



The Iowa Friend

Iowa Yearly Meeting: Spreading Like Prairie
Grass to Make the Love of Jesus Christ
Known in the Heartland and Beyond

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"The Living Stone and a Chosen People"

1 Peter 2:4-10

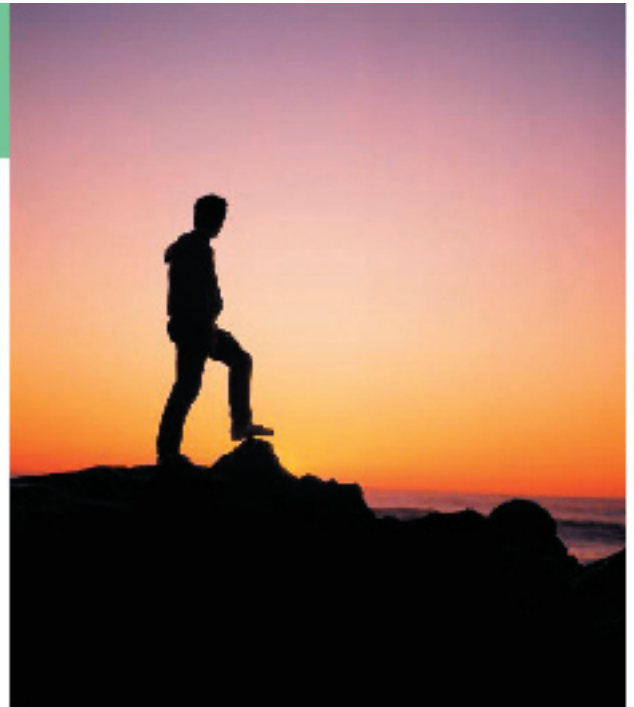
*Iowa Yearly Meeting's
Annual Sessions*

Thursday, July 30th through

Sunday, August 2nd

to be held at William Penn University

*Come enjoy a revised format for our Annual Sessions.
Here is a basic layout of what 2009 session will be:*



	Thursday July 30, 2009	Friday July 31, 2009	Saturday August 1, 2009	Sunday August 2, 2009
Morning	Board Meetings Registration	Bible Hour with Mike Moyer Body of Representatives	Bible Hour with **EFM Representative Quakermen & USFW Meetings	Continental breakfast and Worship at College Avenue Speaker: Ron Bryan
Afternoon	Body of Representatives meeting	Workshops—tentative *Quakerdale *EFM representative *Friends Bringing Hope *Cuba Work Trip *Kaimosi Hospital	Noon Missions Banquet Eirena Diana Escalona Gonzalez — Speaker From Cuba Yearly Meeting Free time with Golf outing and swimming	
Evening	Worship at CAF "Concert of Prayer" Led by: Mary Glen Hadley	Worship at CAF Featuring **EFM Representative	Catered picnic and worship at Edmundson Park	

Friendly Flashes

- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa -

Friends Bringing Hope accomplished a lot on its last work team. For approximately three weeks in late January and early February Stan and Karen Bauer, Mary Gilbert and Bill McCracken enjoyed the warm weather of working near the Kenyan equator. Judy Davis joined the work team for two days when we mudded homes. The work continues to improve the lives of widows and orphans. By partnering with the Quaker Kenyan organization called Rural Service Programme and several Kenyan Quaker Churches we serve those most in need. A few of the most notable accomplishments are as follows:

We began building four homes for displaced widows and orphans and left funding for one more. FBH sponsored 23 students for secondary education tuition fees. We purchased seeds, water hoses, barbed wire, windows and other supplies for the mission dairy farm. FBH re-cemented the milk parlor floor. We visited widow groups, listened to their reports and continued funding for their micro-enterprise endeavors. The micro-enterprise projects improves their living conditions.

We are thankful for all the support and prayers that help make this work so successful. God is Good and FBH is helping the forgotten women and children. We are making a huge difference in the lives we touch.

We are seeing improvements on the mission farm and while there a heifer calf was born to one of the first cows Stan purchased for the farm.

The next work team is June 15- 30, 2010. It is scheduled to end the day before the USFWI Triennial begins in Mombassa Kenya. This work team is available for 5 participants and there is already one person who has reserved a spot. Please consider participating in both events.

