Kenya Health Education Ministry

Nora Percival’s ministry in Kenya to improve the lives of Kenyan Quakers and others, under the care of University Friends Meeting.
I went to western Kenya with Grace Kuto in May 2018, to train community health volunteers (CHVs) in her home village in preventive health.
While I was there, God told me that I needed to get basic preventive health training to all CHVs in Kenya. This is critically important, as health services are few and far between, and hundreds of thousands of Kenyans die each year from preventable disease.
I decided to develop a national preventive health curriculum using CREME.
I tested it further in Kibera
and then in Marereni on the north coast.
While I was training in Marereni in November, I met some people who operate a medical vocational college for training nurses, lab techs, nutritionists, phlebotomists, and community health extension workers, a new job that will supervise CHVs.
As soon as travel is once more allowed, I will go back to Kenya for a fourth time, to teach my class at the college. I will also be teaching their faculty how to teach my class.
When I go back this time, my friend Wim Mauldin will be accompanying me as assistant and companion.
I will go back two more times, one and two years after I go next. Each time, I will train community health students and their teachers.
After three years, the college’s faculty will be able to teach my class, and my work will be complete.
Until borders are open again – at least until the spring of 2021, maybe 2022 – I can only wait, raise money for the work, and pray for my F/friends in Kenya.
Kenya is another world from Seattle. When I go there, I feel like I am on another planet.
Then I remember that we are all just humans trying to make a life.
Kenya is a place where hunger is not a metaphor. When one of us suffers, no matter where, all our lives are diminished.
The most amazing part of this journey has been the faith I have been given to keep going, even when I have no idea how I am going to get where I need to go.
The other amazing part has been the outpouring of support. More than 60 people have contributed to make this work possible. They (you) are the “wind beneath my wings.”
When you operate on faith and way opens, it feels miraculous.
Your support, as individuals and as a community, carries this ministry forward, as a river carries a boat.

Make a donation via Paypal at ufmseattle.org, or send a check to University Friends Meeting. In either case, note “Kenya Ministry,” so the funds go to this work.
When you hear God’s voice clearly, you have to respond, but be careful. You may find yourself doing something outrageous, like going to Africa to save people from dying of preventable diseases.