



## FACING THE CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE AS FRIENDS

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I come from a small village in Western Kenya called Mukuyu where most people are farmers - my parents included. I can see the significant impact climate change is having on our daily lives, mostly as a result of the changing weather patterns.

There used to be set seasons; you knew that if you planted in April, the rains would come immediately after that and the plants would be able to germinate. But now, weather patterns have become unpredictable and there is no longer a guarantee that it will rain when the plants need it.

Growing up, my parents largely relied on farm produce to support the family. Whilst I was still in school the farm produced enough to pay for mine and my siblings' school fees. But today, produce has significantly dropped and with my youngest sister still in school, it is very hard to produce enough from the farm to cover the cost of her school fees.

While my siblings and I are now old enough to help pay the school fees for our last born, the fate of other families in my village which still heavily rely on agriculture is something that keeps me awake at night. How will they survive? This is an issue that affects us personally, and as Christians.

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