



**Name:** Rebecca Harris

**Year of Graduation:** December 2004

**All Degrees received:** Undergrad from Friends World

**Why did you decide to attend the Friends World Program? How was the program different than others?**

I chose FW because I didn't want the typical college experience. I wanted to learn from the world around me rather than sit in a classroom and be told about the world around me. I wanted to discover it myself. Friends World also gives students the ability to constantly question and re-question what they believe and how they think we should solve the injustices of the world, which was also very appealing to me.

**What was your area of focus while in the program?**

Peace and Conflict Studies

**What are you currently doing (professionally)?**

I just became head of U.S. fundraising for TLC, a Johannesburg orphanage I discovered while doing my senior thesis in South Africa. For more information about TLC visit [www.tlc.org.za](http://www.tlc.org.za) or [www.tlc-usa.org](http://www.tlc-usa.org)

**What additional things have you done in the past that you think readers may find interesting?**

While at Friends World I studied in Australia, London in the first year of the Peace and Conflict Resolution program, and worked with ex-freedom fighters in South Africa for my senior thesis. I just spent a month in South Africa working at TLC but I currently reside in Denver, CO which will become the hub of fundraising for TLC in the US.

**How have you been able to apply what you learned at Friends World to what you currently do?**

I work for a country and people that I discovered while at Friends World. I wouldn't be working for them if I had not been dramatically affected by the education at Friends World. I use the cultural people skills I gained at Friends World on a daily bases, whether its dealing with South African mothers who have abandoned their children, or with American's whom I would like to support TLC's efforts.

**Is there any additional information that you would like to share that you think would be beneficial?**

Undecided about my future, I am currently applying to attend Denver University's School of International Studies and have been accepted by the Peace Corps. Currently, I will be leaving in July for the Caribbean to work in Urban Youth Development for the Peace Corps.