

# The Iowa Friend

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## Sounds from Friends Theological College

Greetings,

We are now living in Kaimosi, Kenya. It was strange that I could unpack and think that I have all I need for the next eight months in two suitcases. The transition of turning over the helm of college administrative staff has gone smoothly. We are in the process of meeting with each student to learn more about them. The students are wonderful and willing to make this transition successful and we are encouraged with the enthusiasm and spirit in which we have been welcomed. Classes are in full swing.

Our calendar is filling up with dates for visiting the homes of the students and their churches. This is my favorite time. I enjoy meeting the families and members of the church. The generosity of the people is overwhelming. We had the opportunity to worship at the Wambenge Friends Church. The worship was good, the music lively and the children sang joyously. I found it interesting the in this church there were three sections, women sat on one side, children in the middle and men on the other side. After worship we were guests in one of the member's homes for 'something little'. I have learned that 'something little' means something quite big. We were served chicken stew and beef stew, rice, ugali, boiled eggs, cooked cabbage, bananas and papaya. Then we had tea. As we left our hosts gave us two huge bunches of bananas, avocados and eggs to take home. The students will enjoy this food.

We have a new email address [ksbauer@africaonline.co.ke](mailto:ksbauer@africaonline.co.ke) It is not as easy as I thought it would be to set up distribution lists for emails. I assumed that could get my addresses from my yahoo, however it would be way too long a process to get that completed. Getting adjusted to the internet or being on line here brings me back to the slow 386 operating systems we used to have. There is a saying here: "pole pole"(poly poly), it means slowly by slowly. Things usually come together here but in a much slower pace that at home. It may take five tries before I get connected to the internet and then it may boot off line before I can send or receive any emails. If you are interested, the easiest way for you to get on our email distribution list is for you to send us an email. Then we will add your address to our list.

I have learned about media bags that people send to the college. There are so many needs and I thought that I would share with you what you might consider sending that would be the most useful. The college needs reference, Christian living, ethics, and theology books that have been published in the last ten years. Multi-cultural Bible character Sunday school material is wonderful. Pastoral counseling material is needed. Basic educational material on Aids that is related to Africa would also be helpful. There is a great needs for any type of Bible, new or used. Some items are not useful because the Kenyan people do not understand the American lifestyle. For example cook books and Bible studies that have modern high tech analogies. Also fiction because the students do not have time to read fiction and may not be able to relate to the story. Another thing is children's Sunday school material that refer to modern things for example, toys, game boys and computers. When packaging these media bags please use plastic bags as the packaging material.

We appreciate your prayers and support while we are in Kenya. We hope all is well with you and look forward to sharing with you some of our experiences.

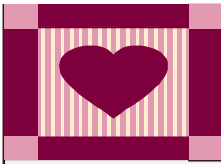
Blessings,

Karen and Stan



*Karen and Stan Bauer here with Kevin Mortimer at this year's Ministry Conference, are serving as interim administrative staff at Friends Theological College in Kaimosi, Kenya through the Spring of 2003.*

You may send your greetings to Karen and Stan at:  
[ksbauer@africaonline.co.ke](mailto:ksbauer@africaonline.co.ke)



## FRIENDLY FLASHES

*"It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us." 2 John: 4*

I hope that you all had a representative at the Fall Retreat on October 5<sup>th</sup>, if not you missed a great time of fellowship. The Lord provided us with beautiful weather, good food, and encouragement about the work of Making The Love of Jesus Christ Known. Brenda White shared with us on the progress at Tama and some of their on going needs, especially the dwindling financial support coupled with the increase in attendance. They have approximately 60 young people on Wednesday nights and 25 adults attending joining in morning worship including several men! As Brenda reminded us God is good, all the time and He provides for their needs. We are all challenged to come and visit them, see what needs to be done and where our meetings can step in and add our support.

