



# 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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## Views of the recent Cuba Workteam trip

by Linda Garrison, team leader



Pictured above are many kids from Retrete Mission (outside Banes in the province of Holguin, Cuba) as well as Juli Hisel, Woolson Friends (outside Richland in the state of Iowa).



Linda Garrison (center) with Enelia Escalona and Edir Perez-Mayo who are both from Gibara. Enelia visited Iowa Yearly Meeting back in 2004. She is the camp administrator for Cuba Yearly Meeting.



One of the work projects in Cuba was to help with some painting.



(Group picture) L-R  
Joanna Hanes-Lahr (Annapolis, MD, Baltimore YM))  
Jeannine Laverty (Easton Meeting, NYYM)  
Jack Lahr (Annapolis, MD Baltimore YM)  
Mary (Gibara Monthly Meeting)  
Juli Hisel (Woolson Monthly Meeting, IAYM)

Others participating in the FUM work team to Cuba (2011) were Linda Garrison (IAYM) and Luz Mestas-Nunez, West Richmond Friends, Indiana YM). The group did a great deal of painting at the facility in Gibara, as well as making visits with 9 meetings and missions

# Friendly Flashes

- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa -

## YOU ARE INVITED!

**WHAT?** IA USFW Spring Fling

**WHEN?** April 9, 2011  
9:30am-2:45pm

\*\*Registration 9:30-10:00am

\*\*Lunch 12:00-1:00pm

**WHERE?**

Middle River Friends  
in Carlisle, IA

**COST?** \$10

### THEME: Sharing Our Gifts

Iowa USFW ladies will be sharing gifts of music, puppetry, stories, "how to", ministries and much more!



Come prepared to be entertained, educated, and informed, to laugh, sing, pray, and fellowship with one another. Available for

purchase will be Kenyan items, the 2011-2012 reading course books, Calendars and Blueprints. Also available will be some free items.

There will be coffee and a treat during registration time, and for lunch, soups, dinner rolls, relishes, desserts and drinks.



Make your plans now to attend and bring your friends. An Invitation/Registration will soon be sent out, either by email or snail mail. (Note: For anyone needing to bring their young children/grandchildren, there will be childcare available.)

We're looking forward to a wonderful Spirit-filled day!!!



## Iowa Yearly Meeting's

## Calendar of Upcoming Events - 2011

### March

**BLIZZARD BLAST** FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIENDS MARCH 11-12  
(5th - 8th grade)

(Flyers & registration forms available at your local church)

**BOARD ON COORDINATION** MARCH 19  
@ College Avenue Friends

**PASTORS SHORT COURSE** MARCH 28-29  
@ William Penn and College Ave. Friends

### April

**SPRING BODY OF REPRESENTATIVES** APRIL 2ND  
@ Bangor-Liberty Friends

**USFW SPRING FLING** APRIL 9TH  
@ Middle River Friends

**CAMP QUAKER HEIGHTS ANNUAL WORKDAY** APRIL 23RD

### June

#### YOUNG FRIENDS' CAMP AT CQH

June 3-5 Youth Exec, College Weekender  
June 5-8 Fry Camp (grades 3,4)  
June 10-12 Little Fry (K-grade 2 with adult participant)  
June 12-17 Jr. High (grades 7,8)  
June 17-19 High School Weekender  
June 19-24 High School  
June 26-30 Fox Camp (grades 5,6)

### July

**FUM TRIENNIAL** JULY 27-31ST  
held at Wilmington Yearly Meeting/Wilmington College

### August

#### Iowa Yearly Meeting Ministry Conference "Missions by the Spirit"

at Camp Quaker Heights August 4th - 7th

### October

**IAYM PASTOR RETREAT** OCTOBER 2-4TH  
Speaker will be Colin Saxton  
Held at Camp Quaker Heights

## Triennial Sessions

Wilmington, Ohio  
July 27-31, 2011

Transforming Lives — Romans 12:2



Online registration and information available at  
FUM website - FUM.org



## Colin Saxton to be FUM's next General Secretary

After much prayer, and with careful consideration, the Executive Committee is pleased to announce that Colin Saxton has been named by the General Board to be the next general secretary of Friends United Meeting. It is difficult to capture in words the spiritual unity among the members of the Executive Committee. Yet in our interviews and conversations with Colin about the future of Friends United Meeting, there has been — and is — a sense of God's peace and leading. The committee is drawn to his spiritual depth, authentic integrity, apostolic vision and leadership graces.

