



# 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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## **"Bringing the Good News" - Yearly Meeting 2010 @ William Penn University**

What a blessing it was to present our annual meetings in Oskaloosa.

It was a delight to have Ruthie Tippin and Arlen Daleske celebrate their completion of the recording process. Those in attendance of the Saturday service were treated to special music from each church and a message by our superintendent, Ron Bryan.

The messages from Patrick Nugent were challenging. The 3 messages are available on our website for you to download. There is still time to order any of our recordings of the conference. Just contact the office and we'll get a form out to you!



**Looking forward to our sessions in 2011,  
please mark your calendars to meet at  
Camp Quaker Heights on August 4-6!**



### **Wm Penn's Advices:**

**Be Humble  
Be Just  
Be Meek  
Be True  
Be Patient  
Be Grateful  
Be Merciful  
Be Diligent  
Be loving  
Be Thrifty  
Be Generous  
Be Temperate**

## **General Superintendent's Sabbatical Update**

I wanted to take this time to let everyone know how the Sabbatical for me is shaping up. I will be starting the Sabbatical on the 17th of October and leave for Africa on the 17th of November.....Right now I am planning a trip to Rwanda for promoting William Penn University's growing relationship with that country and their cooperative educational needs. I will then fly back to Nairobi and travel with Lloyd Stangeland to Lodwar, Kenya which is the home base for the Turkana Mission.....we are planning to pursue ideas with FUM on how to help dig some bore wells that will furnish water for all the sand filters that have been established.

I will then travel with Lloyd and John Muhanji for a week long drive to visit the Tanzania Friends Churches. Following

that trip I will be of service wherever and whenever I can for Friends Theological College classes and/or seminar's for Superintendents and Secretaries.....Following that time I will travel to Uganda with John and Colin Saxton for the Pastor's conference.....Lord willing that will be completed on time and I can head back to the US on the 20th of December.

Right now I have received a total of \$3,000 out of the projected \$5,000 goal for all the travel and accommodations necessary for the different locations...I want to say how blessed I feel in receiving this support and I hope you will all continue to pray in preparation and during my visit to Friends in Africa.

*The IAYM Missions Board would like to emphasize prayer for our missionaries and their families.*



## **Prayers for Missionaries & Their Families**

*by Heather Kaiser*

**Children:** Heavenly Father, draw \_\_\_\_\_'s children into relationship with You. Enable them to adapt to the culture and deal well with the extra attention they may attract. Grant them good friends, and provide the dedication they need to fulfill the purposes **You** have for them. Give \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom to discern each child's unique needs. Help the children to understand that they, too, are witnesses of You.

(Mt. 19:14; Prov. 1:5, 22:6; 1 Tim. 4:12)

## **USFW Leadership Need**

We need a Website Coordinator and an Adult and Youth Missionary position filled. Are you being nudged by our Lord to jump out of your comfort zone and become a part of the executive team? Please pray and heed God's voice. You will be blessed.

We have the Secretarial position and a Vice Presidency position that will be empty come August 2011.

We need Volunteers to fulfill these commitments. You need to pray and search your heart. Are you the one?

Call me a Doubting Thomas, but I am concerned for the vacancies. I doubt that the state level USFW Team can survive if these positions are empty. If we don't have a Executive Team we won't have Spring Fling, Celebration of Service, and Fall Retreat. If we don't survive, what will happen to the missions we support?

Please feel free to contact me with your suggestions, questions, concerns, and ideas.

Sincerely Your Doubting Thomas,

Lyn Kinney, USFW President

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# **Friendly Flashes**

*- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa -*

August 1st the USFW Executive Board served a mixture of Kenyan fruit along with Kenyan tea and chai at College Ave Friends, Oskaloosa. Tables were decorated with colorfully patterned kengas and small African animal sculptures. Napkins and paper plates were in bright primary colors. The welcome and prayer was offered by the Peace & Christian Service Officer, Karen Mendenhall.

Literature Secretary, Cathie Zeliadt, presented the new theme, "See I Am Doing a New Thing", (Isaiah 43:19). She illustrated her comments with a large planter containing half flowers & half weeds. She talked about the importance of understanding God's ways of "planting new things" if we are to assist HIM in HIS work.

Recording Secretary, Linda Eliason, presented the Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Award to five ladies from Iowa: Karen Nash Bauer, Vera Hadley Cutler, Rosanne Blosser Rogers, Ethel May Maglone Watson, and Opal Wilson. Karen Mendenhall assisted Linda by handing out certificates and pins to each recipient. Vera Cutler was unable to be present but the award will be delivered to her. A photo of the recipients was taken by Linda after the meeting.

