

Asheboro Community Bible Study

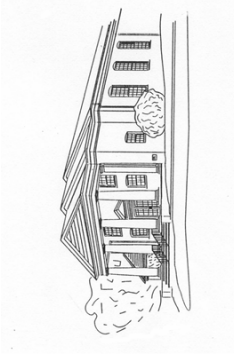
The 2023-2024 Study began at Asheboro Friends Meeting on September 11, 2023. You can choose between Monday nights at 7:00 PM or Tuesday mornings at 10:45 AM.

In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

— *Psalms 18:6 (ESV)*

The study will cover the following books: Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, & Ephesians. Registration is now open and the cost is \$35.00 for each adult.

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“I Have Called You Friends”

John 15:15

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A Message from your Pastor

This week I happened upon the poem below and accompanying cover picture. *Noel* was written by J. R. R. Tolkien in 1936 but was rediscovered by Tolkien scholars Wayne Hammond and Christina Scull in 2013. I have loved Tolkien's books since I discovered them more than fifty years ago when I bought a brand new paperback copy of *The Fellowship of the Ring* for seventy-five cents. I later learned that Tolkien was a devout Christian and led his friend and colleague C. S. Lewis back to faith in God.

I share his words with you hopes and prayers that our faith, like Lewis', will be renewed and strengthened as we enter this New Year 2024.

David Millikan

NOEL

by J. R. R. Tolkien

*Grim was the world and grey last night:
The moon and stars were fled,
The hall was dark without song or light,
The fires were fallen dead.
The wind in the trees was like to the sea,
And over the mountains' teeth
It whistled bitter-cold and free,
As a sword leapt from its sheath.*

*The lord of snows upreared his head;
His mantle long and pale
Upon the bitter blast was spread
And hung o'er hill and dale.
The world was blind,
The boughs were bent,
All ways and paths were wild:
Then the veil of cloud apart was rent,
And here was born a Child.*

Cover picture by Neal Fant

*The ancient dome of heaven sheer
Was pricked with distant light;
A star came shining white and clear
Alone above the night.
In the dale of dark in that hour of birth
One voice on a sudden sang:
Then all the bells in Heaven and Earth
Together at midnight rang.*

*Mary sang in this world below:
They heard her song arise
O'er mist and over mountain snow
To the walls of Paradise,
And the tongue of many bells was stirred
in Heaven's towers to ring
When the voice of mortal maid was heard,
That was mother of Heaven's King.*

*Glad is the world and fair this night
With stars about its head,
And the hall is filled with laughter and light,
And fires are burning red.
The bells of Paradise now ring
With bells of Christendom,
And Gloria, Gloria we will sing
That God on earth is come.*

At their board meeting, Samburu Friends Mission identified some of the joys, prayer concerns, and challenges they are facing. These include:

Joys:

- They successfully held a prayer gathering at the Loosuk Empowerment Centre, welcoming God's presence in this project.
- In October, Director Lekuyie received a diploma from Friends Theological College and in November his family received a bundle of joy. The child was born at the Friends Lotlulelei Dispensary. Blessings on the Lekuyie family.
- New board members, who represent the broader Samburu community, including Baragoi, have been commissioned. Even as they are getting to understand their roles in the mission, they look forward board members that will be held in the new year. Pray for wisdom and guidance for the board.

Concerns:

- As they reach out to the Wamba-Rendille Community, they need good will, prayers, and guidance through this process.
- The Samburu community still experiences banditry attacks. Even though the long rains have come and the Samburu expect pasture to grow again in the coming months, there is still the need of long-term intervention on the banditry issue, which might take the form of introducing a boy child education program, or having an Alternatives to Violence Program re-introduced.



Young people from Samburu Friends Mission

Birthdays & Anniversaries

B Riley Roberson — January 6

B Helen Marley — January 18

CUOC for January:

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Feeding Locals First: Leggings, Hoodies, Fleece PJ Pants, Sweat Pants and Shirts, Coats, Bath Robes, Long Knee Socks, Fuzzy Socks, Thick Socks, Boots for Men (10, 10 ½, 11, or 12) and Ladies (8, 8 ½ or 9), Reflector Jackets or Other Reflective Clothing for Homeless Traveling Across 64, Rain Gear, Big Thick Blankets, Sleeping Bags, Tents, Tarps, Sterno, Large Fat Candles, Large Bottles of Hand Sanitizers, Lil Green Coleman Propane Tanks, Propane Heaters and Stoves, Hand Warmers & Body Warmers, Gloves, Ear Muffs

November Financial Report:

Income:	\$ 8,090.00
Expenses:	\$ 9,349.96
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 36,786.50

Giving to Asheboro Friends Meeting is available online through our website at www.asheborofriends.org. Anyone can support the ministries of Asheboro Friends Meeting by simply clicking on the “Give to AFM” icon supported by our partnership with Tithe.ly where you can follow the simple instructions. Go to our website from your smart phone by scanning the QR code located on the front cover of this newsletter.

...the more strictly and faithfully every man and woman lives up to the guidance and teaching of this Inward Anointing - and never turns aside to the right hand or left for the precepts and traditions of men - the more instruction and help they afford one another.

~ Elias Hicks, 1748-1830

Prayer Focus: Samburu Friends Mission

Samburu County is a county in northern Kenya, in the former Rift Valley Province, where the Samburu, Turkana, and many other people groups live. It stretches north from the Wuaso Ng'iro River to the south of Lake Turkana. According to the 2019 census, the county has a population of 310,327.