Each time we travel to Kenya we enjoy visiting old friends and seeing the ministries of FUM. It gives the work team participants a chance to see other ministry work Friends are doing. We toured the new office building of Friends Theological College. The college continues to grow under the leadership of Ben and Jody Richmond. Judy Davis gave a tour of the Kaimosi Hospital. Judy is a big asset to the work of the hospital. She has a heart for the Kenyan people and has helped many receive medical care.



Bill McCracken mudding a house in Kenya.

Capital Campaign's Leadership Quilt



After much work by churches and various members of the Yearly Meeting to finish this project.....the Capital Campaign Leadership quilt is done!! A special thank you to Kathy Kessler for hosting a quilting day at her home along with the many Friends that came to work. Also, thank you to Joyce Bryan for setting the blocks and preparing them for quilting.

This is a BIG quilt designed for a queen or King size bed. The original intention for the work was to raise funds for the Capital Campaign. So with that intention in mind: For funds sent in for the campaign from now until August (the completion of the campaign) you will receive a ticket for every dollar given. At the end we will draw a ticket and give this quilt away. You can certainly designate a recipient if you do not want to receive the quilt for yourself.

USFWI/QMI Triennial 2010

The deadline for the \$100 deposit to attend the USFWI/QMI Triennial in Mombasa, Kenya in 2010 (July 1-5) has been extended to June 1, 2009. Checks should be made out to USFWI and mailed to Adis Beeson, 4305 Beeson Farm Road, Sophia, NC 27350. More information will be in the May/June ADVOCATE.

Margaret Stoltzfus

Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

College Avenue Friends - Tom Palmer Pastor

The missions committee and the Peace and Social Concerns committee recently held a "Meager Meal" to bring awareness of hunger throughout the world. Participants were to draw numbers at each table (8-9 per table) and then one person was selected to be "Rich" and one was selected to be "Poor" while the rest were "in-between". The rich were served their meal with "real" dishes, cups and silverware. They also received extra food and dessert. The poor had to go find their water and had to share a meager amount of the rice & black bean meal (they also had to go to the back of the kitchen to receive the food after everyone else was served). The rest of the participants had just rice & black beans. A free will offering was taken to help a local mission. After the meal was served, a presentation was given about typical meals in various foreign countries.



Also, College Avenue Friends prepares quilts for Quakerdale. Helen Hoskins sews the tops and then a group gathers to tie and finish. (I don't know if the littlest helper knows how to tie yet...but he sure adds to the fun of the gathering!!)

Bangor Liberty Friends - Nathan McCracken, Pastor
An acrostic for the word EASTER was recently published in their monthly newsletter. It was:

E - Emancipation from sin's power.
A - Affirmation that Jesus' claims are true.
S - Strength from Jesus, a conquering force.
T - Trust. Because of Easter, we know Jesus is Lord and that we can trust Him.
E - Energy. Easter energizes our mission.
R - Resurrection hope for us too.

Put them all together and they spell Easter, the word that means eternity.

Deaths:

Barbara Workman, age 83, passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2009, following an extended illness. She was born on December 14, 1926 to Ole and Mary Stakland in Ruthton, MN. She was raised on her family's farm near What Cheer. On March 15, 1948 she was married to Robert Workman. Barb enjoyed cooking and baking, especially trying new recipes, reading, cro-knitting, drawing and writing poetry. For nearly twenty-five years Barb and her husband Bob operated What Cheer Travelers, a bus touring business which provided travel to many states in the USA and Canada. She was a Stanley Home Products dealer for several years and also worked with Surber Upholstery in What Cheer. Barb was a member of College Avenue Friends and participated in Golden Circle and Martha Circle. She is survived by her husband, Bob; daughter Kathie; two sons, Denny (Brenda) Workman and Don (Kathy) Workman; and a brother Eli Stakland.

IAYM Stewardship Monthly Report

The Stewardship Board decided to include a monthly update of the Yearly Meeting's financial information along with a scripture. This is the month-end report for March:

March Income.....	\$11,192.87
March Expenses.....	\$14,777.52
 Year to Date Income....	 \$36,757.87
Year to Date Expenses.....	\$38,921.16

David also said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished.

-1 Chronicles 28:20-

Have you heard.....the FUM Summer Mission Project is:

"Bikes for Boys in Belize"

"FUM hopes that purchasing bikes for the boys will not only help them get to FBS, but will be a good source of transportation to high school and any future employment they might have. For \$150 a student, we can purchase a bike, helmet, chain, padlock, pump and spare parts. Our goal is to raise \$6,000 for 40 bikes by the end of August 2009.