Cathie Zeliadt presented gifts to two ladies who have completed the USFWI reading course for 50 years. "They are June Bennett from Scranton and Martha Mendenhall from Bear Creek."

President Lyn Kinney led the installation of officers. She thanked Delores Jongs and Dorothy Taylor who left the board. Charlotte Mosher of Motor USFW was welcomed as our new State Treasurer. Each outgoing and incoming executive board member was presented with an African necklace in appreciation for their service.

Vice President Karen Bauer introduced the program. She led us in learning a song "Hakuna Mungu" in Swahili. Judy Davis, Deb Moyer, Rita Davis, Mary Glenn Hadley, and Ethel Watson each spoke briefly about their experiences at the 2010 USFWI Triennial in Mombasa, Kenya. Karen Bauer simultaneously ran a Power Point slide show of Kenyan scenes. Kenyan items were displayed and sold to benefit widows and orphans.

Fall Retreat is at Camp Quaker Heights on Saturday, October 9th. We need to fill the Adult and Children's Missionary Education position.

~by Lyn Kinney, President of USFW-Iowa

# Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

## West Branch Friends - Ruthie Tippin, Pastor

In March, Dave Holm, Chaplain at Quakerdale was our guest speaker. On Good Friday a group gathered at the home of Brian and Janet Espensen to view the 2 hour presentation of the Gospel of John. Easter Sunday began with a sunrise service, followed by breakfast, meeting and the annual Easter egg hunt. Youth Sunday was held in April. Youth leaders Tony and Erin Senio and the young friends led us in worship. In May the annual Christian Education "Everything Sale" was held. Mother's day was special with singing, music and Hand Bells. After meeting we celebrated Mary Tippin's 90th birthday with cake and ice cream. A West Branch senior graduating girl was awarded the WBFC Peace Scholarship. We honored our own High School and College Graduates.

Our member Anita Starr and her daughter Morgan went to Kenya in June with Friends Bringing Hope. They sponsored several events to help raise money for the trip. This is the second trip for Anita. The work she has done and what she and Morgan did have been very rewarding.

Our sixth grade student, Linzee Espensen, with her team of three, won first place at the regional with their school science project the "Naufrers". The won scholarship money and a trip to Baltimore and Washington DC. They competed against 3 other teams. The California team placed 1st.

On July 4, Home Town Days, a group of our members took part in the parade riding a vintage pickup.



## CQH - Lumberjack Day Sept. 25, beginning at 9 am Lunch served



Bring a chain saw as well as a log splitter (if you have one!) and anything else needed for clearing some dead trees and cutting and splitting firewood. Firewood can then be taken home with you!

### Work Day efforts

We'll be concentrating on cabins, painting ceilings, thoroughly cleaning and painting light fixtures, tidying and fixing anything we can. Camp will have paint supplies, but if you have a favorite piece of equipment, bring that along.

If it's not yet been done, we'll be mudding and or painting the office as well. There is a retreat group on site in Tall Oaks so we'll limit our traffic around that building.

There will be plenty of general cleanup jobs as well as the seasonal work that has to be addressed here at CQH.

Other specific jobs and tools may be added to the list; this will be sent to pastors and churches via email.

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## Friends Church West - Rich Kopp, Pastor

FCW has started teaching ESL (English as a Second Language) to a group of adults from Burundi, Africa, on Friday nights at 7 pm. In addition to teaching the adults they are also reaching out to kids with Bible stories and songs while the adults are "in class".

### Reminder:

*Memorials need to be sent to:*

*Marie Moffitt*

*15529 Kennedy St.*

*Indianola, IA 50125*

*These memorials are kept in a binder as a remembrance of those who served in Iowa Yearly Meeting.*

# IAYM Mission Board

## Missions Emphasis

### Morgan Martin



After a year on campus at Coe, I've learned many things. All of those things will affect what I do on campus this year, but as I look forward to this year, there is only one thing I don't want to forget: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

If at the end of this school year my student leaders know how to plan events and lead Bible studies, it would be good. But what I want far more is for them to go deeper in their relationship with God by growing in their knowledge of Him. I want them to look around their campus, see their neighbor and figure out how they can share God's love with them. That would be GREAT.

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As the IAYM Mission's Board, we are continually trying to encourage people in IAYM, who are feeling called by God to missionary service whether it is in our community, nation, or world. Morgan Martin was born in Union, IA and attended Bangor Liberty Friends Church. She is working with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, IA. Her enthusiasm for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to college students is very evident. Her heart's desire is to spend more time on campus with students but needs to raise an additional \$2,000/month.

