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healers
evangelists
peacemakers
publishers
innovators
faithful sustainers.

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WE ARE STUDENTS

They are shy in the head teacher's office, speaking softly and hesitantly. But they've come. They're sharing their stories.

"I like to be at school," says the first girl, age thirteen, "because at home, I do not have time to read."

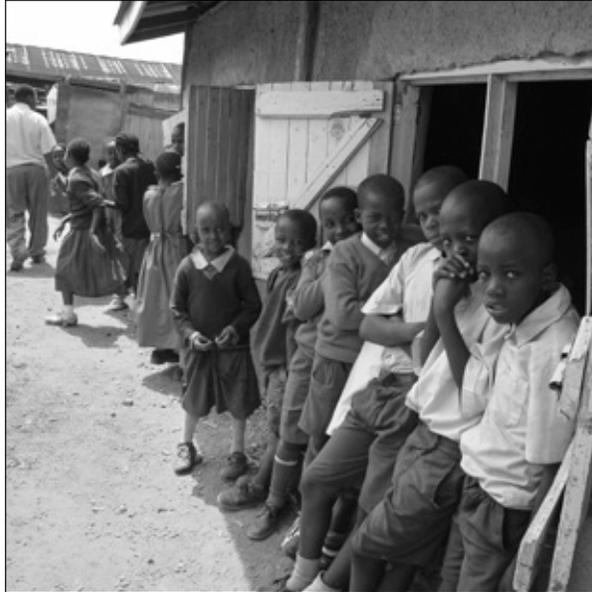
"And early marriage is there," adds her classmate, who is twelve. She straightens her spine and narrows her eyes. "I want an education. It is my future."

Between classes, they giggle and chase soccer balls like the children they are. In class, they listen intently, gripping their pencils and striving to understand every word, every question, every mathematical equation, because they grasp the value of education, and they know that schooling is not guaranteed. Their mothers did not go to school—but this primary school is transforming the community.

"I will be a doctor . . . I will be a teacher . . . I will be a nurse."

"My world changed when I was enrolled here at the Belize Friends School. I believe that we all have great potential to do great things in the world if given the chance and support. I don't know what the future holds, but I'm stepping forward with positivity anchored in my soul."

—Brithney Bradley, alumna, Belize Friends School



The learning support department of Ramallah Friends School supports children with exceptionalities so that they can participate in education alongside their peers. Students receive one-on-one attention and the necessary adaptations for success. This means recognizing and building on the gifts of these students, many of whom have strong musical abilities or unusual empathy or admirable persistence.

Every day, Quaker teachers welcome preschoolers into hundreds of Early Childhood Development classrooms across East Africa. Here, children count in their mother tongues; they wash their hands; they sing in three languages. Their teachers provide a transition from home to school, and they nourish their students with encouragement, bowls of rice, and smiles.

**WE ARE
TEACHERS**



Lindi Friends School



Belize Friends School

She stands before a room of careful listeners, placing her chalk on the lip of the blackboard. “What example has Jesus set for us, in the feeding of the five thousand?”

The students bend over their Bibles, pencils in hand, noting responses. A breeze stirs the air. Outside, goats bleat. A student raises his hand, and with the shift of his weight, his chair creaks. “I think,” he says, “it is a message.

A reminder of God’s abundance.”

“Yes,” agrees the teacher. “We learn from this example never to fear not having enough. If we have faith, what we have will be multiplied.”

Indeed, at Friends Theological College, what we have is multiplied daily. Teachers look out across twenty-five students and know—next week, next month, they will return to their homes in Tanzania, Uganda, Nairobi, Samburu, Turkana, Rwanda, and teach what they’ve been taught. Here, they build holistic skills—pastoral, physical, evangelical, practical—to nourish Friends’ missions and churches. At home, what they have been given is multiplied, throughout East Africa and beyond.



