

# 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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## What are you Harvesting?

Fall is my favorite time of the year. There are times after the long winter that I really, really appreciate the warmth and new life of spring but when fall begins so many things bring back my fondest memories as a child.

As a child growing up on a grain farm I always loved when the time came to harvest. We would get out our wagons and set up our augers. We would service the combine and pray that it would last the whole season this time without a serious breakdown. And I still love the smell of the fall as the leaves change color on the trees and the fields turn golden yellow and brown in anticipation of being harvested.

I have so many memories that are brought back to life each fall and I love each smell and sound that awakens them in my heart. It still makes me smile to walk out in the morning and hear a dryer fan running in the distance. When I feel and hear crunchy leaves underfoot it takes me back to those three gigantic soft maple trees that in the summer could shade the whole front yard and in the fall cover it with beautiful orange and yellow leaves. I still get excited as I sit with my boys on the front deck and watch the big equipment pass slowly by the house, making its way to the next field that it's waiting to bless the owner with a bountiful harvest. Then God pricks my heart and asks, "Nathan, what about your harvest?"

Hmmmm, as I sit and look at my harvest I see a much different one this year than in years past and I thank the Lord! My harvest is my marriage that is healthier than it has ever been before and it is because I have been sowing a new love from my heart into my wife's. Love that is unselfish and humble and comes from a heart devoted to God. My harvest is found in my two little boys because we are planting seeds of love and discipline in their loves and they are producing a beautiful crop of love and

laughter. My harvest is in the spiritual health of my family because in our hearts Jesus tells us we need Him and with His help I lead them. And my harvest is all the blessings that God has given my family this year because we allow Him to guide our hearts in how and where we give.

The reason that my harvest is much more bountiful than in the past is because God is teaching me the right seeds to sow and the heart that I should be sowing them with. So many of the seeds I was planting in my life didn't come from the Lord. I was planting selfishness in my relationships instead of having a servant's heart. I was focusing on my paycheck that comes every two weeks until God reminded me that if I am sowing to harvest just money I will have nothing stored up that moths and rust can't destroy.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 says, *"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."*

One more thing that I learned from my childhood: When it came time to harvest there was never anything to reap where we did not sow. If you want a bountiful harvest, in whatever area of your life, you have to sow good seeds and those seeds only come from God. Seek Him in your planting season and He will bless you greatly as you harvest.

So, what are you harvesting this year?

*Written by Nathan McCracken  
Pastor of Bangor Liberty Friends Church*

# Friendly Flashes

- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa -

Saturday, October 9 was a beautiful day to enjoy Fall Retreat at Quaker heights. Enthusiastic voices opened our day with group singing under the leadership of Cathie Zeliadt and pianist Lori Gongwer of Middle River USFW. Karen Mendenhall introduced our speakers, Mary Glenn Hadley and her niece Charlotte Stangeland.

Our theme for the day was the Kenya Peace Curriculum Project. The project grew out of the violence following the 2007 Kenyan elections. John Muhanji felt that one way to avoid this kind of violence in the future was to teach peace to children - over 1,000,000 in 1,200 - 1,500 Friends elementary schools and 210 Friends high schools in Kenya! Conversations with Mary Glenn led to her involvement, and Charlotte Stangeland and Marlene Pedigo also took on the huge challenge of preparing the entire elementary curriculum beginning with grades 2, 4, and 7. Dana Oswald has also become involved. Friends from George Fox University in Oregon are preparing the high school curriculum. Charlotte and Dana will be going to Kenya in November to help train the Kenyan teachers in how to use the curriculum.

Mary Glenn and Charlotte found many ways to keep our interest throughout the day: "think-pair-share" exercises, devotional thoughts from Isaiah, and doing a

lesson from the 2nd grad peace curriculum that included "peace circles". We also saw a 5-minute video prepared by a William Penn media communications major. It includes Dana Oswald and Jan Palmer using the Kenya Peace Curriculum with the CAF (College Avenue Friends) Kids Club!

In the U.S. the curriculum can be downloaded free from the fum.org website. However, since computers and reliable electricity are rare in Kenya the curriculum must be printed for the Kenya schools. This is expensive, but Kenyans are coming up with new ideas to help fund the printing and distribution. It involves seed corn, and we will be hearing more about it in the near future. Even so, they do need financial help from us. An offering of \$788.00 was taken at Fall Retreat to help with this project.

Coming Events: USFW Spring Fling, Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Middle River Friends beginning at 9:30 a.m. Save this date on your calendar for a "Share Your Gifts" day!

*as published in College Avenue's newsletter  
by: Linda Eliason*

Thank you for everyone that attended the Fall Retreat at CQH. Mary Glenn Hadley and Charlotte Stangeland gave us a great teaching on the Kenya Peace Curriculum. Looking Forward for our Spring Fling at Middle River at Carlisle in April 2011.  
Lyn Kinney, USFW President

**Posted on the FUM website:**

## **2010 Summer Mission Project Water for Life**

The goal for this project was \$10,000

As of October 4, 2010: \$26,288.50 has been received!!!