The panel from Triennial shared on the experience of being in Africa and the great love and warmth with which they were greeted. Layettes are needed in Lugulu, these include: 1-shirt, 1-short nightgown, 2-cloth diapers & 2 diaper pins (27 by 27), 1 pair booties or socks, 1 single layer blanket (34 by 34) 1 double layer quilt (34 by 34) NO BATTING.

Package in a ziplock bag, mark 'no value' mail to:

Sister Nancy Kibochei,  
Lugulu Hospital  
PO Box 43  
Webuye, Kenya, East Africa

Kay Huffman is your other new board member, taking over as head of Peace and Social Concerns. Kay is a part of Middle River Friends. She and her husband have 7 children and 2 stepchildren, 21 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Kay's hobbies are her flowers, cooking and her woodworking. She makes dollhouses and adds each year to the nativity display across their acreage. She makes a great addition to the board. If any of you are feeling the Lords leading to join the board, we have 2 positions opening up, Secretary and Children and Youth, as Helen Hoskins and Judy Maeder are ending their years of service in July of 2003. Be in prayer about this.

As we all continue our walk in God's truth may we remember..."This is love that we walk in obedience to his commands."

Peace and Grace,  
Linda Burnett



### COMMUNION & OPEN WORSHIP

*I Ask for daily bread, but not for wealth, lest I forget the poor.*

*I ask for strength, but not for power, lest I despise the meek.*

*I ask for wisdom, but not for learning, lest I scorn the simple.*

*I ask for a clean name, but not for fame, lest I condemn the lowly.*

*I ask for peace of mind, but not for idle hours, lest I fail to hearken to the call of duty.*

**- Inazo Nitobe**



## MEETING MOMENTS

**OUR LIVES KNIT TOGETHER** - During this past quarter at West Branch Friends, we were blessed to receive Warren Cadwallader-Staub to our Meeting; bringing his message of disciplined courage and fulfillment. Due to our intercessory prayers during his struggles with cancer, our lives have been knit together by the love of God. He did "...taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him."

After a year of prayerful searching, our Meeting gave a call to Christopher Reece to become our full time Pastor and he accepted. He has risen to many occasions in this short time, and we are well pleased. We thank God for answering our prayers.

Millie Gregory, our faithful servant of music, passed away in her sleep July 19 at her home in Wilton. Although she was unable to receive the award presented by the Yearly Meeting for 'Out-standing Volunteer', she was aware of our intent. Millie was known to possess many fruits of the spirit; love, joy, peace and gentleness.

Bloomington Muscatine Meeting offered our Quarterly Meeting the opportunity to hear Mike and Kay Cain, as they hosted a potluck at their church. We became aware again of the challenges and the triumphs that come from serving God in the Belize Friends Boys' School. We are thankful for their dedicated service.

Our fellowship time has been blessed. Beginning with the annual Hymn Sing/Pie and Ice Cream Social, held during the Hoover Day Celebration, we had the room full to overflowing with enthusiastic singers. Then we had a joyful time at the Cedar Valley Park worshipping in the great outdoors. Finally, we met for Rally Sunday, when young and old assembled together to celebrate being in the Family of God. We look forward with hope and enthusiasm for the new church year.

**GOD IS BLESSING!** - We had a group of youth present a drama music program. They were from Northwestern College of Orange City; 18 young people went to Camp Quaker Heights for camp this year along with one adult helper. Steve Pedigo was a guest speaker for Sunday morning worship in August. Several attended Family Camp. God is here and with us at Grinnell First Friends Church!

The Missions Committee collected school supplies and cash for the children in need of those things in our city as well as Chicago Fellowship of Friends.

Todd Follette has been bringing very inspirational and challenging messages and the youth meetings under the leadership of Anthony Nieuwsma are well attended with much excitement.

We had a Women's Retreat with Barb Briggs as speaker held September 14<sup>th</sup> at our church. Her subject was "The art of a Merry Heart". It was a wonderful time with about 70 women attending.

God is with us and blessing us!



## Touch Point/Queries from History...

*"When all my hope in outward help was gone, I heard a voice inwardly that said...'There is One, Christ Jesus that can speak to your condition.'"* - George Fox

Fox experienced years of intense spiritual conflict looking for authentic faith. He wandered through England searching but found no outward answers. Then, he discovered that the living Christ was his contemporary.

