

*Smiles were one commodity in abundance at the graduation ceremony of the Toukore School, a nomadic school in Chad.*



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# JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Last Day of Chanukah New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	<b>7</b> Orthodox Christmas Day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>15</b> World Religion Day	<b>16</b> Martin Luther King Day	17	<b>18</b> Feast of Sovereignty	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	<b>28</b> Chinese New Year
29	30	31				

UN Decade on Biodiversity  
Second UN Decade on Eradication of Poverty

## Writing to Reduce Hunger and Increase Economic Justice

The Ebola epidemic in Liberia did not end the suffering for local people. With 90% unemployment and newly orphaned children, hunger also increased. While Liberia's hospitable customs deem that working families share food with those who have none, the children took compassion king for long-term solutions. Students from the DKM School interviewed vendors in the marketplace, to report ideas about how to make food affordable for everyone.



**Cover photo:** One of the groups from this post-Ebola project shared their excitement after linking writing, oral speaking skills, hunger abatement and civic-mindedness.





# FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 World Wetlands Day	3	4
5	6 Feast of Dominion	7 World Interfaith Harmony Week (first day)	8	9	10	11 Tu B'Shevat
12 World Interfaith Harmony Week (last day)	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day	21	22	23	24	25 Intercalary Days (first day)
26	27	28 Intercalary Days (last day)				

## Caring for Members of the Human Family

The Habits-of-Heart Club at Tarzana Elementary School conducted wisdom exchanges with Liberia to help orphans after the Ebola crisis in 2015 and to help earthquake victims after a major earthquake in 2016. Later in the year, they collaborated with the April Woods School in Haiti, where students learned how to hurricane-proof their rooftops and how to prevent cholera after the storm.

One child explained to guest presenter Sutherland Carter that caring for all members of the human family was their primary concern. Here, a girl listens as he tells them how to use creative skills such as hat making to help others.



# MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Bahá'í Fast (first day) Feast of Loftiness	2	<b>3</b> World Wildlife Day	4
5	6	7	<b>8</b> International Women's Day	9	10	11
<b>12</b> Purim	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>19</b> Bahá'í Fast (last day)	<b>20</b> International Day of Happiness Feast of Splendor Naw Rúz	<b>21</b> UN Week of Solidarity with People Struggling Against Racism (first day)	22	23	24	25
26	<b>27</b> UN Week of Solidarity with People Struggling Against Racism (last day)	28	29	30	<b>31</b> César Chávez Day	

## Aiming for Altruism and Achievement

Children in the Full-Circle Learning Preschool at Rancho Sespe enjoyed many activities in 2016, including a bilingual reading project for parents, a service-learning trip to the zoo, agricultural projects to learn patience, and much more. Most of all, they integrated the habits-of-heart into their academics and arts.

Their school district has now opened preschool services, absorbing the program. We thank the staff and the parents whose universal participation made it such a success. A disproportionate number of the high-achieving graduates of in Piru, California began their education in this program. Consequently, the director, Sugey Lopez, was appointed Director of Preschool Services for the district's new preschool classes.





# APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Feast of Glory
9	10	11	12	13	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter	17	18 Last Day of Passover	19	20 First Day of Ridván	21	22 International Mother Earth Day
23	24 Yom HaShoah Isra and Mi'raj World Immunization Week (first day)	25	26	27 Feast of Beauty	28 Ninth Day of Ridván	29
30 World Immunization Week (last day)						

## Walking the African Union as Citizens of One Planet

One Planet School, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, commemorated its tenth anniversary in 2016 at the famous African Union building where heads of state gather to work out the most pivotal work on the continent. Here, high school students walk the halls in preparation for the event.

Recalling the impact of the Full-Circle Learning model on its success with children from all strata of society, founders Gail and Zelalem Amare invited Full-Circle Learning to join in the celebration and to give the keynote.



# MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Twelfth Day of Ridván	2	3	4	<b>5</b> Cinco de Mayo	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>14</b> Mother's Day	15	<b>16</b> Feast of Grandeur	17	18	19	20
<b>21</b> UN Diversity Day	22	<b>23</b> Declaration of the Báb	24	<b>25</b> African Liberation Day	26	27
<b>28</b> Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	<b>29</b> Memorial Day	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Shavuot			

## Igniting Social Change and Transformation

Liberia's Education Ministry collaborated with Full-Circle Learning Liberia to plan a conference called Education as Transformation in May 2016. More than 450 educators, NGO representatives and student representatives met to evaluate the role Full-Circle Learning had played in the transformation of the country and to look ahead to ways the community would support education reform in the coming year.