For the past six years Colin has served as the general superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting; in addition he has 16 years of pastoral experience and non-profit administration. Colin holds a masters degree in religion from Eastern Mennonite Seminary, with a focus in church history and theology, and a Doctor of Ministry from George Fox University in leadership and spiritual formation. For the last 26 years he has been married to Janine, and together they have four children: Hanna (23), Ellie (21), Amy (17) and Samuel (16).

### The Ercil Beane Evening Lecture and Pastor Short Course

J. Brent Bill will be the speaker for the 2nd annual Ercil Beane Evening Lecture at William Penn University. He will also be our keynote speaker for this year's Pastor Short Course.

Our speaker will share at William Penn University on Monday, March 28th at 7 pm. This lecture is open to the public. Our Iowa Yearly Meeting Pastor Short Course will kick-off with this event and will also meet together on Tuesday, March 29th.



## Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

### Honey Creek-New Providence Friends -

Justin Weber, Pastor

Pauline and Abner White recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. During the morning worship service the church rejoiced with them on this special occasion. The youth of the church created and hand-delivered an anniversary card and also gave them chocolate hearts in appreciation of their loyalty to one another and the fine witness they have given. Abner then rose up with gratitude in his voice for Pauline and said these wise words, "We decided early on that we could disagree without being disagreeable."

### West Branch Friends -

Ruthie Tippin, Pastor

Their Quaker Kids Sunday School Class recently set up interviews with several of the adults in the meeting the help them understand what a Faith journey is like. Those chosen to be interviewed were Walter Hansen, Doris Hinkhouse, and Clara Millett. One of the children, Si'iva Senio, agreed to be the reporter and photographer for the interview. Also noted in their recent newsletter was an article stating that 7 women from their meeting will be traveling to Cuba this April. An invitation was received from the Cuba UFA group - the equivalent of our USFW - to have them come join them for their annual gathering.

### Light of the Lakes Friends -

Mark Corbin, Pastor

An outreach the church has started is to give diapers to families in the community who have this basic need not being met. They have been asking those who come to Light of the Lakes to buy diapers throughout the week and bring them in to the church and the first Sunday of every month they invite young mothers from the lakes community to come and get free diapers for their kids!

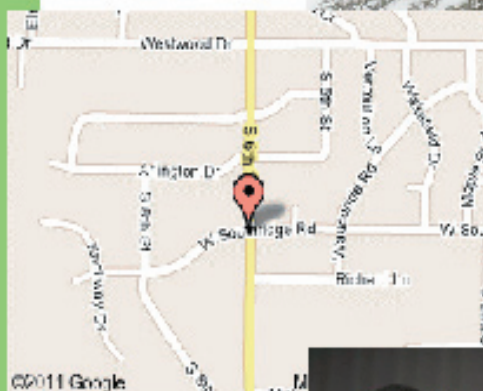
**Attention: Memorials**  
**Please send your meeting's memorials to :**  
**Marie Moffitt,**  
**15529 Kennedy St., Indianola, IA 50125**

*"Peace hath higher tests of manhood than  
battle ever knew"*  
*John Greenleaf Whittier*

# Mirembe Peace in the Community Curriculum



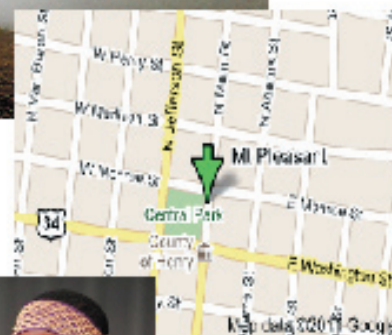
Catch The Excitement!!