The Samburu people are nomadic pastoralists who keep cattle, sheep, goats, camels, and donkeys, when the climate will support them. Recently, huge swaths of collectively held rangeland in the Samburu region have been privatized, leading to extreme disruption of grazing and migration patterns. This, in turn, has led to an increase in violent conflict with neighboring communities. Education and literacy training for the Samburu are crucial at this time, as capable leadership is needed in negotiating these conflicts, and only 6% of Samburu adults have a secondary school education.

Building the Friends Church in Samburu involves building communities, not building buildings. As early Friends knew, it is the body of Christ that matters, not the building in which Christ is housed. Worship is often shared under a tree with indigenous songs, spirited dancing, and readings from the Bible.

Current priorities of the Mission include evangelism, church planting, discipleship, a medical clinic, girl-child education, biosand water filters, nursery and primary schools, women's self-help groups, peace building, adult literacy, and, in partnership with Friends Theological College, pastors' training.

The Friends Mission in Samburu was started in 1995 by Friends from Turkana Friends Mission. Felix Lekuyie is the present director of the Samburu Friends Mission, under the leadership of the Samburu Friends Mission Board. The Samburu Friends Mission held their first board meeting with new board members and the new director on 4 November 2023. This was the first meeting of the board since the previous director, Daniel Lentirangoi, accepted employment by the Kenyan government as a teacher. In addition to the director and nine board members, representatives from Friends United Meeting's Africa Ministries Office—Programme Officer Getry Agizah and communications specialist Kate Gunza—were also in attendance. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Jacob Lolmodooni, who was killed through bandit attacks. Jacob had represented the youth on the mission board.

Over the past year, Samburu Friends Mission has had remarkable facelift projects within the mission headquarters at Loltulelei. Mission Director Felix Lekuyie has been allocated an office within the mission headquarters where he is able to receive guests, hold sit-down meetings with the mission staff, and have close coordination of the progress of the Loltulelei dispensary, since they are on the same compound.

Through funding from Friends United Meeting, the dispensary also received improvements. They were able to build a soak pit/septic drain field, pit latrine, and acquire a water tank where they can harvest water for use in the hospital. Without a doubt, the dispensary has become fully functional and provides vital maternal health care and other community health services.

In the spirit of reaching unreached communities, Felix Lekuyie and the pastors within Samburu Friends Mission have been mapping the Samburu East community and have earmarked a place called Wamba where they plan to make several visits before they plant a Quaker church. The Wamba area is populated with the Rendille community, who are nomadic pastoralists and practice traditional religion.



*New Samburu director
Felix Lekuyie*

Asheboro Friends Prayer List January 3, 2024

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Becky Boone
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Amy Fogleman
Ava Grace Fogleman
Sheila Huffman
Linda Lanier
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Family of Lois Richardson
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Linda Moody
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Asheboro Fire Department
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Chosen People Ministries - The Arnolds
Gideon Ministries
HASTEN International
Nikki Holland—Belize
Lydia's Place
Neighbors Helping Neighbors & CUOC
The Friends Center MOWA
Jonathan Spainhour

Ministers & Staff

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Suzanne Brown
Barbara Bullin
Larry Byrd
Ethan Clarke (cancer)
Eddie Coggins (dialysis/kidney transplant)
Betty Cox
Gwen Davis
Theron Farlow
Vickie Frye (cancer)
Ruby Gainey
Treva Gallimore
Janet & Warren Godwin
Doris Hughes
Bill Ivey
Roger Hatchel (cancer)
David Horne
Frank Horton
Pat Hussey
Doris Jacobs
Michael Jacobs
Ray Lambe
Ben Lewis (cancer)
Twyle Little
Libby McNeil
Jeremy Moore
Renee Nelson
Tony Norris
Jackie Parks
Linda Poole (cancer)
Jennifer Ruff (cancer)
Family of Pat Rutherford
Gil Sides
Helen & Richard Small
Pam Thomas
Family of Günther Tlotzek
Jeff Wilder (cancer)
Dolan Williams
Family of Jasper Winslow

Our World, Israel & The Ukraine

Asheboro Friends Meeting & Kids Klub

Friends Church of NC &

Contentnea Quarter

Friends Disaster Service

First Responders & Healthcare Workers

All Our Elected Officials

Unspoken Requests

Unsaved Family & Friends



FUM Plans Billy Britt Fund Event in February

Friends United Meeting is hosting a planned giving event in North Carolina to promote the Billy Britt Fund on February 17, 2024. FUM established the Billy Britt Fund in 2021 to continue the legacy of former North Carolina Yearly Meeting Superintendent Billy Britt through financial support for the North American Ministries of Friends United Meeting. The gathering will be held at 3:00 p.m. at Friends Homes Guilford, in Greensboro. Friends who attend will learn more about Billy's legacy, as well gain a deeper understanding of FUM's North American Ministries priorities. Participants will also receive helpful information about how to align estate plans with charitable intentions.



Family members of Billy Britt speak to attenders at the Billy Britt Fund kickoff event held in November, 2021, at High Point Friends Meeting in High Point, North Carolina.

Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you go, so that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them. Then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one.

~ George Fox, 1624-1691



Kids Klub News

Games & Puzzles Day



We work together, and the pieces come together!