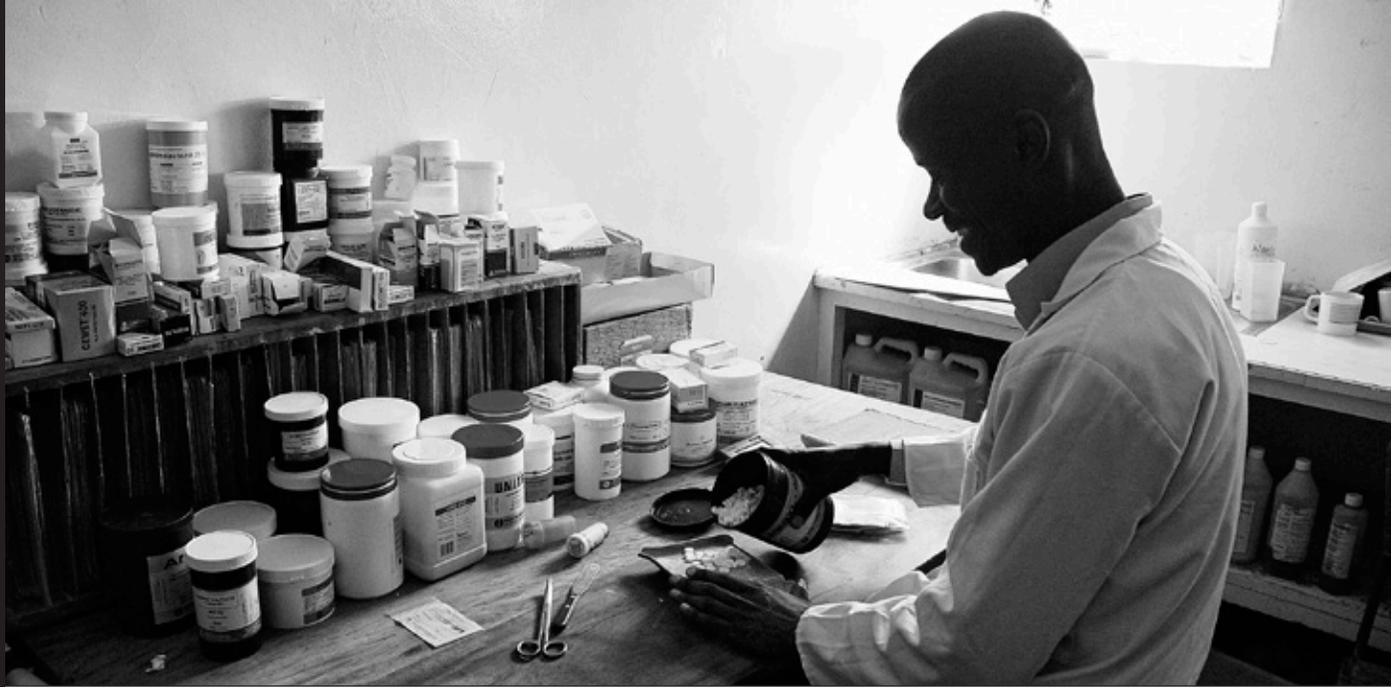
Ramallah Friends School

“The shepherds. These children are very, very important. And they are so good. We admire, when we teach them. We tell them stories from the Bible, of David, who was a shepherd and became a king.”

—Michael Wasike, missionary,
Samburu Friends Mission



WE ARE HEALERS



At Lugulu Hospital, treatment for HIV/AIDS doesn't stop at the edge of the hospital grounds. Partnered with churches, the hospital reaches out to communities, reducing the stigma that people with HIV/AIDS often face. Individuals, families, and villages learn how to function as healthy, thriving communities even in the presence of HIV/AIDS.

When patients are admitted for in-patient treatment, FUM's adopt-a-bed program covers all costs. Lugulu Hospital and Friends United Meeting work together to ensure that no one goes untreated.

With antiviral drugs, healthy living, and community support, HIV is no longer a terminal illness; it's chronic. Lugulu Hospital supports this approach for entire communities, and no one is denied high-quality care, regardless of ability to pay.



A borehole becomes a center of community. Everyone—children, women, men, and animals—circles around this source of life. Often, a church community springs up around the borehole, and a nursery school follows after that. You might say that the borehole becomes a source of both earthly water and Living Water.

“To provide affordable and sustainable holistic health-care services with Christian love.”

—Lugulu Hospital
Mission Statement





WE ARE EVANGELISTS

“I am interested in bringing the Bible and cases of human trauma together. The answers to human problems are always found in the Bible.”

—John Moru Losike, Director, Turkana Friends Mission

What does Quaker worship look like in Belize? A little music, a little silence, and a lot of teenage boys.