Thank you for your generous, faithful giving!

## **Bikes for Boys - 2009**

Thanks to your eagerness to collect money for this project, there was \$17,173.90 collected! We were able to not only purchase bikes for students at Friends Boys School in Belize, but with the approval of a few meetings, we were also able to purchase computers for the school!

## **Pennies for Postage - 2008**

Thanks to the creative ways you collected "Pennies for Postage" for the 2008 project. There was \$7,288.69 collected! We were able to ship 1,871 pounds of books to Africa, Belize, Jamaica, Ramallah, Mexico and Cuba.

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

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

*by Heather Kaiser*



**Unity:** God, the evil one wants to destroy the unity of the believers where \_\_\_\_\_ serve. Help \_\_\_\_\_, their fellow missionaries, and the local believers daily to exercise hearts of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and love for one another.  
(Col. 3:12-15)

**Local peace:** King of Kings, grant \_\_\_\_\_ favor with the officials and those in authority where they serve so that they may lead tranquil lives of godliness and holiness.  
(1 Tim. 2:2)



# Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

**Honey Creek New Providence Friends**  
**Justin Weber, Pastor**

## **Paul Williams went on an Honor Flight**

Paul Williams was part of an Honors Flight to Washington, D.C. On August 20th. Paul, who served in the US Marines from 1944-1947 in the Pacific, was one of the 340 passengers, including veterans and assistants, who were awarded the day-long tour of our nation's capitol. The trip, began at 2:00 AM in Des Moines returning at 11:00 PM. It was sponsored by Bill Knapp of Des Moines.

## **Neil Hadley, earned the title of Master Scout**

Neil Hadley scouts fields in August as part of the Pro Farmer Midwest Crop Tour, gathering data in corn and soybean fields through Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska.

Neil, a longtime Crop Tour participant, this year earned the title of Master Scout, and joins just three other recipients of this leadership recognition.

The title was given because of Neil's effective communication with non-farm scouts and his willingness to share what he knows.

## **Congratulations go to Becky Cook**

Becky will be one of 22 Iowa youth attending National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, in November. The five day event involves youth from across the United States. The youth will learn leadership skills through recreational, social and cultural activities.

Last March Becky prepared written materials and interviewed at the area level and was chosen to compete at the state level. The state competition included having her written materials judged and another interview by a 3-person team in August.

**Onnolee Humphrey, 88**, of LeGrand Friends Church passed away September 30, 2010 at Villa Del Sol Nursing Home in Marshalltown, Iowa. Services were held at church on Monday, October 4 with Pastor Alan Mullikin officiating.

Onnolee was born to Elmer and Ada (Cramer) Reed on February 3, 1922 in Manchester, Iowa. She graduated from Manchester High School, Iowa Teacher's College, and Drake University. She married Ed Humphrey on August 10, 1947. She taught school for many years in the Oelwein, Dike, Green Mountain, LeGrand, and Ferguson School Districts.

## **The Blessing Conference Weekend**

**November 20-21, 2010**

**The Friends Church, Grinnell, IA**

### **REGISTRATION**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

### **Select Event:**

The Choice For Marriage – Saturday 9 am – Noon

Family Ministry Champions – Saturday 2 pm – 5 pm

Coffee Cup Coaches – Sunday, 2 pm – 5 pm

One Event - \$15 Per Person \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Two Events - \$25 Per Person \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Three Events - \$37 Per Person \_\_\_\_\_ x \$37 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Check Payable To:**

**The Blessing Institute**

**Barclay College**

**607 N. Kingman**

**Haviland, KS 67059**

**OR – Register Online after Nov. 1 at: [www.theblessing.com](http://www.theblessing.com)**

Onnolee had participated in the church's read-through-the-Bible in a year during the previous calendar year and had many inspiring, uplifting, and encouraging passages marked in her One-Year Bible. These readily formed the basis of her memorial service. Humble, sweet, organized, and thoughtful of others, Onnolee was a former school teacher who loved to read, cook, and shop and was noted for keeping things. She was also noted for her fondness of Diet Coke and donuts, love of butterflies, and excellent penmanship. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Ed, in 2006. She is survived by two daughters as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



# The Bible Tells Me

## 49th Annual Missions Convention

### Salem Friends Church

### November 12, 13, & 14, 2010



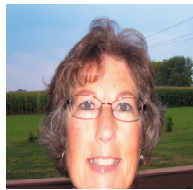
Jason and Sharon Nightingale are the founders of the Wordsower Ministries which includes: Wordsower Evangel Arts, Wordsower International, and The Company Press. The Company Press is the publisher of newsletters, has a Resource Center and is where one might purchase cd

recordings of Jason's ministry.