Above, a breakout group of NGO leaders considered ways to support the process of education as transformation in Liberia. EGH's Lindsey Schurman, far left, upper row, attended as one of two Americans present. Liberia's FCL Continental Director Davidson Efetobore (not pictured) worked with the Education Ministry to bring all the groups together to make the conference a success.





# JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
<b>4</b> Feast of Light	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	<b>17</b> World Day to Combat Drought
<b>18</b> Father's Day	<b>19</b> Juneteenth	20	<b>21</b> Lailat al-Qadr June Solstice	22	<b>23</b> Feast of Mercy UN Public Service Day	24
25	26	27	28	29	<b>30</b> International Day of Friendship	

## Performing Poetry at a Nomadic School Graduation

The Toukre School, one of at least ten participating Full-Circle Learning schools in Chad, began with a few students and now serves students at all age levels. In the recent past, schools in Chad have weathered threats such as kidnappings by extremist groups, famine in the countryside, and economic disparity brought on by corruption. The efforts of local schools have made an impact on hunger during the dry season and raised hope for a generation of peacemakers. The growth of this nomadic school reveals the value the people place on a generation that cares for other members of the human family.





# JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9 Martyrdom of the Bab	10	11	12 Feast of Words	13	14	15 World Youth Skills Day
16	17	18 Nelson Mandela International Day	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Feast of Perfection					

## Linking Renewable Energy and Girls' Education

Tanzanian teachers trained under the direction of Maureen Mungai in 2016 at the Dinka School, in Arusha. The teachers worked hard to develop meaningful lesson plans in the coming months. While practicing the goal of “Oneness,” one class set a purposeful goal—to address deforestation while helping girls attend school.

Many girls were forced to stay away from school to go out into the forest and collect firewood to use for cooking fuel. This practice had denuded the landscape of trees and left girls unprepared for the important economic and social role they play in society later, as women in society. The students and teachers set out to demonstrate for their community a way to make use of a much more abundant local resource. They made dung patties to use as cooking fuel.

Their wisdom exchange partner across the sea then shared solar cooker designs and materials, so that students in both countries could apply the sun, as well as the dung, and decide which resource emitted less methane and odor to help the girls come back to school.





# AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Tisha B'Av	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 International Youth Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Feast of Names World Humanitarian Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Women's Equality Day
27	28	29	30	31		

## Studying Empathy, Ethics and Entomology

Describe the relationship between bark beetle and drought; between bees and trees; between migration and starvation—and why we should care.

Team-based field researchers aged 10-14 rated a riparian trail for habitat health, based on regional bird, mammal, plant and tree criteria. They presented their “report card” to the public.

The report card added to a long list of public services the Climate Change Agents offered during their scholarship-based camp in 2016. Pictured here, they had just discovered a lady bug colony on Nina Allen’s property while studying straw bale construction and homegrown hydroelectric power. Various local projects applied their skills in writing, art, science, music and dance, to help citizens develop an altruistic vision that empathizes with the needs of all living things. See October for more details.





# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Eid al-Adha
3	4 Labor Day	5 International Day of Charity	6	7 Feast of Might	8 International Literacy Day	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
17	18	19	20	21 International Day of Peace Rosh Hashana	22 Fall Equinox Muharram Native Americans' Day/Columbus Day Rosh Hashana	23
24	25	26 Feast of Will	27	28	29	30 Yom Kippur

## Expanding a Movement

Liberian teachers gathered at the Korto School for one of many Full-Circle Learning trainings held in 2016. With 81 schools practicing Full-Circle Learning and 3,000 teachers on the waiting list to participate in training courses, the staff and 75 volunteers work year-round to keep expanding opportunities for change makers.

Here at the Korto School during May 2016, classes at all grade levels had practiced the habit of Humanitarianism. Visitors from the US asked students about the humanitarian leaders they admired. They mentioned that Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King had captured their attention for the ability to apply their diplomacy, writing and speaking skills to peacefully *fight for change* rather than to merely *fight*.





# OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 International Day of Nonviolence	3	4	5 First Day of Sukkot	6	7
8	9 Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day	10	11	12 Shimini Atzeret	13 Simchat Torah	14
15 Feast of Knowledge	16	17	18	19	20	21 Birth of the Báb
22 Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	23	24 United Nations Day	25	26	27	28
29 Disarmament Day	30	31				

## Creating an Ethical Village

People in an Ethical Village show empathy for other living beings. The Nevada County Climate Change Coalition sponsored a weeklong overnight Climate Change Agents Camp that helped young change agents apply this theme through myriad hands-on integrated projects.

These change agents conducted a renewable energy wisdom exchange with Tanzania. They taught their own community about straw bale construction, hydrology and the role of pollinators and habitats. They demonstrated the role of conflict resolution among water stakeholders in a drought such as theirs. They learned about innovative solutions to prevent global suffering due to floods, honoring those who had chosen career options that serve climate victims. The youth ultimately showcased their lessons at a farmer's market and at a fairground exhibit. Their own architectural model of an Ethical Village, shown here with their mentor sculptor Rene Sprattling, served as the centerpiece.





# NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Feast of Power	4
5	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Feast of Speech	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25 Day of the Covenant
26	27 Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá	28	29	30		

## Connecting Content and Vision

Ethiopia's One Planet School presented a staff development workshop for teachers of children from preschool through high school. The senior teachers recalled when Full-Circle Learning workshops early in the school's history shaped its vision. They refreshed their skills, developing new strategies and taking advantage of the new high school Humanities curricula for African teachers. The happy reunion ended in smiles.





# DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 International Volunteer Day for Social and Economic Development	6	7	8	9
10 Human Rights Day	11 Feast of Questions	12	13 Chanukah (first day)	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Chanukah (last day)	21 December Solstice	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30 Feast of Honor
31 New Year's Eve						

## Aspiring to Serve Humanity

"I'm amazed that the things we always learn really do help our families and community," said Monique, right, about her long-term participation in the Full-Circle Learning summer school at Rancho Sespe. She credited this inspiration with helping her become a presidential scholar.

Jenny, left, has participated in the program since preschool. She completed this beach trash tally as one of dozens of service-learning projects—the culmination of each lesson plan—over the years.

In the summer of 2016, the two 11 year-olds and other learners from preschool through secondary school practiced the habits of Industriousness, Civic-mindedness and Aspiration.





Rancho Sespe's Full-Circle Learning students sing 'I'm a Giver' at their mastery ceremony, before giving awards to their parents for mastering one of three habits: industriousness, civic-mindedness or aspiration. Parents, for their part, brought dinner to feed the crowd at the event, which attracts universal community participation.

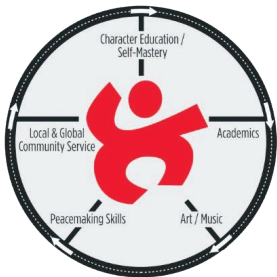
A training workshop at Santa Ana School District offices helped educators served multiple countries. New teachers also learn the Habits of Humanitarians from Dr. Rexach at Chapman University.



A Gambian boy became a school's top achiever after receiving his scholarship at Solid Foundation School (above).



Children at a new preschool in Australia explore all the living things they need to respect (above right), while a child at a nomadic school in Chad takes part in a graduation ceremony (right).



## What is Full-Circle Learning?

**Mission:** For 24 years, the nonprofit charitable organization Full-Circle Learning has helped young people embrace their role as humanitarians and change agents. Our philosophy values the capacity and nobility of all the world's peoples.

**Geographic Scope:** The Full-Circle Learning educational model has reached 28 countries on five continents. Schools from diverse cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds have requested collaboration or charitable services. We have prioritized assistance for vulnerable populations.

### Services Offered by Our Unpaid Board:

Help young people embrace their role as compassionate members of one human family.

Develop the capacities of indigenous trainers, schools and teachers with materials, resources, training, field trip resources and programs.

Guide educators as they synchronize academic goals with the need to nurture altruistic identities among learners and as they develop unit-based projects in areas of regional need, such as health, equity, economics, agriculture, peace, civic integrity and the environment.

Support the implementation of the Full-Circle Learning model of education, whose practices, theories and strategies integrate character development, academics, the arts, conflict resolution, and community service (local and global), toward the long-term goal of community transformation.

**Your donation of any size will empower teachers and children to find purpose in education as they enhance the wellbeing of the human family.**

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