At the Friends’ Center in Belize City’s south side, the work of the church is the work of the community. Sometimes that means leaflets and conversations with passersby; sometimes that means a basketball tournament to raise awareness about human trafficking. And when a potluck ends with leftovers, it means a van full of kids directing the pastor: “Turn here. Go straight—no, the house with the red door—stop. This family. They need extra food.”

Each week, Belizean families gather with their Kenyan pastor and with expatriates from Mongolia and the United States. They worship, they pray, they read the Bible, and they listen to God: “What are Your plans for this work in our neighborhood?”

Kenyan Friends Dorcas and Nicholas Otieno are answering the call to become missionaries in Tanzania, coming alongside Tanzanian pastors. Many new churches have been planted, and God is blessing the seemingly impossible obstacles—Tanzania’s mostly-absent infrastructure among them. Friends are now planting new churches throughout Tanzania, training disciples and affirming local leaders along the way.



WE ARE PEACEMAKERS

In a dispute over land allocation in the Mount Elgon district, the people who suffered most were the local villagers. Leaders of a guerilla militia were imprisoned following extensive violence. After their release, the Friends Church Peace Team engaged with the entire community—including those who had been imprisoned and were now returning. The people reflect:

“I was targeted by rebel militia because I didn’t join them or support them in other ways. As a human being I was thinking ‘Why can’t I take revenge?’ But after going to these programs, I started forgiving people.”

“My husband was killed and I saw what was done to him. I was really traumatized. In fact I couldn’t walk along the road for fear of an accident. And when we talked about healing it really entered me. I saw the wound that I had. When I attended the peace program I brought my mind together. I went back again and saw where my husband died. We learned about forgiveness and then I felt good. When I meet the people who killed him, I can greet them.”



“Something that is cultural is not easy to remove from people. It is a process. Now through this program, we conducted several forums incorporating opinion leaders, women leaders, and church leaders. After undergoing the civic education training we realized we were going in the root of darkness but now we were going in the right direction where there’s light. This is the only year that we’ve voted peacefully after undergoing training about peaceful coexistence. We now see that all people are human beings. This time I have the freedom of movement because of peace.”



Twelve years ago, the nation of Kenya erupted in violence following an election, and when things began to calm, the question arose: how can we stop this from happening again? Kenyan and North American Friends partnered to create a peace curriculum for schools, in which students are encouraged to participate and role play, working together in solving conflict creatively.

"As darkness gets closer, so worries get stronger and all the time we think about the risks of peace ministries. I feel blessed as a person because it has been a testimony and I survived a lot. And this is my motivation to keep on keeping on."

—Getry Agizah





WE ARE PUBLISHERS

Friends United Meeting commits itself to energize and equip Friends through the power of the Holy Spirit to gather people into fellowships where Jesus Christ is known, loved, and obeyed as Teacher and Lord—and Jesus Christ is known, loved, and obeyed in many languages.

As a true global fellowship, FUM functions across national and linguistic borders. Friends can now purchase Quaker classics from our bookstore in Spanish, and we're beginning to explore what it means to engage with partners in Tanzania (where most speak Kiswahili) and Rwanda and Burundi (where most speak French).

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Simplicity

Friends believe that the most important things in life aren't things.



Community

Friends believe that we need each other, since each and every one of us is precious to our community.



Peace

Friends believe that there is always a path that brings peace, justice, dignity, and respect.



Equality

Friends believe that every person is equally beloved by God, no matter what.



Integrity

Friends believe that our words and actions must reflect our truest selves.



Stewardship

Friends believe that all God's gifts are entrusted to us for the sake of future generations.



“As a campus minister—and a photographer—I developed a special concern for discovering how we can spread the Quaker message through image and sound, and not by text alone.”

—Dan Kaztelan
FUM Communications Director

Friends in Kyela, Tanzania came to Quakerism after finding us on the Internet. One church became two became four, and soon students from Kyela were studying at Friends Theological College. FUM understands the Internet as the eighth continent of global ministry. It is no longer a place to talk about mission; it is a place to do mission.

A Friend brought the concern to meeting: what to do about worrying interactions between citizens of Belize City's south side and the police?

Protest? Write letters? Demand a change?

Step one: pray. Step two: work together. Step three: gather community leaders, government officials, and business people. Establish a Community Safety Forum. Seek solutions as a team.

In the following months, Belize Friends Church and Belize Friends School, with the help of the police department, made a series of videos to educate both citizens and police. What does bad policing look like? What is a good interaction with police? What misdemeanors might lead to serious consequences? Also, the community asked—together—for more and different training for police, and what they asked for, they received.