Members of Wordsower Evangel Arts propose to: 1) Go out into the churches which are in Jesus Christ. 2) Speak out the Scriptures in faith from memory, for the edification, exhortation, comfort, and equipping of God's people. 3) Live out the Word of God adding their testimony to that which they speak. 4) Work out their salvation in fear and trembling (Phil. 2: 12). Wordsower International is involved in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and church planting in Africa, South Asia, and Europe. It attempts to care for the spiritual, physical, and educational needs of orphans, widows, refugees, and street children in Ghana, Liberia, Kenya, South Africa, India, Haiti, and Peru. Among those the Nightingales have trained to assist in this work is their youngest of four sons, who along with his wife and daughter are presently serving a year in Haiti.

Beth Lamb is our Children's worker for the weekend. She resides in Sioux City where she was born and raised. She is the State Director of Child Evangelism Fellowship in Iowa. She travels and trains others to reach children with the Gospel, and promotes the ministry of CEF.

Beth will also be our Women's Breakfast speaker, and is providing training for children's workers after breakfast.



Dave Stanbary and a friend have been going to prisons every week for the last 6 years. Dave is excited to share the message that God loves us; His mercy and grace are completely unmerited; and that Jesus has given us power over sin. Dave and his wife of 39 years have 2 children and three grandchildren. Dave has been a State Farm Insurance agent for 34 years in Burlington.



## Schedule of Events

### Friday

6:30 pm Presentations from Our Own

7:30 pm Word from Jason Nightingale

### Saturday

9:00 am Ladies Brunch with Beth Lamb

6:30 pm Presentation: Dave Stanbary

7:30 pm Word from Jason Nightingale

Youth to follow worship until 11:00pm

### Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

Children with Beth Lamb

Adults with Jason Nightingale

10:30 am Word from Jason Nightingale

6:30 pm Presentation: Sid Davis

7:30 pm Word from Jason Nightingale

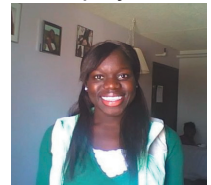
Sid Davis, local business man, grew up in Salem Friends Church, and is a graduate of William Penn University. Sid went to Haiti with Wordsower International for the first time in early 2010.



Morgan Martin grew up in the Bangor Liberty Friends Meeting. During her years at Central College in Pella, Morgan became involved in InterVarsity Christian Fellowship USA. That positive experience led her to seek a ministry with IVCF after graduation, where she is in her third year of service. One of her greatest joys is observing the transformational power of Jesus among the students she works with.



Tibisa Thor, from Sudan, was a former basketball player for William Penn University. Her life goal is to become a medical doctor and return to Sudan to help educate the people and treat diseases there. In the meantime, it is her desire to work among the underprivileged here in the U.S.



A local, talented musician, Jonica Giesel, is a leader in a worship team at Faith Christian Outreach Church. She is a composer and vocalist, as well as guitarist. Her heart is aimed toward encouraging others to experience God's love and power as they join her in worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



# IMPACT 2010

## High School Leadership Retreat

November 13-14, 2010

Bangor-Liberty Friends/ CQH

## BE A TOOL!

### Saturday

10:30 AM	Registration
11:00 AM	Games
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 PM	Workshops
2:15 PM	Group Building
3:15 PM	Workshops
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Supper</b>
6:00 PM	Worship
7:15 PM	Workshops
9:15 PM	Evening Activities

### Items to Bring:

sleeping bag  
pillow  
cot or air mattress (Optional)  
toiletries  
athletic shoes  
Bible & notepad

### Sunday

<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
	Worship with Bangor-Liberty
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 PM	Head Home



\$60

## WORKSHOP TOPICS INCLUDE:

MUSIC MINISTRY, DRAMA, SPEAKING & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Location:

**Bangor-Liberty Friends Church**  
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Union, IA 50258  
[www.blfchurch.org](http://www.blfchurch.org)

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## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **Mission Board College Scholarship**

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission's Board is offering a college scholarship of up to \$1000 for the 2011-2012 academic school year. People within Iowa Yearly Meeting, who are attending a Christian or an accredited college or seminary and who want to pursue education to prepare for full time mission's work with a Friend's organization, may contact the Mission's Board to receive an application. For the 2011-2012 scholarship application, please contact: Mary Glenn Hadley, 611 South R St. #6, Indianola, IA 50125 or call 515-961-0606. The deadline for the application is March 1, 2011.

### **Trustees Scholarship**

Applications are now being taken for a \$500 college scholarship to be distributed in the 2nd semester of the 2011-2012 academic school year (January of 2012). College students within Iowa Yearly Meeting are encouraged to seek an application through the Yearly Meeting Office. Deadline for this scholarship is January 1st, 2011. A recipient will be determined at Spring Body 2011.

#### **Make inquiries to:**

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**Thank You!**