



# The Iowa Friend

July 2007  
Vol. 62 - No. 7

Iowa Yearly Meeting: Spreading Like Prairie Grass to Make the Love of Jesus Christ Known in the Heartland and Beyond

---

## IAYM Mission Board's Quarterly Emphasis "Adopt-A-Nurse" Program



Upon visiting the Kaimosi Friends Hospital in February with FUM and working for a week at the facility, I experienced many different feelings due to the overwhelming needs and dilapidated condition of the hospital. How do you begin? It would be easier to just walk away and say that was interesting but the Lord just kept nudging my heart. Kaimosi Hospital is very needed in the surrounding district with a population of 206,661 people and approximately 50,000 students, staff and faculty at the various learning institutions in the area. It is a 144 bed hospital currently serving an average of 158 inpatients monthly and 457 outpatient cases monthly. The nearest hospital is located in Mbale, which is 25 kilometers away. This is prohibitive for most people since transportation is by bike or by walking. Since FUM has resumed control of the hospital in 2006, there is tremendous optimism in the community that the hospital will be restored. Some money has been raised to begin rebuilding the roof at the hospital and hopefully, the ASHA grant, which will help restore the physical building, will soon be approved. The new Board of Governors for the hospital is providing the needed leadership and financial management.

Many exciting changes are on the horizon but one crisis remains. Salaries of the hospital staff are not able to be paid in full due to the current low income of the hospital. Last month only 50% of the salaries were paid. Several nurses have quit and found other jobs, which leaves the hospital with a serious nursing shortage. With continual reduced salaries, they are not able to provide for their families or to pay for their children's school fees. I asked a nurse what her greatest frustration was at the hospital and she replied, "It is hard to work well when you are not paid well. However, our hope is that night will turn to day and that joy will come in the morning but for now it is sorrow." Their perseverance was inspiring.

A new charge nurse has been hired and is improving the quality of care. Judy Davis, a nurse from Iowa and a member of HCNP, has also been instrumental in providing leadership at Kaimosi. Eden Grace states the mood at the hospital is very optimistic and the patient occupancy has already doubled.

The "Adopt a Nurse" program is designed to be an eighteen to twenty-four month program with the hopes that the hospital will be stabilized financially in the area of salaries as the hospital is restored. "Adopt A Nurse" encourages individuals and churches to help pay the salaries of the nursing staff. The IAYM Mission's Board is encouraging churches to promote the "Adopt A Nurse" program through FUM in their congregations. Please send donations marked "Adopt A Nurse" to Bob Watson, IAYM Mission's Board, 803 Minnesota Street, Glidden, IA 51443. Once again we are excited to work together as the body of Christ to minister God's love to people around the world.

In Christ's Love, Diane Martin--Chair IAYM Mission's Board

Karen Bauer, Joy Bryant, Joel Byford/Diane Dannen, Donna Hoeksema, Delores Jones, Tom Palmer, Jerry Phillips, Diane Martin, Walt Sylvester, Bob Watson

# Friendly Flashes

by: *Linda Burnett*

Have any of you ever done something on impulse and then wondered if you were out of your mind? Well, I did last August. Some of you may know of my amazing ability to fall over or crash into almost anything for no apparent reason. That is why I left Yearly Meeting early on Saturday and missed most of Thursday and Friday. I drove home with a knot on my head, my back twisted and a splitting headache. I was looking forward to going straight to bed.

However! Upon arriving home my husband told me he had decided he wanted a Bichon Frieze puppy. Followed by "aren't you home early?" Here it comes. I looked in the paper for Saturday found an ad for Bichon puppies, house raised, in Altoona. All of the dogs were gone except for one little male (right sex) who was born with out any back toes but otherwise perfectly healthy and discounted to our budget.

All the way there, as my husband is driving, I am thinking "are you out of your mind. you already have four cats in the house." "I'm too old to house break a puppy, been there done that" When we arrived the lady came out to greet us, seeing how hard it was for my husband to breathe and walk, she offered to bring out the pup for inspection. The look on Jim's face when he saw the dog accompanied by "My puppy. That's my puppy". Let me know that crazy or not I would be caring for a new puppy. He was duly christened Pepe la Phew , Pepe for short.

Our lives have not been the same since. When you are out side waiting for a dog, a curious dog, you have to take care of business plenty of time to observe. We know that the Earth is the Lord's and the fullness there of, and that when He finished He said " It is good". How many of us actually see what is right in our own yard. All fall I watched as the Monarchs flitted among the purple Victoria Salvia and the gallardia. The colors brilliant against the fall sunlight. The faint sweet scent moving on the air from my fall clematis. Had many years had I missed seeing my garden in all of God's brilliance.

Winter came and with it cold weather and snow and wind. Every morning Pepe has to sit on the step and first take in the air and the scents of morning, The beauty of the winter garden is a gift unto it's self. The ugliness covered in sparkling white, just as our sins have been cleansed by Christ's blood.