### **How did you first experience the living Christ in the midst of your spiritual conflict?**

In 1652 he had a vision of a people to be gathered. From that time on he preached with great authority and by his death there were some sixty thousand convinced Friends.

### **What vision has God given you?**

The seekers found Christ to be a living presence in the depth of their experience. They met God face to face and were changed. Their all-consuming passion was to live lives of holy obedience. Jesus words "you are my friends" John 15:14-15, took on great meaning and became their identification label.

### **How has Jesus become your friend in the same way that a friend knows a friend?**

Their hearts were set ablaze by the fire of the Spirit and they sought to share their experience with others. Their message concentrated in a single sentence was "Christ is here, today, to teach His people Himself."

### **In what way is your heart blazing to share this message?**

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**A Response** - John Woolman writes, "There is a pure principle that is made available to us that makes us each aware of the divine." I like Woolman's perspective because it opens the door to the reality that inspired Fox, and then the "thirty something" group of sixty that preached their message. God has not left the world void without his witness. His witness is available to all so that at some point none of us can claim exemption. Jesus himself seemed truly amazed that the truth was out when he responded to Peter's answer to his question "Who do you say that I am?" with "My Father must have told you!"

This telling of who Christ is in our midst continues to be challenging. It requires faith to state that it is none other than Jesus of Nazareth. Even more stretching is to share it on the street corner outside of where two or three are gathered! There is strength in numbers, you know!

But introducing Christ is what God desires. When we in faith speak of him who walked amongst us 2000 years ago, the pure principle takes on human form in the person of Jesus. And when assessing his credentials we find that he is the only one qualified.

The great reward for those who faithfully fulfill this task is more life. Christ has paved the way for his friends to be successful in pointing to that which is eternal in each person by providing them with the key that is above all names, that opens the door for others to experience life in the greater Kingdom. And the principle inherent in Fox and the "valiant sixty" continues...  
*Kevin Mortimer*

Your response can be emailed to: [iaym@kdsi.net](mailto:iaym@kdsi.net)



## "Rekindle the Gift"

Arise and Shine - 2003

March 7-8, 2003

Western Yearly Meetinghouse - Plainfield, Indiana

A Gathering of men of the Society of Friends

for powerful worship and fellowship!

**"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self discipline." 2 Timothy 1:6-7**

### Themes:

Friday p.m. - "Fan into Flame the Gift of God" - Steve Pedigo

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - "The Spirit of Power" - Eric Woods

Saturday 2:00 p.m. - "The Spirit of Love" - Randy Quate

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - "The Spirit of Self-Discipline" - Justin Weber

**INSTRUCTIONS:** If you are registering for more than one person, please **PRINT**, the names of the additional people on another sheet of paper. A check in the proper amount **MUST** accompany this form in the same envelope in order for you to register. (no phone or credit card registrations)

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Registration cost: \$40.00 per person.

Make check payable and mail to:

Conferences, Inc.

PO Box 100

Wheaton, IL 60189.

**Hotel Information:** Copy this off before you mail your registration. Remember, hotel and meals are on your own. Call the Days Inn Plainfield, (317) 839-5000. Tell them you are coming to "Arise and Shine" and make sure they give you the special rate of \$50.00 per room/per night (1-4 per room). Continental breakfast included.



*BOC gathered at CQH October 18 & 19 to seek God's will concerning the priorities of IAYM regarding Camp, Pastoral Leadership, & Mission-Outreach. God is doing great things amongst us. Please pray as God continues to refine His will in us in our upcoming meetings, January 25 & March 15.*





# Cuba Missions

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I write to all my "Friends" in Iowa Yearly Meeting and beyond to speak about the great news of God's work in rebuilding the bridge to our brothers and sisters in Cuba.



