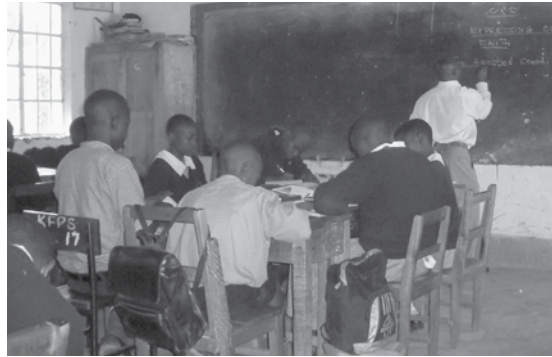


## Peace Curriculum Developed for 1,500 Kenyan Primary Schools

Kenyans are actively pursuing ways to prevent a repeat of the devastation to their people and property that followed the presidential elections in December 2007. Aware that the violence was initiated mostly by youth, **John Muhanji, FUM Africa Ministries Representative, invited Friends to prepare a biblically-based peace curriculum** that could be used in the nearly 1,500 Friends-sponsored primary schools and 210 Friends-sponsored secondary schools.

Charlotte Stangeland, education professor at William Penn University, responded and involved Marlene Pedigo, co-superintendent of Western Yearly Meeting, and Mary Glenn Hadley, former missionary to Kenya, to join her in preparing curriculum for primary schools with the help of Kenyan educators. George Fox University is coordinating the preparation of the high school curriculum.



*Kenyan secondary school classroom*

Jackson Alwena accepted the responsibility of Kenyan coordinator for the primary school curriculum project. Important full-day meetings were held with Kenyan educators in August when Charlotte Stangeland and Sandy Davis, with their husbands, visited Kenya. Like Mary Glenn Hadley, Sandy Davis is a former missionary to Kenya.

The meetings with Kenyan educators was a time of listening and learning together. The input of Kenyan teachers is highly valued and is being incorporated into the preparation. Among the questions that were raised was, "How does this curriculum differ from the Christian Religious Education (CRE) course the students already take and are tested over?" The answer that came from John Muhanji was, "**Students can memorize Scriptures and take tests, but what we need is transformed hearts.**"

The educators have set a tentative goal to have this curriculum ready to use by January 2011. This would allow students nearly two years of peacemaking training before the next presidential election in December 2012. Plans are being made for a Kenyan steering committee to review and edit the curriculum in the summer of 2010 followed by teacher training workshops.

As this curriculum has evolved, it has become evident that the material could be used by Friends around the world for Sunday/First Day schools as well as in the classroom. A Web site link from FUM will be up in 2010 where the Kenya Peace Curriculum can be downloaded for use. Comments will be appreciated as the curriculum will continue to be adapted for Kenyan use.

Estimates for printing costs, travel, training and consultations for this project in Kenya are expected to reach \$50,000 or more. We are declaring February "Transforming Hearts" month and invite meetings/churches across Friends United Meeting to contribute to this expense. Donations can be mailed to the FUM-Richmond office or donated online through the FUM Web site: [www.fum.org/contributions](http://www.fum.org/contributions).



*Left to right: Jackson Alwena  
and Charlotte Strangeland*

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