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Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of Jesus.

I'm writing to invite your Meeting/Church to support Nikki Holland, the newly-appointed Director of Belize Friends Ministries.

**I'm convinced that Nikki is the person God has anointed for the unique role of Director of Belize Friends Ministries.**

Nikki has a teachable spirit and a caring heart, making her an excellent fit for the work of shepherding and encouraging our gifted staff team in Belize and helping each one of them unleash the full flowering of their giftedness in ministry. Nikki has extensive international and cross-cultural experience, is a professional writer, and has even managed building projects with her family's construction company. Most important of all, she loves Jesus and seeks, with radiant energy, to live each day in faithfulness to God's call in her life and in obedience to what God is doing in her community.



Just a few days ago, Nikki said to me:

*What I love about Belize Friends Ministries is that every initiative I've seen so far has been in response to what the community has expressed as its needs. I think FUM is doing a really great job of waiting to see where the Holy Spirit is already working in the Southside neighborhood of Belize City and joining that work with the community, rather than a sort of directive model of missionary work that was common in the past. I am super excited to continue learning about the strong visions that Candi, the principal, and Oscar, the pastoral minister, have for their ministries. I'm excited to find out what I can do to facilitate their work and help their ministries thrive.*

Nikki and her family are relatively new Friends, having found Quakers on the internet and started their own Meeting when they discovered there were no Friends in their city of Merida, Mexico. Because of this, they don't have extensive personal networks that they can tap for support raising, the way some well-known Friends have



when they begin raising their ministry support. **I am therefore appealing to you, the FUM community, to stand with Nikki and invest in her ministry for the sake of our collective faithfulness to the call to minister in Belize.**

Would you please post the enclosed information on your Meeting's bulletin board and share it with your members? The goal is for Nikki to be fully funded by the end of July, so that she and her family can start the school year together in Belize. Will your Meeting/Church participate in what God is doing right now in Belize?

Thank you and blessings!

Eden Grace  
Global Ministries Director

PS. If you need additional print materials or prayer magnets, contact Kim Schull in the FUM office, 765-962-7573 or [kims@fum.org](mailto:kims@fum.org).

PPS. Nikki is available to visit Meetings/Churches between now and the end of April. Contact the FUM office to schedule a date!