

THE IOWA FRIEND

Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends

God's Glory ... by Tom Showalter, General Superintendent

The Book of Exodus concludes with this fabulous passage:

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34-35, NIV).

God showed up and His Glory filled the tabernacle. He was there in a tangible way.

The desire for most of us is to see God's Glory in our setting and within our viewpoint. Before we can have God's Glory show up, however, there is a need to look at the previous thirty-three verses of Exodus 40. God gave Moses instructions as to how the tabernacle should be arranged and set up (vv. 1-15). Exodus 40:16, "Moses did everything just as the Lord commanded him."



Exodus 40: 17-33 gives account of Moses implementing God's instructions. Verse 33 concludes, "And so Moses finished the work."

Following the preparation and effort, came the fruit of the labors (as stated in 34-35 above). There is no fruit without effort. There is no Glory without preparation.

Are we preparing for God's Glory to fill our lives, our families, our meetings, and our communities?

What preparations need to be taken to get ready for the Glory of God to "fill the tabernacle"?

Revivify verb (re·viv·i·fy \rē-'vi-və-, fī\):

to make (someone or something) strong, healthy, or active again

Jim & Donna Hoeksema

Mission Work at FTC—Kenya

We want to thank everyone in Iowa Yearly Meeting who contributed to the Thanksgiving offering that went to help fund the Friends Theological College solar electric project in Kaimosi, Kenya. The money finally arrived here in Kenya the first week of April. We are excited to have enough money to start the project. If you are interested in seeing how the work progresses, we have a blog that we try to update every few days.

hoeksemaftc2016.blogspot.com

We hope to have the system functional by the end of May. That will give us about a month to make sure everything is working well before we return to Iowa.

We had a convocation this afternoon and the speaker was using a PowerPoint presentation when the electricity went off at about 3:30. It did not come back on until 8:30. The power goes off nearly every day for several hours. Once the solar electric project is finished, FTC should have electricity 24/7.

The FTC library is blessed to have a trained Kenyan librarian. I've assisted in the daunting task as new books arrive to get call numbers and changes in some of the older cataloging is needed. I've been able to train work study students in some new library skills such as labeling our books and will be covering book



repair techniques with a few. I've completed about 45 major repairs with many more ahead for the future months, adding many more years of service to these materials. Other tasks have been tackled, but also we are excited to see the new computer lab taking shape. There should be around 14 laptops available for students to do research and prepare papers on. The lab will be open all hours the library is open but locked all other times. This involved a

new wood/metal grid dividing wall and new electrical work. Between the laptops and LED lights the college's usage of electricity will be greatly reduced.



20 computers were purchased in Iowa and carried to Kenya for use at FTC. Most of those will go in the library. Today we installed the first one with a cable attached to keep it in place.



As we prepare for building the solar panel structure, Jim asked a local carpenter to make some saw horses. As it turns out, nobody here has ever seen or heard of a saw horse. It took a lot of explanation and sketches, but the end product turned out quite well.



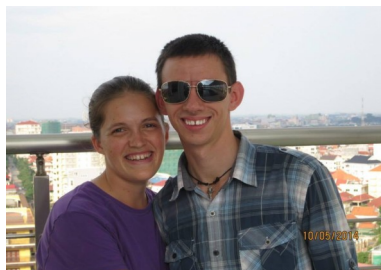
We set our first pole today (April 25). We cut young eucalyptus trees in the forest and tied them to the post with strips of old tires to hold the post vertical. The hole is 18" in diameter and is 5 feet from bottom of hole to top of black plastic tube. It took a lot longer to mix the concrete and fill the hole than expected. We started setting the pole at 8:30 and finished filling the hole around 3:00, just before the rain came.



We are building a computer lab in one end of the library which will have laptops. The current window bars were spaced far enough apart that the laptops would fit through them, so we hired a welder to add more bars. This is what it looked like when he was done.

IAYM Missions Moment

Written by Pastor Kathi Berry



Sarah and Robert Radcliff

Bringing in the Sheaves! Bringing in the Sheaves! We shall come rejoicing, Bringing in the Sheaves!

Psalm 126:6 says, *"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."*

Get Ready to Rejoice with Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission Board as we sow our seeds through our newest missionaries, Robert and Sarah Radcliff.

The time is drawing near when Robert and Sarah will be leaving for **Cambodia**, their departure is set for September of 2016.

May, June and July will be spent doing some surfing, couch surfing that is, as they have to make ready to leave. Robert and Sarah will spend the next two weeks packing for Cambodia. They have to sell or store all of their belongings as they can only take a few items with them. August will be spent at Missionaries In Training Institute, which is a required training for them.

