

## Do you know an emerging leader?

**On September 17-19, 2010, Friends United Meeting will be sponsoring a conference for emerging leaders in Richmond, Indiana.** You may remember that emerging leaders' conferences were held several years ago under the leadership of Ben Richmond. While this conference won't be quite the same, we do want the conference to be a time of encouragement, networking, and practical skill-building for Friends who are exploring their call to ministry in one form or another.

There will be workshops in areas such as:

- Leadership Responsibility and Authority
- Responding to Diversity
- Understanding your Strengths
- Characteristics of an Effective Leader

We are looking for Friends who:

- Are committed Christians
- Are just emerging as leaders and are not well known beyond their local meetings
- Are exploring a call to some form of leadership among Friends, whether full-time or while they also follow secular employment



Do you know of someone (at least 18 years of age) who might benefit from a conference like this? If so, please send us their names and contact information, either via e-mail to [terrij@fum.org](mailto:terrij@fum.org), or mail to FUM. Please include your name and meeting so that we can let our invitees know who recommended them.

Colin Saxton of Northwest Yearly Meeting will be our main speaker for the weekend. Your emerging leaders will not want to miss an opportunity to learn from this well-known leader among Friends.

# Belize Friends Boys School: Bridging the gap between poverty and possibilities

Belize Friends Boys School is an outgrowth of a ministry begun by Ms. Sadie Vernon in the 1970s. Sadie had a vision for the youth on the south side of Belize City, Belize, which included a chance at continuing their education. Mike and Kay Cain of Indiana Yearly Meeting went to Belize to help Sadie and ended up serving over a decade as the directors of the Belize Friends Boys School.



*Emerson, a student at BFBS*

With the British educational system, failure to pass the eighth grade exam that would allow students to go to high school means that youngsters have little chance for productive employment. Belize Friends Boys School has provided boys who did not pass their eighth grade exam with the opportunity to take another year of study and retake the exam. Over the years the school has had an impressive success record of young men being able to go on to high school, graduate, and some have even attended college.

Following an interim term of administrative service by Indiana Yearly Meeting volunteer, Pat Shrock, Sam and Becky Barber from Iowa Yearly Meeting have just completed one full year as the principals of the school. Sam and Becky are ably assisted by their four children, Robert, Katie, Kristy, and Kassie.

New visions are being realized. The school is now accepting girls. It also recognizes that some of its students may need to spend more than one year to reach the goal of passing the exam. Seven of our current students are already enrolled to return next fall for their second year. The school has a very good working relationship with the Ministry of Education in Belize and is gaining a wider reputation in Belize City. There is also a shared vision of beginning a worship group with the school community as the focus. Thank you for your support in helping FUM provide a brighter future for students in Belize!

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