If you would like to have Morgan speak at your church, please contact her at 641-750-7058 or at [morgan\\_martin@ivstaff.org](mailto:morgan_martin@ivstaff.org) Her address is 8001 Blairs Ferry Rd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52411. Please consider supporting Morgan through prayer and financial giving.

Send contributions to Dorothy Taylor, IAYM Mission's Treasurer, 1121 Parkway Drive Apt. #1, Boone, IA 50036 and mark it Morgan Martin (InterVarsity).

Thank you again for your faithfulness in supporting missions. As the body of Christ, it is truly a privilege to work together and have our efforts multiplied. The Thanksgiving offering for missions will be Sam & Becky Barber with the Friend's School in Belize.

#### 2010-11 IAYM Mission's Board

Karen Bauer, Joy Bryant, Joel Byford/Diane Dannen, Mary Glenn Hadley, Juli Hisel, Diane Martin, Ann Nichols, Lisa Scott, Dorothy Taylor, Ruthie Tippin, Walt Sylvester

## Quaker Men of Iowa

### by Bill McCracken

December 29, 1947 is a landmark date in Iowa Yearly Meeting History for men. The Men's Extension Movement of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends was organized with an executive council and articles of incorporation. Ten years later it's name was changed to Quaker Men OF Iowa Yearly Meeting Of Friends. The first paragraph of Article II is a statement of purpose or mission that is aimed at serving Christian Quaker Men and boys, father and sons together. Here it is.

#### The objects of this corporation are:

*"To give friends men and boys a strong organization attracting their interest and loyalty, providing them with opportunities for deepening their spiritual lives and experiences, for expressing and putting into action Christian concerns, for entering an appealing and challenging program of Christian service for the purpose of advancing Christ's kingdom and it's objectives shall be:....."*

( to be continued next time)

The importance of these original objectives is as great today as the date they were written in 1957. Quaker Men of Iowa founded Quaker Heights church camp and have a strong history of serving God thru camp ministries. It is not possible to realize the magnitude of impact the camp has had on lives that met Christ there. Many of those involved in Iowa Yearly Meeting today would be in that number.

Friends Disaster Service has been added to our focus. Many of us are much better at preaching a sermon with our hands than by word. Scripture makes a big deal out of serving with our hands and we all have our favorite verses that teach about service. One of my favorites is Roman's 12:11 because it is short and a real challenge for me. If you look it up, the whole chapter of Roman's 12 is a must read. I hope we will all look at Roman's 12.

Sixty-three years after inception, the service of Quaker Men is even more important to us and to those we serve in this world. Every member of our churches can be an important part of serving God in these uncertain times thru your Iowa Quaker Men ministries by supporting us. Our membership dues are 15 dollars annually and you get 100 percent bang for your buck; no pension plan or bonus plans here;" although the benefits of serving God are out of this world." Each membership is very important and makes you a partner in Quaker Men.

Chuck Nichols at Bangor Liberty Friends is our treasurer and handles the money responsibility. The dues are 15 dollars for one year and send them to Chuck Nichols at 2015 Wardview Road, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158.

If anyone has a word-for-the-wise, call me at 319-694-3265. Bill McCracken

# **Friends Receiving the Peace and Christian Social Concerns Award 2009**

## **Jim Glasson, West Branch Friends**

Jim Glasson is a new member of Peace and Social Concerns at West Branch. He has been a major contributor to many of the committees' projects and a prompter of new goals and activities. Jim has always had a passion for peace and social justice. Before joining the committee he had been involved in many community and church promoted events. Some of these activities included: the Crop Walk, Habitat for humanity, the Peace Pole Celebration, CPT (Christian Peacemakers Team) fund raiser, C.O. workshop, and hospitality for the Hoover Fest guest singers.

