Missions update for FCNC annual sessions

August 2020

The Missions committee did not meet many times this year, but we strive to work together as stewards for FCNC to support spreading the gospel and serving the "least of these."

The two ministries that depend mostly on Friends in North Carolina for financial support are both part of other yearly meetings: Mexico and Jamaica. A mission team from FCNC joined a mission team of mostly young adults from Coahuila to work on the meetinghouse in Matamoros, Mexico in January. The meeting in the village remains small but active – they have their own mission to provide regular support to an island fishing village about an hour's drive outside the city.

The COVID-19 virus and precautions affect people around the world, but God's work continues. Jamaican Friends are meeting for worship with social distancing. Turkana Friends Mission is providing help to people suffering from related job losses as well as famine and flooding. Bob and Hope Carter recently returned to the USA from Kenya after training nursing teams and providing church leaders with gospel-based responses to the pandemic. Without summer camps, Meg Williams is reaching out to students (many of whom come from non-Christian homes) via zoom and car visits. Belize Friends School loaned smart phones to help six students finish school and graduate.

Thank you for supporting Missions Sunday, and for contributions throughout the year. Recent updates and photos can be found in our Facebook group, <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/FCNCMissions/</u>.

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