It is easy to perpetuate antagonistic cycles. The Friends of Belize City found another way.



**WE ARE
INNOVATORS**

“We seek to witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit through our witness, including worship, discipleship, education, leadership development, alternatives to violence, community building, and economic empowerment.”

—Oscar Mmbali, pastor, Belize Friends Mission



Drinking dirty water kills more people than war. Biosand water filters are made locally, from locally available materials. They create jobs for the local community members that manufacture them and last at least fifty years without repairs, and because they contain no plastics and aren't transported across distances, their carbon impact is almost zero.

WE ARE FAITHFUL

Each week, the students of Ramallah Friends School file into the gymnasium and settle in rows on the floor. They are surrounded by posters of Quaker testimonies: stewardship, integrity, peace . . . they settle into silence, some gazing at the ceiling, some watching their shoes, some closing their eyes, a few sneaking looks at their cell phones.

The room starts out still, though after a few minutes, the teens get antsy, and there's wiggling and giggling. But toward the end, inevitably, a gentleness settles over the room, a sense of collective reflection. At close of worship, the kids have a tendency to applaud.

The worshipful spirit continues in class and throughout the week. Teachers and students assess classroom dynamics in the light of the testimonies. Stewardship—simplicity—equality—peace—community—integrity. Where in my life am I living these testimonies? How do I feel inspired to do better?





Spiritually on fire—desiring deeper worship—discerning risky new steps of faithfulness.

Each year, Friends gather in North America for Stoking the Fire, a yearly retreat for spiritual formation and fellowship in the power of Christ. Speakers, workshops, and worship weave together in the true sense of Pentecost.

“We want to pray for the developing of this mission. Church—first church, because I love church so much! See what peoples of Samburu bring. We are people of God.”

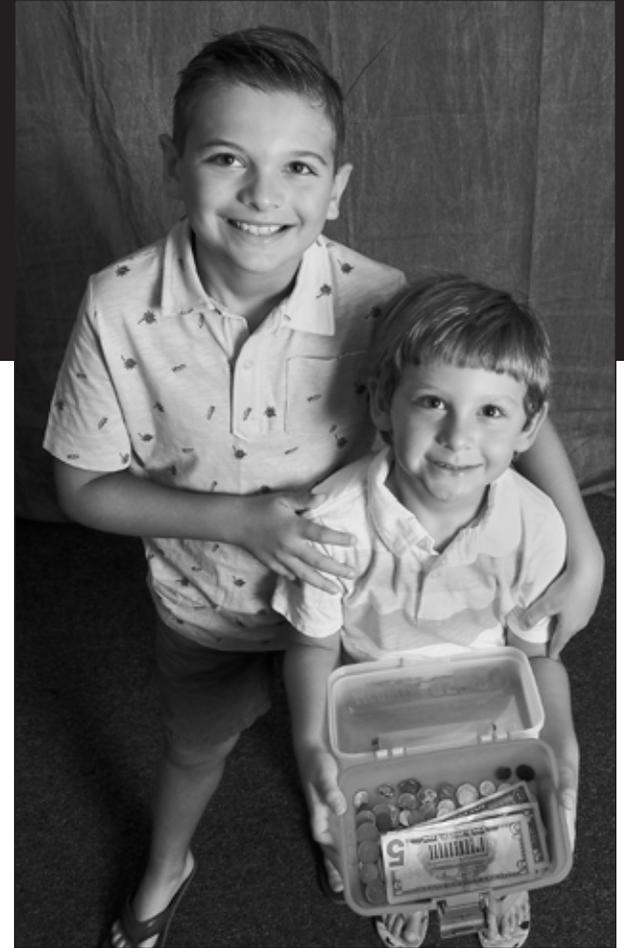
—Rosano Leadismo, pastor and board member,
Samburu Friends Mission



WE ARE SUSTAINERS

Some pennies are shiny. Some pennies are grubby. Some pennies are turning green. But for the children of Paoli Friends Church, each represented a precious gift, and they collected six thousand, five hundred of them—and then, they sent their pastor to FUM with \$65 check.

We have monthly givers, annual givers, occasional givers, and penny-savers. We have Friends who have placed FUM in their wills and Friends who send twenty-dollar bills in the mail. Every one is needed.



Wilmington Friends Meeting



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