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MY FIELD TRIP SOUTH

~by Ron Bryan~

March 8th, I set out on my first field trip. I was scheduled to speak at the Arise and Shine Conference being held at Quaker Lake Camp outside of High Point, North Carolina. Since this was to be a long drive I decided to make it into a "field trip". I have called it that because one of the important tasks assigned to the Superintendents position is helping Monthly Meetings locate pastors to fill their vacancies. One resource that I have not been able to use in finding pastors is the soon to be graduates of many colleges and seminaries that are out there in other states. I laid out my itinerary and then had to reverse it for spring breaks on school campuses. Here is what took place:

I first drove to Wilmore, Kentucky and visited the Asbury Seminary/College where I was given a tour of the campuses and introduced to appropriate people. From there I drove to Greensboro and visited the new Carolina Evangelical Seminary which is located on the campus of John Wesley College. Once again I was given an excellent reception. I continued on to attend the Rise and Shine Conference lead by Steve Pedigo where I heard three first rate speakers on the subject of evangelism.

The following day I drove through the Virginias where I encountered a blizzard at the top of the mountains. The next morning, I enjoyed an incredible view of God's beautiful handiwork with all the hills and trees covered in white from the snow and frost. I finished my trip to Malone College and was introduced to several staff and students. Finishing the trip meant traveling to Richmond, Indiana and a visit to ESR. I was introduced to staff and students who may one day find their way to Iowa. On all four campuses, I was able to worship in chapel services that were of a very high caliber. My hope in doing this is to build relationships that will, in the future, help to locate leadership for our Yearly Meeting. I would request that all of Iowa Yearly Meeting be in prayer for those churches who are currently seeking new pastor's. Most important over all our desires is that the Lord Himself lead those persons gifted and called to serve in our churches.



Norm Sanders from the Billy Graham Evangelism Institute shares at the Arise & Shine Conference.



SPRING BODY OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 29 through May 1, 2005

This year's Spring Body of Representatives meeting will be held at Light of the Lakes Friends Church located at Arnolds Park, Iowa. Plans have been made with Hawkeye Stages to rent a 47-passenger bus, leaving Friday morning and returning on Sunday, May 1st. Pickup points are: West Branch Friends, Grinnell Friends and Marshalltown Friends. We will be staying at the Okoboji Avenue Inn in Milford, Iowa, which is located approximately 10 minutes from the meetinghouse.

Light of the Lakes Friends are busy planning a special weekend for us. Along with having our representatives business meeting, we will all have the opportunity to tour Iowa Great Lakes points of interest, such as the Gardner Log Cabin, Fish Hatchery and Dickinson County Historical Museum. On Saturday evening, we will gather at the Lutheran Lakeside Camp Lodge, which overlooks east Okoboji, for our evening dinner.

Please detach and return by April 22, 2005

Names & Addresses of representatives/attenders:

Number of bus fares requested: _____
(\$50 per person)

Location where you will board bus: _____
(West Branch, Grinnell, Marshalltown)

I would like (please check below)
____ 1 bed ____ 2 beds ____ 3 beds ____ 4 beds
(do not send money for rooms)

Number of evening meal packages at \$12.00 per person
(this price is total cost for Fri & Sat evening)

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR BUS
FARES & MEAL PACKAGES \$ _____**

We encourage each monthly meeting to provide the financial support necessary to allow your church to be represented at this important Spring Body gathering.

NOTE: We still need people to ride the bus

Mail to: IAYM, PO Box 657, Oskaloosa, IA 52577
Telephone: (641) 673-9717



Friendly Flashes

"In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul." ~ Psalm 94:19

This is a verse that I claimed over 20 years ago and it still speaks to my heart today. The column this month will be about me and maybe some of you also. When I was at the conference in February, several of you asked how I was doing because you had heard I was ill but did not know what was wrong with me. I have wondered that for years! (Just joking)

Last year I went to an arthritis specialist and was diagnosed with Fibromyalgia. I had only a passing knowledge of this disease or condition. All I knew was that it sapped your energy and interfered with your life. I was so relieved that I didn't need multiple joint replacements that I was happy about having this unknown malady.

