

August, 2022

Dear Christine,

We were filled with joy reading your recent letter to Ruth and Concord Friends Meeting! Thank you for writing so many interesting things about yourself and your family. We liked reading about your school and also how much you like playing football.

It sounds like you are very busy with school and with your brothers and sisters. We enjoyed learning more about them and what form they are in at school. Your picture in your school uniform was also wonderful for us to see. We have photographs of you from when you were younger and we liked seeing how much you have grown and what you look like now.

In your letter you wrote about how much you like playing football. It sounds like you are a very good player. Being the goal keeper is not an easy position! We wish you the best of luck with your football and would love to hear more about your team and your travels to other counties. Football is very popular in the USA, although it is often called Soccer. Children as young as 3 years old learn to kick the ball and play, and young athletes compete at all levels here. We also have national football (soccer) teams. The USA Women's Soccer Team has had great success and many young girls here have been inspired by them. We hope you keep playing football and enjoy it!

We are glad that you have good teachers at your school and also that United Kenya Rising has helped your family in many ways. We enjoyed reading about your family shamba and the vegetables that you are growing. Many people at Concord Friends Meeting enjoy growing vegetables in small gardens. It is summer here now and we are enjoying beans, peppers, potatoes, corn (maize) and tomatoes. Sometimes people bring to the church surplus vegetables they grow, and they share them with others. We often have meals together in the church and each family brings something for everyone else to enjoy. It is wonderful to sit and eat together after worship.

Thank you for the information about the changes made to your home with the help of UKR. We have seen some photographs of the new roof and latrine and we are very glad that your family received this help. We are so pleased that UKR has also helped you and your family in many other ways as well.

Thank you for your questions! Here is some more information that you asked about:

Here is a picture of our church with some snow on the roof and the ground! On the roof are solar panels which capture sunlight to turn it into electricity.



Our church, Concord Friends Meeting, is in a beautiful building surrounded by trees. It has a large room for worship, a room for fellowship, a small kitchen, two classrooms for Sunday school and two bathrooms. It also has a small playground outside. It was built by the members of Concord Friends Meeting in 2011. When you worship inside the worship room you can often hear many different birds in the trees, and sunlight streams in through the large windows. It is a peaceful and serene place.

There are many different families that are part of our church. Some families have been members for a long time, and some are newer. There are several families with children. The children attend Sunday school and learn lessons, read books and make artwork. We love having children participate in the church.

Here is a picture from a few years ago of some of the members of our church, Concord Friends Meeting.



Here is another picture showing our spring party that we host every year. You can see a lake in the background. Where we live has many lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams.



You asked about the USA and about our cold winter. Our church is in the state of New Hampshire, which is in the northern part of the USA. We do have very cold winters! We get lots of snow, and the ponds and lakes freeze so you can ice skate and even fish on the ice in the wintertime. Many people like to be outdoors in the cold weather to ski or snowshoe. The winter lasts from the month of December through the month of March.

Many members of our church have pets and animals. Most people in the USA have cats and dogs for pets. We have several families who also have farm animals like sheep, goats, chickens, and geese. We are lucky where we live that there is a lot of land for farms and many trails where pet dogs can walk and run.

You asked about Ruth's children and grandchildren. She and her husband Greg have two grown sons. They also have a new granddaughter who was born this summer! Many other members of the church also have children and grandchildren.

We hope this letter provides more information for you about the Concord Friends Meeting and its members. Please know that we are very proud of your accomplishments and it is a great pleasure for us to know that you and your family are doing well and that you are achieving in school. We have watched you grow up over many years and we love to receive your letters and learn about your life. Please accept this letter on behalf of all of the members of Concord Friends Meeting, including Ruth.

With our sincere wishes for your continued success,

With love,
Ruth

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Bobb

Wendy

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