Now we are to summer and the garden is growing and changing everyday. The bumble bees and the hornets land on my arm as I wait and move on to something better. The ants are hustling back and forth. At dusk we have discovered that Fireflies are very distracting when they are in your face and need to be checked out thoroughly.

Was I crazy? You bet, but God knew what he was doing, I have slowed down and learned to take that time to be still and enjoy the fullness of this earth that was created for us. Would I do this again, probably. I have learned that when you do that thing that seems crazy because of how you view your abilities God will bless you beyond measure. See you in August. Blessings, Linda B.

## Iowa Yearly Meeting's Workshop Highlights

*(to be presented on August 3rd)*

### **Endowments - Issues, Ideas, the Process** *presented by Jeff Schwartzentruber, MMA*

Church leadership, boards, and finance committees may have a challenging responsibility to manage large sums of money and maintain accountability in ways that honor God. Are we prepared? Have we communicated our preparedness to those who care about the ministries of the local church? This interactive session will give an overview of issues to address in the creation and management of endowments.

### **Members Together, where discipleship, friendship and belonging meet"** *presented by Alan Weinacht*

Members Together is a new approach, at Greenleaf Friends, to inviting people into church membership. Going against conventional, current thinking that says people don't have time for anything, this approach takes at least a year. It is based on a series of devotional readings, personal reflections, accountability to a mentor and group discussions of Friends' understanding of Christian discipleship. It links long-time members and new comers. It is not a class, it is an ongoing process that allows for a variety of schedules and people can join it at any time of the year.

### **Healthy Congregations** *presented by Ron Bryan*

Ron will be sharing from his continuing education class that he attended last spring on "Healthy Congregations"

### **Community Visibility** *presented by Paul Kessler*

How can we as Friends be more visible to our local communities? Paul will share on some current ideas that are being used in our local Yearly Meeting.

### **Workshop on China** *presented by Josh Hoskins of Fairfield Friends*

### **EFM Updates** *presented by Chuck Mylander*

# Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

**Light of the Lakes Friends** are getting ready to install a new sound system and are hosting "Saturday Night Live" with area musicians performing. A prison ministry has been started with a once a month visit to the prison in Sioux Falls, S.D.

**West Branch Friends** reports the following activities at their church: The annual "Everything Sale" was a success thanks to the many who donated and participated in the event. Their Mother's Day service was a time of music. The Hand Bell Choir performed and the choir sang. There was a piano/organ duet, a solo and a violin solo. The High School graduates were presented "The Quaker Book of Wisdom". Anita Starr will be joining Karen Bauer on an upcoming work team missions trip to Kenya. Friends women have tied three quilts which are for the young residents of Quakerdale. And finally, Ben Richmond (former pastor of West Branch Friends) spoke at their meeting about his interim leadership at Friends Theological College in Kamosi Kenya.

**Motor Friends** had several special services during the Easter Week, beginning with a Maunday Thursday service in which those in attendance participated. Sunday morning services began with an early service, followed by breakfast. The morning worship service followed and the children presented an Easter program during the Sunday school period. On April 22 Linda Garrison and several of her camp staff had charge of the entire morning service to present their "I Love Camp Quaker Heights" program. Then on April 29 a number from their congregation participated in a roadside pickup. The Christian Ed committee served lunch to the congregation following the pickup. On May 6 the Neulyn Miller family served lunch to the congregation. An offering of over fifteen hundred dollars was received to help underwrite the expenses of their summer campers. After lunch a wedding shower was held honoring Bryan and Jennifer Smith who were married April 21. And on May 13 a dedication service was held for Anna Marie, daughter of Wes and Lynn Blanchard.

## Births

On May 7, 2007, Brock Rodger was born to Nikki and Ryan Metz of Fairfield Friends.

---

continued from page 2

## Ministry Conference Highlights

Other highlights of the conference will include Trish Edwards-Konic as the keynote speaker at the USFW/Quaker Men banquet. John Muhanji will be sharing at our Thursday afternoon open forum session about the General Board meetings that were held in Africa this past February. And, our Friends from the Mesquakie mission will be on-site Wednesday afternoon!

## Deaths

**William Davis, 81**, of Marshalltown Friends, died on June 11, 2007. He had been a welder at Lennox and then a machinist at Chicago-Northwestern Railroad before retirement. He enjoyed trains and even had a Christmas tree decorated with train ornaments. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, in Marshalltown, four children: Carol (Dennis) Kirby, Laura (Larry) Rinehart, Bill (Jan) Davis, and Sue (Chad) Feller, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**Paul Stoner, 87**, of LeGrand Friends, died on May 3, 2007 at the Villa Del Sol Nursing Home in Marshalltown. Funeral services were held on May 7 at LeGrand Friends Church. Paul and his wife Esther resided just outside the LeGrand community all their married lives where Paul row-crop and dairy farmed, drove trucks, and worked as a bus mechanic for LDF schools until his retirement. He is survived by four children: Elaine (Bill) Hand of Warsaw, IN, Garnet (Larry) VanWinkle of Monroe, IA, Howard (Margaret) Stoner of Troy, NY, and Alan (Janene) Stoner of Carlisle, IA, 13 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers.

