

Summer Mission Project

FUM Announces Summer Mission Project

Dear Friends,

You are invited to participate in this year's **Summer Mission Project: Water of Life.**

At 10 years old, Grace is responsible for fetching water for her family. She walks four miles to fill two containers. The return walk will mean carrying about 40 pounds of water every step of the way. The water source is a stream of muddy water. Numerous bacteria and parasites live in the water, yet not one person in Grace's family will think twice about drinking it because water is life.

Even though Grace's two brothers go to school, Grace is not able to get an education because she must carry the water for the family. Grace will do this for several years until she is married and must carry for her own family until her daughters are old enough to do this chore for her.

Friends United Meeting is working with contractors to bring clean water to villages in Kenya just like Grace's village. One way we can do this is through bio-sand water filters. Bio-sand water filters are not wells, but they do provide clean drinking water out of contaminated water. Water is poured into a bio-sand water filter. The water trickles through layers of sand and rock which filters out the impurities. The clear, clean water then comes out a spigot at the bottom of the filter. No electricity is involved. It is based on gravity, and once the filter is in place, it lasts for many years with no maintenance.

It costs roughly \$60 for a bio-sand water filter and about \$2,500 for a borehole in western Kenya. From bio-sand water filters that purify the dirty water, to wells and boreholes that bring the clean, fresh water up from beneath the earth's surface, we want to bring clean water to the people of Kenya this year.

This year's Summer Mission Project goal is to raise \$10,000 to give the water of life to people in Kenya. Please give generously so all the Graces in Kenya can fill their jugs at a clean well close to home and be able to attend school for a brighter future.

Sincerely,
The staff of Friends United Meeting

P.S. Don't forget to share your stories and photographs with us as you do fundraising for the Summer Mission Project. Select stories will be featured on our Web site, in future mailings, and in *Quaker Life* magazine.



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