In the last year, Jim has been a primary author of the WBFC Peace Scholarship. He has carefully and persistently promoted it's acceptance in our church body and in the community schools. Jim was the coordinator for our church participation in the "Night of 1000 Dinners". This was an event that raised funds for disarming land mines. He has kept the committee current on the peace conflict in the Middle East and significant developments in the West Branch community. This resulted in an open letter from CMEP (Churches for Middle East Peace) that was distributed and signed by the meeting. There was preparation during Hooverfest for paying tribute to our veterans. The plans included a show of force and possible glorification of war. He authored an open letter in the local paper promoting Hoover's Quaker legacy. Jim contacted the director of the local Hoover Library association and the 6th Street Friends Meeting. These contacts led to involvement in Hooverfest. An exhibit of "Eyes Wide Open" is planned with the 6th Street Quaker Meeting. This is a display of military boots representing the death of Iowa soldiers involved in the Iraq War. Such an exhibit would both honor our fallen soldiers and show the cost of war. Also preparations are being made for a booth outside the historic Friends' Meetinghouse on the park grounds. The WBFC and the 6th Street Friends Meeting will provide Quaker members as resource persons and brochures on the Quaker Testimonies. These would supplement Herbert Hoovers' historic Quaker background.

Jim is a valued member and has helped our church visibility in the community. His participation reflects the active practice of Quaker Testimonies.

## **John Swartzendruber, Motor Friends**

John Swartzendruber has been apart of our Church family for nearly twenty years. It did not take long before we learned he had a mission both inside e and outside the church walls. For many years John has been active in the Gideons. He has had experience in Bible distribution on many college campuses. He knows the feeling of rejection by ungrateful students and the feeling of being sincerely thanked by appreciative students as well. Another mission came to him when he began a career as a Wal-Mart greeter. Not only did he greet but he listened. He offered sympathy, prayer and even advice. I know of people who went to Wal-Mart not to shop but to see their friend John. He has retired now and his post is truly vacant. John was a Mennonite for many years, now a Friend for a few but most important a Christian and God's servant his entire life.

## **Karen Bauer, Pleasant Plain**

Karen Bauer is founder and operator of a ministry in Kenya that addresses the extreme poverty of widows and orphans. "Friends Bringing Hope" makes micro loans to widows' groups to develop micro businesses such as sewing and raising chickens. Karen visits each group about once per year to see that each business is growing and producing income. "Friends Bringing Hope" also builds houses for widows and provides the means for several orphans to go to school. Karen has built an active and successful foundation for expanding this ministry and improving the lives of many who only need a chance to help themselves out of poverty.

I visited this ministry in January and was touched by the self-help aspect, the accountability of each group of women, and most of all, the difference "Friends Bringing Hope" was making in many lives.

## **Lori Ferneau, Marshalltown Friends**

Marshalltown First Friends Monthly Meeting is pleased to recommend Lori Ferneau to be honored by the Peace and Social Concerns Board at Iowa Yearly meeting this year. Lori is an active member in the meeting, is an assistant teacher for an adult Sunday School Class, often presents short children's messages during worship and is on the Adult Christian Education Board for Iowa Yearly Meeting.

Lori is a nursing assistant in the Marshalltown Elementary School system and as such is there to provide emotional support for students and deals with lots of other issues with both students and their parents.

Lori has long been a supporter of the Marshalltown homeless shelter and for several years has spent one night a month as a monitor from 6:00 PM to 7:00 AM. She and her family have adopted families for Christmas for many years as well. This includes providing clothing, toys and food for the entire family.

Lori and her husband are now active Gideons and Lori assists with prison ministry on a regular basis. In addition, she is active with the Gideon's Auxiliary. Part of these activities includes visiting Nursing Homes and Hospitals and distributing bibles to them. Throughout the years, Lori's compassion for others and her actions have touched the lives of many persons.

## **Monica Lanser, Lynnville Friends**

Monica is active in missions and youth ministry. She has gone with our youth on several mission trips. She also serves on the Young Friends Committee. Monica volunteered with Hope Ministries serving meals to the homeless in the Des Moines Area. She and her family regularly attend Sunday school and she is one of the leaders of the Thursday night youth program, FOCUS. She mentors teenagers at church, at our local public school where she is the librarian, and at our local golf course where she is the manager. She is a great witness to all she comes into contact with and is always anxious to serve!

## **Mike and Dianna Besiek, Valton Friends**

Mike and Diana are outstanding members in their devotion for the Lord and use of their talents, resources, and time. Mike has been working around the meeting house and grounds.

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## **IMPACT**

High School  
Leadership Retreat  
NOVEMBER  
13-14

## **Blizzard Blast**

Middle School Event  
Late (TBD)  
February

## **MID-WINTER**

High School &  
College Retreat  
JANUARY 7-9

USFW

Fall Retreat

*"See, I am Doing a New Thing"*

*~Kenya Peace Curriculum~*

**SPEAKERS:** Mary Glenn Hadley  
Charlotte Stangeland

**LOCATION:** Camp Quaker Heights

**DATE:** Saturday, October 9th

**COST:** \$10 - Lunch & Program

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