The next time you get in your car or on the bus to go somewhere, think about how things might be different if you had to make the same trip on foot. Let's give the FBS boys a better future this summer."

-FUM Focus

-The Barber Family - IAYM Mission's Board Emphasis

Missionary Training International Experience

My family and I just finished our training at MTI (Missionary Training International). It is a three week training program to help Missionaries get ready for the field. MTI's training is family all inclusive. The programs begin with toddlers through adults. The program has the same subject matter for each level of the learner.

The program we attended at MTI is called SPLICE.

SPLICE is an acrostic which means:

- S** – Spiritual (our spiritual life)
- P** – Personal (our personal growth)
- L** – Lifestyle Adaptation (Transitions and lifestyle choices)
- I** – Interpersonal Skills (building community and how to say hello/goodbye)
- C** – Cultural Adjustments (adapting to a culture that is very different than our own)
- E** – Endure/Enjoy Paradox (learning to see the good and bad at the same time).

This was the program in a nut shell. I personally would recommend it to any missionary going for a significant amount of time. I feel our family has learned much at this program and are much more equipped for what will happen. Though Splice was not specific to any single culture, the program gave us all the tools to begin to understand and learn our new culture.

I want to thank College Avenue Friends for suggesting to Friends United Meeting that we go to this program. I also wish to thank College Avenue Friends for helping to fund our training. This is why I also thank all of Iowa Yearly Meeting. Without all of your help, we could not have gone. This training was wonderful and full of the Spirit of God. All of the instructors were former missionaries who were able to relate to all of the classes.

***Again I wish to thank you.
Sam Barber***

P.S. I do not want to forget Friends Disaster Service. What they did for us was a Godsend. Thank you for all of the volunteers who came and worked. Thank you to the FDS board for the funding help and getting the word out.



Some Picture Highlights from FDS - Iowa Chapter during their recent work at the Barber's house.



There were many who came and worked on this project. It was a huge transformation which is now nearly complete. Thank you to all who came to serve.

Garrison Memorial Scramble

4-person Best position Tournament

9:00 AM Shotgun Start

April 25, 2009

Westwood Municipal Golf Course

Newton, IA



Questions? - Anthony Nieuwsma

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Westwood Municipal Golf Course
3387 Hwy F48 W.
Newton, Iowa 50208

\$200 / team
Includes 18 holes of golf, cart,
lunch & prizes

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Garrison Memorial Scramble Pre-registration Form

Participants Names and Contact Info (Phone or E-Mail):

(You do not need all members listed to register)

Team Captain: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

e-mail: _____ Phone: () _____ - _____

Member #2: _____ Contact: _____

Member #3: _____ Contact: _____

Member #4: _____ Contact: _____

Please send your registration form to:
Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends
PO Box 657
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Mail registration & \$50 to the
IAYM Office by April 18, 2009
and receive 1 free mulligan
per team member.

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The Living Stone and a chosen people!!!

Are we living like we are a chosen people? Chosen by God, confirmed by the Holy Spirit and secure in our faith. That is the good feeling that we had following our meeting in West Branch for the Spring Body of Representatives. A wonderful turnout, a marvelous host and it was a good day.

We made some significant decisions, (1) Move forward with the planting of a new church in West Des Moines, (2) Appointing Chip Daleske as our new ½ time Youth Director and the other half of his time continue as the Facilities Director for Camp Quaker Heights. (3) Approving the plan of providing an “at large membership” held by the Yearly Meeting for persons who do not live close enough to attend an Iowa Yearly Meeting Friends Church and (4) Appointing a task force under the Stewardship Committee to investigate and evaluate a retirement plan for our pastors.

On another note, our discipline committee has completed the updated inserts for our Discipline binders. A download of this document is available on our website. A copy will be sent to each church of our Yearly Meeting and sets will be available to purchase through our office. Thanks to all who worked diligently on this large project.

2009

Young Friends Camps At Camp Quaker Heights June 2009

Little Fry Camp	June 5 - 7th
Fox Camp	June 7 - 11th
HS Weekender	June 12-14th
Junior High Camp	June 14 - 19th
High School Camp	June 21 - 26th
JH Weekender	June 26 - 28th
Fry Camp	June 28 - July 1st

Registration forms are available at the Yearly Meeting office or can be downloaded from our website in the Youth Ministry section.