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- Education was a pillar of the early missionary activity
- There are more than 1,500 Friends Schools in Kenya
- Friends educated both boys and girls from the beginning
- Philosophy of holistic and practical education
- Schools are owned by the local meetings
- Schools are operated in collaboration with the government











ALPHABETICAL LETTERS  
Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee  
Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj  
Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo  
Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt  
Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy  
Zz

MOTHER TONGUE  
a e i o u  
ba be bi bo bu  
baba babi  
Ababu

ENGLISH  
book boy  
girl bag  
cup house  
door pencil  
table finger  
chair toe  
one  
two three  
four five  
six seven  
eight nine  
ten

This is a school  
These are bags  
This is an elephant  
My name is  
The book is on the table  
The bag is in the bag















# Goals for improving Friends Education in Kenya

- The Yearly Meetings have long asked for help with their schools
- FUM-FCK Joint Education Commission created in April 2012
- A Charter for Friends Schools
- To build capacity among Friends for management of schools
- To strengthen the Christian Quaker identity of the schools
- To implement the peace curriculum
- To encourage best practices in education
- To represent the Friends Schools with the government







# Kenyan National Quaker Education Secretary

- Zadock Malesi was hired in August 2012 to carry out this work
- Member of Lugari Yearly Meeting, experienced teacher of Kiswahili and Social Studies, head teacher of a high school
- One of the core authors of the peace curriculum







# Peace Curriculum

- Arose out of the 2007/2008 post-election violence
- Teaching biblical peacemaking skills to children
- Written by Kenyan Quaker educators in collaboration with US curriculum specialists
- High school level is already in use in all Friends secondary schools
- Primary school level is being rolled out now – in August the team trained 35-40 teacher trainers











# What's been accomplished so far

- Formation of head teachers' associations for primary and secondary
- Training of education secretaries
- Annual head teachers' conference
- Appointments to government bodies
- Mediation of conflicts
- Selection of mentor schools for best practice
- Professional development for teachers
- Full implementation of the secondary school peace curriculum
- Initial training and piloting of the primary school peace curriculum











# How this ministry has been supported so far

- Start-up grant from British Friends for Zadock's salary and travel, will last about 18-24 months
- Peace curriculum supported by US donors
- Schools support the participation of teachers and principals
- Yearly Meetings support the participation of education secretaries







HOME GROWN  
STRATEGIES FOR  
IMPROVED ACADEMIC  
PERFORMANCE  
IN OUR SCHOOLS

## What's coming up this year

- Work closely with the new county governments
- Obtain Ministry of Education approval for the primary peace curriculum
- Help the peer mentor programme to succeed
- Professional development for the YM Education Secretaries











# How you can support this work

- By the end of the British start-up grant (July 2014), we will need to have raised Zadock's ministry support in order to continue this work
- Goal of \$20,000 per year
- Summer Mission Project "Teacher for Teachers" has made a strong start, but this is not a one-time need
- You can support Zadock just as you support the FUM field staff
- Pray for Zadock and his ministry