As most of you know, about 100 years ago, Quakers from Iowa, Zenis L. Martin, Sylvester Jones and May Mathers sensed the call from God to go and make disciples of all nations. They took up the cross through their Quaker practices and went to Cuba. The Cubans whole-heartedly accepted the early Quakers and their living testimonies as compassionate examples of Christ. The word of God spread through the province of Oriente, the eastern region of Cuba. Early Friends focused on building schools where Quaker meetings emerged, and by 1927 there were 5 monthly meetings that formed CubaYearly Meeting.

100 years later, with 40 in isolation, God has reopened a way to bring the Gospel to the Cuban people so that we together may continue the work. For the last 3 years, Friends from Iowa have returned to Cuba through FUM work team opportunities. Our desire to help our Friends in Cuba has been re-established through these visits and at their request.

In continuing this momentum, Iowa Yearly Meeting has applied for our own travel license. This enables us to plan our own trips to Cuba; to renew the relationship between Iowa and Cuba and visit one another whenever possible; to share the Gospel message and share cultures with each other.

A sub-committee of the IAYM Missions Board has been established. The purpose of this committee is to:

1. Foster relationships with our Cuban Friends.
2. Ease travel plans for Iowa Friends to go to Cuba and to bring our Cuban Friends to Iowa.
3. Build both work and ministry connections.

The Cuba Committee is excited and looking forward to working with one another. We would like to adopt a name for this committee that would show the vision we have. New England Yearly Meeting uses "Punte de los Amigos", which means – "Bridge of Friends". We are asking for your suggestions. A phrase that is meaningful for us as well as them. If you have any suggestions, please contact Erwin at [e\\_lopez33@yahoo.com](mailto:e_lopez33@yahoo.com).

Our first project is going to be "Paraiso Recobrado" which means "Paradise Recovered" This project is a plot of land behind a small rural chapel called "Retrete", which

is a mission of Banes Monthly Meeting. Their vision is to develop the land into a vegetable garden. This would provide work for two church families and food for the community. They have chosen 2 Corinthians 9:6 to affirm this project. Estimated cost of the project is \$1,160, which includes purchasing the land, the well and pumps, fencing and 2 months salary for the workers.

To initiate this new relationship, the representatives from Iowa on the FUM work team will read a minute from our yearly meeting "Ministry Conference" and also present our Cuban Friends with money to initiate this project (Paradise Recovered). Do you feel called to help expand God's Kingdom in Cuba? If so, we ask for your prayers. We know that God has brought this all together for His glory. We also ask that you consider a financial gift for this project. Your donation can be sent to:

Bob Watson  
IAYM Missions Board Treasurer  
803 Minnesota, Glidden, IA 51443

(Please make checks payable to  
IAYM Missions Board, memo: Cuba/Iowa)

*"How then can they call on the one they have not believed in? and how can they believe in the one they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" - Romans 10:14-15*

In Christ's everlasting love,  
Erwin Lopez



## Apartment available to a Retired Missionary or Minister

Quakerdale has constructed on it's New Providence campus, a duplex, one apartment of which is to be available for rental to a retired minister or missionary. The occupant and rental to be determined by a committee of the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel. The expected income of the tenant will be taken into account in determining the rent, not to exceed 20% of expected income.

Total cost of the apartment was \$40,000, of which \$15,000 has been paid by the Yearly Meeting. There are no interest or taxes due or to be paid by the Yearly Meeting. Quakerdale will receive the rent payment which will be used for general maintenance as needed. The occupant will pay utilities as determined by supplier of services.

Once the apartment has been rented to a retired missionary or minister, it will not be available for a new occupant until it is no longer wanted by the tenant or spouse or they become unable to care for their own needs.

If you or someone you know is interested, contact the Iowa Yearly Meeting Office, (641) 673-9717 or Michelle Herman at Quakerdale (641) 497-5294 for more information.



