



Report to South Central Yearly Meeting

March, 2018

Peacebuilding en Las Americas ("PLA"):

In 2017, 33 new Alternatives to Violence Project ("AVP") facilitators were trained in Honduras, El Salvador, and Columbia. In Guatemala, 16 AVP workshops were conducted. In Honduras, work continued with the El Porvenir Prison in La Ceiba (now with 11 inside facilitators); and with the Tolupan and Garifuna women who are facing illegal development projects on their ancestral lands. Civil society leaders were also trained in La Ceiba. In El Salvador, work continued with at-risk youth and leaders in urban gang-controlled neighborhoods, with training of 70 community and church leaders. Six trainings were conducted for trauma healing with war survivors. In Columbia, workshops were conducted in areas of disarmament and demobilization and trauma healing was conducted in Granada. In addition, PLA facilitators helped spread AVP to Argentina, Belize, Chile, Panama, and Peru; and strengthened relationships through visitation and friendraising.

Asia West Pacific Initiative ("AWP"):

AWP supported the victims of the massive 2017 flooding in Nepal, many of whom were still recovering from the 2015 earthquake. AWP sponsored a trip to the U.S. for Nepalese AVP facilitator Jamuna Shrestha; she was able to visit communities of Bhutanese refugees and introduced AVP to them; she also attended the FPT annual face-to-face meeting in May and the Friends General Conference Gathering, where she conducted a trauma resiliency workshop. The AVP International Gathering in Nepal brought 169 people from 39 countries. In Indonesia, Peace Place Pati hosted a Compassionate Listening workshop as well as the 4th Annual International Training for Peace, and volunteers produced a video and set up a Web site for Peace Place. Three Indonesian peace workers have completed degrees in Early Childhood Education so that the preschools established based on AVP and Developmental Play principles will have qualified teachers. AWP representatives visited the Philippines and conducted AVP and trauma resiliency workshops. AWP Coordinator, Nadine Hoover was the keynote speaker at FPT PeaceQuest 2017.

African Great Lakes Initiative (“AGLI”):

In Burundi, HIV testing and counseling were provided to 2100 people and 190 received antiretroviral treatment. HROC-Burundi conducted 170 workshops with participation of 2,308 people. In Kenya, Transforming Communities for Social Change (“TCSC”) conducted numerous trainings, dialogues, and listening sessions. In Rwanda, there were 49 trainings conducted and construction of the HROC Musanze center continues.

Sustainer Campaign:

FPT sent information to yearly meetings and other Friends for the sustainer campaign. Sustainers are individuals or groups who pledge to raise \$500 annually for FPT, either as a whole for the FPT General Fund or to a particular initiative.

Peacequest 2018:

Will be held Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Nashville Friends Meeting with the keynote address provided by Val Liveoak – “Embracing Our Roots and Discerning Our Way Forward.”

Retrieved from <http://friendspeaceteams.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Peaceways-2018-01-web.pdf>.

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