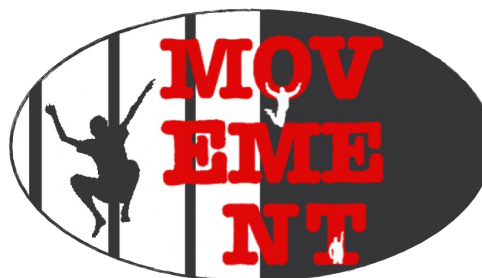
The Bottom Line

Sarah and Robert need to raise \$3000.00 a month for their support in Cambodia. They have managed to raise 25% of the funds per month, but still need pledges totaling \$2000.. Simply put, if 20 people would pledge \$100. a month, or if 40 of us would pledge \$50. a month, Sarah and Robert could rest assured that God has worked things out for them to go. For many of us this is one dining out meal a month.

Sarah and Robert will be coming to Iowa to visit our churches in June, July so if you can spare some time to hear from them, please contact them directly. Monthly pledges will be routed to Dorothy Taylor, Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission Board, via Dorothy Taylor. If you would prefer to auto pay through EFC Southwest, please report to Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission Board the amount of your giving for our records. Evangelical Friends Church Southwest, 18639 Yorba Linda Blvd., Yorba Linda, CA 92886

Prayer Needs: for traveling mercies, for peace in uncertain times, for certainty of vision, for grace, for bittersweet goodbyes and the grieving process, for stamina to run this race.

Physical Needs: Rolling pin, hot pads/oven mitts, measuring cups (a set), gas cards for driving all over Iowa. Please send to Paul and Diane Martin, 3227 Pheasant Avenue Rockwell, Iowa 50469.



YOUNG FRIENDS CAMPS June 2016

June 10-12

Little Fry

K—2nd ** Cost: \$235

(Adult & Child)

\$110 for additional youth

Directors

Ann Bailey

and

Dani Juncker

June 12-17

Jr/Sr high camp

7th—12th ** Cost: \$340

Directors

John Wilbur

and

Bethany Hadley

S.I.T. track available—Servants-In-Training

11th grade—Sophomores in College Cost: \$300

June 17-19

Young Adult Weekender

Details and prices will be available next month

June 19-23

Elementary

3rd—6th ** Cost: \$285

Director

Jay Wyatt

**grade just completed

Early bird discount of \$25 before May 13th

On-line registration is available NOW at iaym.org/events

USFWI/QMI Triennial '16 Workshops

The USFWI/QMI Triennial Conference being held at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids, IA, July 7-10, 2016, will offer some informative workshops.

Field Staff Updates

Dale Graves, interim Belize Ministry Director, and Lon Fendall, Academic Consultant at Friends Theological College, will bring updates on the expanded Belize ministry and happenings at FTC (solar panels, facility upgrades, satellite campuses, community outreach, and more).

Joyce Ajlouny, Director of Ramallah Friends Schools, and Dana Oswald, William Penn University professor and co-writer of the Kenya Peace Curriculum, will share how educational institutions are teaching the values of peace and equality in countries that have experienced and are experiencing hatred and violence. Joyce will give updates on RFS, and Dana will share about her recent trip to Kenya to consult with Kenyan teachers and administrators about the implementation of the Peace Curriculum.

Joy in Quaker Grey

Joy Conwell, Historical Collections/Circulation Associate at Iowa Wesleyan University in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, will present a "Quaker Fashion Show", sharing historical insights into typical Quaker clothing worn during the westward migration of Quakers in the US.

A Crown of Beauty Instead of Ashes

21st century slavery is one of the most pernicious and disturbing issues of our time, needing awareness, attention, and action from Christians world-wide. This workshop will be led by a panel of Iowans who are involved in ministry to victims of human trafficking. They will share stories and current information to help us become better informed and to offer practical suggestions for addressing this multi-million dollar business.

When the Going Gets Tough – Attitudes for Finding Joy

This workshop, led by Mary Glenn Hadley and Kathy Luethje, will provide insights for helping us rise above difficult times, letting the voice of scripture offer guidance. "Though pain and suffering eventually visits everyone, how we react to it determines where it will take us. . . . We will experience together how we can walk with each other through dark times."

These Triennial Conference workshops will be offered Sat. afternoon, July 9: 1:30-3:00 and 4:00-5:30. The 2nd session is a repeat of the 1st session.

Come to the USFWI/QMI Triennial

Iowa Triennial Host Committee

USFWI Tentative Schedule (QMI will join us for some services, but they are planning much of their own programming)

Thursday - Get acquainted activities will help to get us started! Bookstore, Marketplace, and Prayer Stations will be open throughout the triennial. Plenary sessions will be followed by a Caribbean meal. The evening service entitled "Joyfully Believing" will be presented by Leunita Mugofwa. Women from Africa will be sharing in song.

