

Students at Belize Friends School, and members of Belize Friends Church, have packed and distributed food bundles for their neighbors in Belize City's Southside.

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Cultivating Seeds of New Life in Belize

When I think about a vision for Belize Friends in the coming year, there are more questions than answers. The pandemic has changed so much about how we do what we do. But there are some things that I can clearly see.

The Holy Spirit continues to work in Belize City. I see people persistently looking for work until they find it. I see kids persistently doing their homework, and when they don't understand what's going on,



they find someone to help them. I see people changing their lives—saying, "this is what I was born to, but I want more." I see kids saying, "I have struggled with school for my entire life—but I'm not giving up." I see people receiving food relief packages and sharing with their neighbors. I see kids refusing to join their friends or classmates or brothers in gangs—I see them choosing school or music or work or family instead. I see kids choosing peaceful ways to address that conflict. I see teenagers making a church.

These are members of our Belize Friends Community. They are all finding help here as they change their lives, help and hope in the resources and relationships of Belize Friends. This is what I know: the Holy Spirit will continue working and Friends United Meeting will continue participating in that work, sometimes in ways we cannot even imagine right now.



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