Hospital is growing! Thanks to funds from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, a new operating theater is under construction. This new building will allow Dr. Bob Carter to do more major surgeries in a sterile and bug-free room!

Friends ministry in Turkana is also growing. The Kenya Government invited Friends to begin a new work in southern Turkana, where school is held under the shade of a tree. Isaiah Bikoowa travels by motorbike to Lokapal and Napomora to work with local evangelists.

North America Committee

This committee affirmed its desire to see urban ministries be a corporate priority for Friends. To encourage us in this direction, the committee made the following suggestions: that an issue of Quaker Life focus on the need for Friends to do urban ministry; that letters be sent to Quaker educational institutions stating the concern that more courses in urban ministry be offered and that scholarships be given to provide internships for students in urban ministry training; that an urban ministry symposium be included in the program for the 1990 FUM Triennial; and that an urban ministries caucus, hosted by the Chicago Fellowship of Friends, follow the SCOPE 1990 Urban Ministry Conference in Chicago.

Steve and Marlene Pedigo reported for the Chicago Fellowship of Friends. They are in the midst of fund raising for their building project — due to a conflict over the present arrangements, the Fellowship may have to buy out the other half of the building they are currently using or move to a new location.

Summer activities being planned for the youth include camps for youth of all ages and a day camp in Chicago for the Junior High Young Friends.

Work crews from Philadelphia, Northwest and Indiana Yearly Meetings and Canton Friends will participate in repairing and painting apartments in the Cabrini-Green community.

A further note of praise was that more adults are participating in meeting for worship, Sunday school, Bible studies and a new USFW group!

The North America Committee also discussed the implications of an expanded Quaker Volunteer Witness program.