Friday - Small worship groups start off our day. These will lead in to the Bible Study Hour led by Ruthie Tippin. Shorter plenary sessions will be in the morning. Afternoon tours are available as well as the Bookstore, Marketplace & Prayer Stations will be open. Time may also be spent getting acquainted with Friends from across FUM. The evening service, "Joyfully Following," will be presented by Lydia Grapine.

Saturday - In the morning there will be a special time of prayer for our FUM field staff and a memorial service to celebrate the lives of USFW members who have passed away since the last triennial. Workshops fill the afternoon followed by an Iowa Banquet. Nancy McCormick will speak about "Joyfully Serving." A Young Friends Worship service is planned following the evening service.

Sunday - USFW and QM will worship together using the theme "Celebrating Joy." Of course music will be a vital part of our worship each day, but today we hope to have the Conference Choir sing for us. We will say our goodbyes around a lunch buffet.

QuakerMen

"As iron sharpens iron; so one man sharpens another" Proverbs 27:17

Speakers: Men will have their own worship service each evening with speakers including Colin Saxton, Tim Hadley, Oscar Lugusa

Special Prayer Meeting

Join us for a prayer meeting using the internet to connect Kenyan Quaker Men & men at the conference led by Tim Hadley.

Bible Studies & Discussion

Bible studies will be led by Ron Bryan. There will be small group sharing following the same topics.



Mesquakie Friends News

Mac & Berny McDonald—co-directors

Friendly Kidz Program



Our Thursday night (k-6th) program has been a highlight of our weeks. A glimpse into our Thursday night lineup:

30 minutes of play,
30 minutes for a meal,
30 minutes of praise & Worship

30 minutes of follow-up, craft and discussion.

We instated the “3B’s”, which has helped with behavior and discipline concerns:

BE respectful—BE responsible—BE Safe

Saturday Night Worship Service

Our weekly services have been going well. Like any worship service, it has had its ‘ebbs & flows’. Our average attendance has been “20-ish”. We were blessed at our Easter service to have 60 in attendance!!! Followed by our “4th Saturday of the Month—Potluck Supper”. A special ‘thank you’ to our Friends from College Ave. Friends, who brought the praise & worship music. Please pray for those who have a need to consistently fill our empty



seats.

Remember, one of the primary reasons we worship on Saturday nights, is to make our selves available to share with you on Sundays. Please feel free to contact us to speak to your group.

Friends Youth

Our Monday night (7th-12th) program continues to grow! At last count we had 16 teenagers invading our home. Plenty of ‘goof-off’ time, a meal and a Bible lesson on the 2 pit set couches in front of the T.V. The exciting thing is that our attendees are 50% Native American and 50% Hispanic. They all go to the same public school and have a certain level of ‘color-blindness’. It’s refreshing!



Thank you

to all who donated to the Easter offering for the Retreat Center Bunk Room. Final donation totals are not in but we wanted to take this opportunity to say our sincere “thank you”. Our retreat center will be a supplement to our financial needs in order to continue our ministry here at Mesquakie Friends.

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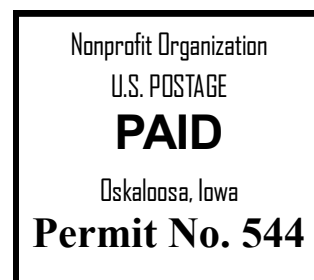
LeGrand, IA – LeGrand Friends Church (LFC) announces that McKenna Tow is the recipient of the 2016 Vandervelde Scholarship. McKenna will be a sophomore at Marshalltown Community College next fall. She plans to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. McKenna has been active in LeGrand Friends Church for many years. She has helped with VBS snacks for the last six years and she started teaching the preschool class at Pioneer Club this year. She plans to continue helping with both.

The Vandervelde Scholarship is made possible through LFC by a grant from the late Marjorie Vandervelde and her family in honor of her father, the late Dr. E.M. Mills. Dr. Mills was LeGrand’s country doctor in the early 1900s. Recipients of the scholarship are judged on a combination of qualities including educational goals, character church involvement, and financial need. The scholarship has been awarded annually since 1996.

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New logo contest!

*We are inviting creative and artistic Friends
to offer submissions for a new Iowa
Yearly Meeting of Friends Churches logo.*



*All submissions are to be given by May 30,
2016 and can be sent to the Yearly Meeting
Office. (office@iaym.org)
We have not received any ideas as of May 1st.
Deadline extended to May 30th!*

revivify

verb re·viv·i·fy \rē-'vi-və-, fī\
: to make (someone or something) strong,
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2016 Annual

Ministry Conference

July 27—30th, 2016

On the campus of William

Penn University

AND

College Avenue Friends

Registration opens

June 1st, 2016

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