First Friends of Marshalltown  
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1-641-753-7367



Grace Friends  
106 South Main  
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa  
319-931-2277



Please come attend a "Mirembe" (peace) curriculum workshop this April

Two convenient locations—choose  
which is best for you—

**Mt. Pleasant or Marshalltown**

At this workshop you will:

1. Become familiar with the Mirembe material
2. See it in actual use
3. Learn how to incorporate music with the curriculum
4. Be able to purchase the curriculum

**Saturday—April 16th**

8:30—Registration and coffee  
9:00—Welcome and Intro DVD  
9:20—Presentation of 2nd grade lesson followed by questions  
10:00—Presentation of 7th grade lesson  
10:30—How to apply music-suggestions and sample CD  
11:00—Wrap up

Don't miss this great opportunity to become familiar with new Quaker curriculum—useable for grades Pre-school through 7th +



**April 16, 2011**

There is no workshop fee but if you would like to take home an entire curriculum 2-7th grade (350+ pages) with music CD there will be a \$45.00 charge. Please let us know if you wish to have the curriculum because it will need printed prior to meeting.

Register before April 1st to be sure of taking home curriculum.  
Contact IAYM to get a brochure!



## *The IAYM Mission's Board focus for the Easter offering will be Nathan & Brianna Martin*

As the IAYM Mission's Board, we are continually trying to encourage people in IAYM, who are feeling called by God to missionary service.

We were excited to learn that Nathan & Brianna will be returning to the United States for four months from May to October to deliver their first child. Their expenses will increase with the joyful addition to their family. Upon returning to Cambodia they will be moving to Snoul to join a team that is reaching out in a very unreached area. There is currently no church among the Khmer people in this district, and there is no other Christian mission working there.

Nathan & Brianna send their greetings and

are very thankful for their amazing team of partners in IAYM. They are thankful for IAYM standing with them in asking God to transform and bring his blessing to Cambodia.

Send donations for this special offering to Dorothy Taylor, IAYM Mission's Treasurer, 1121 Parkway Drive Apt. #1, Boone, IA 50036 and mark it Nathan & Brianna Martin---Cambodia.

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 IAYM mission's focus for May will be the Mesquakie mission in Tama with Victor and Brenda White.



### *Setting our hearts toward Snoul*

Snoul is a district in eastern Cambodia, and the place where we have prayerfully decided to join a church planting outreach team. There are roughly 60,000 people in this area, including the district center town of Snoul and 38 surrounding villages. There is currently no church among the Khmer people in this district and there are no other Christian missions working there.

We look forward to joining our team leaders in loving the community through literacy and library projects along with taking every opportunity to abundantly sow the gospel. As this is mostly an oral or non-literate society we will be telling many bible stories and praying for God to captivate their hearts. Our dream is for God to bring a movement of disciples who make disciples in Snoul district!

### *Prayer Requests*

\*God will reveal himself in powerful ways to the people of Snoul!

\*Hearts will be tender to God's voice

\*Those who believe will be eager to share with their family and friends

\*God will shape us to be ever faithful witnesses of His glory and grace.

### *Jume -riep Sua! (Greetings!)*

Hello friends! We have now been in Cambodia for 14 months and praise God for his faithfulness! Passing our initial language evaluation has brought us to look ahead to the horizon. We celebrate that we didn't come here only to learn Khmer, which we've been doing as diligently as we can, but also to be a part of the blessing God intends for the nations! This year has brought opportunity to look at many meaningful ministries here in Cambodia, and we are excited for the direction God is taking us, east of Phnom Penh to Snoul! After a trip home to deliver our 1st baby this summer, we will come back to Cambodia and join a team that is reaching out in this very un-reached area, just the longing God placed in us years ago.

It is truly our joy and privilege to partner with you for God's glory here in Cambodia. We have an amazing team of partners in IAYM, and we know it! Thank you for standing with us in asking God to transform and bring his blessing to this land and these people. God bless you!

***Vision Statement:*** "To see healthy indigenous reproducing churches in each village of Snoul compassionately engaging their community and reaching out to other peoples."

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## **Garrison Memorial Scramble**

**4-Person Best Position Tournament**  
**9:00 AM Shotgun Start**

**April 30, 2011**

**Westwood Municipal Golf Course**  
**Newton, IA**



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