If you are like I was, ignorant, I will share a little of what I have learned about this. It is a condition of chronic pain over the entire body, constantly, ranging from mild to quite severe at any given time. You no longer are able to sleep sound enough to awake refreshed, so being tired is an accepted part of your daily life. Because this condition is brought about when the nerves in the spinal column no longer transmit accurate information, every activity is impacted to some degree.

I have always viewed myself as clumsy. I fall a lot (over almost anything) and bang my head on doors. I mangle phrases and switch names around. One of my families favorites was melonbones and chickenrinds. I didn't hear myself say that so my church family has instructions to call this to my attention whenever I say something strange. However, I now know that I am not losing my mind and I am not clumsy. I am NORMAL. Hurray!! This is all part of this strange condition.

So I am not sick, I am normal for me. I am the way God created me and this leads to some rather amusing situations. Each if us has some way that we feel sets us apart from all the normal people around us. But lets face it - all of these differences are what makes us who we are, who God created us to be. That makes us SPECIAL, unique and equipped by God for that special unique task He has for us. As the Psalm says, His comforts delight our souls, warms our hearts and reminds us that we are not alone. We are sisters and brothers, children of the King, Hallelujah!!

Happy Easter! Linda Burnett

2005 Ministry Conference
August 12 & 13, 2005
(2 days only)
at
CAMP QUAKER HEIGHTS
"In God We Trust"
mark your calendars!



PEACE & CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

~By Karen Mendenhall ~

The IAYM Peace & Christian Social Concerns Board would like to encourage you to contact your congressmen and ask them to oppose the drastic cuts in social service programs proposed in the President's 2006 Administrative budget. As a pastor and family service provider, I am well aware of the negative impact these cuts will have on our local communities.

These cuts are so widespread and extensive that I could not list them all without taking up a good portion of this publication. I will list those that most affect the families that I work with. Major funding cut backs or elimination are proposed for the following programs: LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance); WIC (Women Infants and Children Nutrition program); HUD (Housing and Urban Development rent assistance); Medicaid insurance for pregnant women, children and the elderly; Block Grants to assist in child care funding; foster care; Pell grants and other scholarship programs ; Even Start; Upward Bound; Vocational Rehabilitation; support programs for those being released from prison; and Drug Task Forces that have been instrumental in eliminating many meth labs in Iowa.

As Christians, Jesus has set the example for us. In the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37), Jesus asked the expert in the Law who had been testing him, "Who of these three (the priest, the Levite or the Samaritan) was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers? The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do like wise." To be good neighbors to the needy in our communities, we need to contact our congressmen and protest these cuts.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



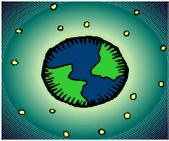
Is your church doing an outreach or missions trip? Would you like to get to know those from other churches that are concerned about missions too? You have 2 good ways to let others know about your church's missions trip plans (as much ahead as possible). This way someone from another meeting could join you and gain the experience of sharing Jesus with others away from their home community.

1. Submit a small paragraph or two in the Iowa Friend via email at iaym@kdsi.net or 411 College Ave., Oskaloosa, IA 52577.

or

2. Contact Wilma Kaldenberg who, on the request of the Iowa Yearly Meeting Missions Board, has agreed to put the same information in an e-mail listing called "In Touch". This should get to all the churches and help tell of these opportunities to minister outside the local environment. Use either wkald@netins.net or send to Box 38, Lynnville, IA 50153.

Donna Hoeksema, IAYM Missions Committee



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A FUTURE AND A HOPE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Iowa Yearly Meeting has hired Pat Watson as the Capital Campaign Director. Pat is a member of Salem Friends Church (and Grace Friends Mission Church in Mt. Pleasant). Pat has been visiting the meetings in the state and hopes to visit all of them within the next few months, talking about the campaign and the connectivity between the individual meetings and Iowa Yearly Meeting.

