

How You Can Partner with Friends Around the World

Have you ever attended Meeting for Worship under a tree or in the hot African sun? Does your meetinghouse leak or is it completely roofless because of a hurricane? Does your pastor or clerk live in a mud hut because there is no parsonage or the one you have is in a state of disrepair? Did you know many of our Friends outside of North America experience this on a regular basis?



New churches in Turkana, Kenya, meet for worship under a tree.

*Friends United Meeting
commits itself
to energize and equip Friends
through the power of the Holy Spirit
to gather people into fellowships
where Jesus Christ is known, loved
and obeyed as Teacher and Lord.*



*Listening to Christ:
a simple faith
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Capital Improvement Partnering Program (CIPP)

A ministry of Friends United Meeting



Musembe Friends Church, Gagolosi Monthly Meeting, Vokoli Yearly Meeting, Kenya



Friends United Meeting believes in partnering with our Friends in other parts of the world to improve their meetings, Christian education centers, parsonages, and other ministry facilities to more effectively reach people with God's love. The Capital Improvement Partnering Program (CIPP) is a matching grant program that will award up to five grants each year, at a maximum of \$1,000 each, to meetings outside of North America.

This relatively new program was approved by the General Board in late 2007. The first contribution to the program came from interest earned on investments from Friends Extension Corporation. In April 2008, a total of \$5,000 was awarded in five grants to churches in Kenya. Those grants assisted in these projects:

- ***Gagolosi Monthly Meeting in Vokoli Yearly Meeting to build a worship center***
- ***A health center at Lirhandanda in Central Yearly Meeting***
- ***A guest house for Kitale Monthly Meeting in Elgon East Yearly Meeting***
- ***A health dispensary at Chebuyusi Monthly Meeting in Kakamega Yearly Meeting***
- ***A meetinghouse in Kwale District of Nairobi Yearly Meeting***



Kitale Monthly Meeting, recipient of a \$1,000 grant in 2008

Each yearly meeting's presiding clerk may forward one application per year to the grant review team that includes Terri Johns, Sylvia Graves, and staff from the Africa Ministries Office if the applications are from Kenya or Uganda. Receiving bodies must demonstrate their own efforts and funding of any project. Grant funds will not be delivered until the project is underway. Grants are made only when there are enough contributions accumulated to fund them.

We invite you to consider a donation to help Friends in developing countries improve or build facilities that assist their ministries. You may wish to contribute regularly or on special occasions to support CIPP. We can assure you that these funds offer significant encouragement to the groups who receive them.



Your donation of \$1,000 is enough to provide one grant for one meeting. Just think about it, a commitment to \$85 each month for one year could build a church! That's a mortgage you can't afford to pass up.

- I commit to \$85 a month for one year to provide a matching grant.
- I've enclosed the full \$1,000 for a matching grant.
- Please accept my gift of \$_____ toward this program.

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