

Quaker communities? Are we building new bridges? Tearing them down? Or managing to maintain the few we have constructed?

I guess I challenge you all, and myself, to at least try and maintain those special connections with Friends. To do something as quick as taking a few seconds to e-mail a Friend with whom you have lost touch. In our busy lives it's a good place to start keeping our bridges strong.



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### **Words We Use to Identify as Young Friends: An Interview with Edith Madrid, Chiquimula, Guatemala**

Having had the opportunity to discuss with my friend and fellow World Gathering participant, Edith, about our differing experiences of Quakersim, I wanted to share her thoughts with fellow Canadian Young Friends. I was able to interview her via e-mail for the Sporadical over Christmas, 2008. I find her words both different from those I'd personally use, but also inspirational. I ask you the questions I asked myself after reading her responses. Which parts do you resonate with? Which questions would you answer using different language/words? Would you be able to answer these questions easily? For me, questions about faith are challenges, but ones that bring rewards. As we have been reminded at YAF gatherings, let us speak in words and listen in tongues. Rebecca Ivanoff

**In a few sentences, can you tell us about yourself?** *Yo soy una persona muy amigable, amable, y que me gusta respetar a los demás. Amo a Dios por sobre todas las cosas y me gusta compartir, ayudar y edificar a otros, para que sean mejores personas.*

I am a very friendly person, kind, and I like to respect others. I love God over everything. I like to share, help, and build others, so that they may be better persons.

#### **What does being a Quaker mean to you?**

*Para mí significa ser un pregonero del Evangelio de la paz, en medio de un mundo lleno de violencia y maldad, ser luz en medio de las tinieblas, reflejando a Jesucristo en nuestros corazones, porque Jesús dijo: Yo soy la luz del mundo. (Juan 8:12); ser guiados por el Espíritu Santo, el Espíritu de Dios, en todo lo que hagamos, demostrando el amor de Jesucristo hacia los demás.*

To me, it means to publish the Gospel of Peace, in the midst of a world full of violence and wickedness; to be light in the midst of darkness, reflecting Jesus Christ within our hearts, because Jesus Christ said: "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12), being guided by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, in all we do, showing Jesus Christ's love towards others.

#### **What does being a Young Friend mean to you?**

*Compartir con otros jóvenes Amigos una linda amistad, compartir nuestras opiniones, nuestros proyectos, nuestros deseos, y brindar ayuda al que lo necesite, ya sea una ayuda emocional, espiritual o económica*

Sharing with other young Friends a beautiful friendship, sharing our opinions, our projects, our desires, and bringing help to those who need it, whether they need emotional, spiritual, or economical help.

#### **What do you do as a Young Friend?**

*Yo trabajo para una Estación Radial Cuáquera en Guatemala, una Estación Radial Evangélica, llamada "Radio Verdad", desde hace más de 10 años, como Administradora y haciendo grabaciones para algunos programas de Lecturas Bíblicas en Español e Inglés, programas de Consejería, programas musicales, mensajes cortos que edifiquen,*