The Campaign goals are to provide funding for three specific areas:

Leadership and Development - Provide enhanced retirement benefits; education to local monthly meetings regarding pastoral compensation, retreats, spiritual formation, counseling and more; provide regular quality workshops and retreats; provide financial assistance to challenged meetings for securing quality pastoral leadership. The final phase of this segment is to provide scholarships and internships for pastoral spiritual growth.

Missions and Outreach - Provide funding to support and encourage church plants and church planters in Iowa Yearly Meeting; provide opportunities for short-term missions; provide increased funding for existing and emerging mission fields and to provide funding to recruit, equip and support missions personnel.

Camp Quaker Heights - Construct and all-season adult friendly lodge; provide funding for seasonal staff; partner with local monthly meetings to further develop the camp as a quality ministry training center and to expand opportunities for Christian youth camping and retreats.

Pat says, "We have been given the opportunity to worship and work together; to strengthen and to enhance the growth of Friends in Iowa Yearly Meeting. I look forward to meeting all of you in the coming months. I also plan to attend Spring Body at Arnolds Park April 29, and the 2005 Triennial in Des Mines July 13 - 17. It takes **all** of us getting involved and giving to this very important mission. Please pray with me that these goals will be accomplished."

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Financial Giving Update

As of March 15, 2005, the following money
has been received for the Capital Campaign:

Undesignated Giving.....	\$ 31,095.00
Designated Giving:	
Missions & Outreach.....	\$ 3,600.00
Pastoral Leadership.....	\$ 1,035.00
Tall Oaks Lodge.....	\$ 73,770.46

TOTAL RECEIVED.....\$ 109,500.46



TRIENNIAL NEWS

~Eve Goodhue~

Plans for the upcoming Triennial to be held July 13 to 17 are progressing. The following Meetings have agreed to provide ushers for one day each: Indianola, West Branch, Bangor-Liberty, Grinnell, and Honey Creek New Providence.

The following Meetings have agreed to staff the hospitality room for one day each: Oskaloosa, Des Moines, Honey Creek New Providence, and Motor (2 days). The Ackworth Meeting has agreed to provide refreshments for the hospitality room. Charlene Martin (Marshalltown Friends) has agreed to be in charge of the Nursery. Del Coppinger has consented to be a coordinating (head) usher and Bill Griggs the coordinator of the hospitality room.

We are still in need of volunteers to host delegates who want to arrive early or remain in Iowa after the sessions are over. Karen Dorrell will be coordinating before/after conference home stays. Several from throughout the Yearly Meeting have already signed a list indicating willingness to provide home stays. Whether or not you have signed up, it would be very helpful to Karen if you could drop her a line letting her know how many days, and how many people you are willing to host; and if you have specific people you would prefer to host. Her address is: 3254 East 84th St. South, Newton, Iowa 50201.

We are also in need of items for the gift bags—pens, pencils, notepads, and other items businesses may be willing to provide. Will keep you posted.

VITAL SIGNS

Clara May Carter, 94, passed away February 20, 2005 at the Adair County Hospital in Greenfield, Iowa. Funeral services were held February 24, at the Stuart Friends Church with Pastor Dean Porter officiating. Clara was transferred by letter from the Methodist church in Adair, to the Friends church in Stuart and joined the church soon after her marriage. She attended Sunday school and church all her life. She liked to witness for her Lord as long as her health permitted. Clara was an elder, clerk of monthly meeting and president of the Quakerdale Friends Missionary Society for many years. Survivors include a nephew, Don Brandenburg of Marietta, California, other nieces, nephews, cousins and many close friends.



USFWI-QUAKER MEN BANQUET

Saturday, July 16, 2005

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Where: Holiday Inn Airport, Des Moines

If you would like to attend the USFWI-QUAKERMEN BANQUET, but are not planning to attend the Triennial Sessions, **please call Daneta at the Iowa Yearly Meeting Office (641) 673-9717** to make your reservation.

Following the banquet will be a fellowship time with a COFFEE HOUSE and TALENT SHOW!
Everyone is invited to attend.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 15, 2005

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Lives Wide Open"

Mark your calendars! Send registrations to the
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