# FUM Triennial

Nairobi

*(Statement from Oliver Kisaka's message at the recent Triennial Sessions in Nairobi.)*

It is amazing that when Jesus faced a world fallen from the glory of God, He not only knew that the answer they needed was the good news of the Kingdom, but also believed that the earthling disciples, despite their weaknesses and even failures, could be agents of the great restoration news of the Kingdom of God. He trusted them and committed them to take over the work from Him and to do it effectively. By this act Jesus, the Son of the living God affirmed God's love for men (sic) and His ability to transform men and women from self centered evil to effective carriers of the gospel. Because of Jesus, Christians have the capacity in Christ to make a significant contribution. Most humanitarian organizations depend on human ability and wisdom, but Christians depend on the strength the God gives.



Members of the Winneshiek Quarter take time for a hay rack ride.



38 gather at CQH for the Fall Pastors Retreat. Pastors and spouses enjoyed canoeing, hiking, golfing, mountain biking and of course worshipping and spending time together in fellowship.



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

To spread peace on earth in 2003, Earlham School of Religion offers

**Christian Reconciliation: Conflict Resolution in Church and World**

January 6-17, 2003. This graduate course can be taken for 3 credits or audit and will meet M-F 6-9p and Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 9a-4p in Marshalltown, IA.

In addition

**Israel's David: King or Crook?** will be offered at Marshalltown, IA, same dates/costs.

The admission and registration process deadline for this course is December 6, 2002. If interested please initiate the process soon. Course costs include: \$35 application fee, \$80 student fee, \$50 technology fee, \$175 audit or \$756 credits (3). For more information or to apply

[www.esr.earlham.edu](http://www.esr.earlham.edu)

or

call Sue Axtell, ESR Admissions at (800)432-1377



Susan Jeffers (top left) and Herman Otioko share their respective experiences with the Marshalltown pastors group.



Keith & Nancy Smith share a memory with Erwin & Ardith Cook who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

## VITAL SIGNS

Alois Louis Vajgert, 93, a member of Marshalltown Friends Church passed away. Louis was born May 24, 1909 in Marshall County and married Mildred E. Bulanek in 1935. Louis and Mildred had one son, John, and 3 grandchildren.



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## SERVICE GRANT OPPORTUNITY



*Clarence and Lilly Pickett Fund for Quaker Leadership*

This Endowment seeks to honor the Picketts, Penn alumni and distinguished AFSC leaders, by encouraging young Quaker potential leaders through grants for service projects.

January 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for receiving nominations for the year 2003. If the emerging leader and his/her intended project fit the Pickett Fund guidelines, he/she is promptly notified and invited to complete an application form.

During March, the trustees receive copies of all applications and independently rank applicants according to the Funds' goals. In April the trustees finalize selections. Cumulative requests are always larger than available resources but the 2002 grants totaled eight and ranged from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

The Endowment is administered by trustees governed by established articles of incorporation and by-laws. Allen Bowman is the coordinator. Requests for nomination forms can be sent to him at 1720 Kemble Drive, Oskaloosa, IA 52577. Telephone (641) 673-4190.



*Herman Otioko shares with Mary Glenn Hadley and Lyle & Edna Smith the challenge of bringing the whole gospel to the Turkana people.*



## “BONDED IN CHRIST” CONFERENCE

**When:** January 10-11, 2003

Friday 6:30 p.m. through Saturday noon lunch

**Where:** Best Western Regency - Marhsalltown, IA  
(Corner of Highway 14 and 30)

Make your reservations by calling  
1-800-241-2974 by December 15, 2002

Room: \$30.00 per person (2 to a room)  
Food: \$12.00 Registration: \$8.00

Plans are being made for 80 to 100 IAYM local meeting M & C members and spouses, T & R Candidates and Spouses, Pastors and Spouses and other leaders.....for all interested in the “Bonded” relationship that enables us to be healthy, strong leaders in our local meetings.

This year we will look at the writing of the Apostle John for the Nature of the BOND WE HAVE IN CHRIST!

Coordinator: Bill Griggs - Telephone: (563)242-9305



*Pastor Todd , Michelle and Josh Rausch join with members of the Light of the Lakes Meeting in bringing a message of hope and freedom to the Arnolds Park Community.*

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