**George E. Dunham, Jr. (aka Junior), age 83**, of LeGrand Friends, died on May 6, 2007. Funeral services were held on May 10th at LeGrand Friends Church. Junior and his wife Shirley lived in the LeGrand area for most of their married life. Junior farmed, as well as worked at a hatchery, the quarry, and the John Deere plant in Waterloo before settling into a 20-year career at Fisher Controls. He survived by his wife of 63 years, Shirley; four children: Don (Susy) Dunham, Terry (Linda) Dunham, Barry Dunham, and Vicki Skopp; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and a brother, Ralph.

**Debbie F. Williams Edmundson, 57**, of New Sharon Friends, died on Sunday, June 24th, 2007 in Indianapolis, IN. Debbie was born to Cecil and Mary Helen Hargrave Williams on March 12, 1950 in Oskaloosa, IA. She was a 1968 graduate of North Mahaska High School and a 1972 graduate of William Penn College. She worked as a 3rd grade teacher from 1974 until March of this year when she left for health reasons. She is survived by her husband Curt, her son Shanne (Jenny) Edmundson of Taintor; 3 grandchildren, Samantha, Seth & Alicia Edmundson; her brother, Ron (Jackie) Williams of Sterling, IL; and two sisters, Monica (Bill) Moore of Riverside, CA and Sandra (Russ) Adkins of Springfield, MO. Her parents preceded her in death.

**Rev. Richard Hartman, 95**, of Millersport, died on May 5, 2007 in Newark, following an extended illness. Richard retired in 1987 after pastoring Friends churches for 34 years in Iowa, New York, Michigan and Indiana. He is survived by his children, Janet (Larry) Downing, Jane (David) Jones, Rev. James (Sally) Hartman of Union, IA, and Adora (Paul) Davis; 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.



CQH hosted hundreds of Young Friends campers and staffers through the month of June.

The remaining summer months, the facility will welcome campers of all ages as the chosen site for youth camps, special needs camps, and church retreats.

Quaker Heights will also be the destination for those attending the Yearly Meeting's Annual Ministry Conference. We look forward to greeting our many friends throughout the Yearly Meeting.

Linda Garrison

## WORSHIP



## FRIENDS



## SWIMMING



## MEMORIES

## LeGrand's Vandervelde Scholarship Winner Announced

LeGrand Friends Church (LFC) announces that Amy Wyatt is the 2007-2008 recipient of the Vandervelde Scholarship. Amy is a student at Buena Vista University pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. She will be completing degree next fall with a semester of student teaching.

Amy has been heavily involved in LFC. Over the years, she has taught Children's Church, coordinated Pioneer Club (the mid-week school-year kids program), and has provided leadership to the summer Vacation Bible School program (attended by kids from several communities). She and her husband have also served for a number of years on LFC's Family Camp Committee where they plan, fund-raise, and oversee this annual weekend at camp. Amy has served for the past two years at Director/Head Teacher of LFC's Wee Friends Preschool.

The Vandervelde Scholarship is made possible through LFC by a grant from 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.

**College Avenue Friends** reports the following scholarships given from their Johnson Trust Fund for the 2007-2008 school year: Rosanna Shoup and Elisia Aliyma Nuri. Congratulations to these graduates! Aliyma is planning on attending Iowa State this fall and Rosanna has plans to attend Kalamazoo College to major in Psychology.

A missions' update from **Middle River Friends** as reported in their monthly newsletter regarding the Smuck's missions work in Aguascalientes, Mexico. Jeremy and Betty Smuck report that they have received their FM3 visas as of April 27th. As for Bethany and Bailey, they hare doing better healthwise. A second doctor was able to quickly and correctly diagnose the cause of their frequent illness. Also, Bethany is doing very well in school now, both in English and Spanish. Both her English teacher and Spanish teacher have begun to see significant improvement in the last month.

## Friends on Missions trips...

**College Avenue Friends** will be sending out many of their youth and adults to a missions trip to Jamaica. They were able to raise all their financial support needed...PTL!

**Lynnville Friends** will be taking a missions trip to Nashville, TN on July 23-27.

*Anyone else doing missions work this summer? Please let me know so we can publish your experience. Send in a short article and possibly a photo and I will get that in the Iowa Friend.*

## A Little Child Shall Lead Them!

*(an article of encouragement from Riverside Friends)*

Children often challenge us in ways we never expect.

God truly uses them to teach us many spiritual lessons and we are humbled. Jacob Stokes, 6 years old, listened to the mission's presentation at Riverside Church about Africa and the needs at the Kaimosi Hospital. There were pictures of the orphans and their living conditions. Shirts were torn but smiles of joy were on the children's faces. Yes, the needs presented were overwhelming but each person was encouraged to pray and decide how to contribute to the "Adopt A Nurse" program for the Kaimosi Hospital.

That week without any help from his parents Jacob developed a plan. He recruited his brother, Josiah (4 years old) and two neighborhood boys, who were 6 and 3 years old. The four boys busily and quietly went about making homemade icees between their homes. Nobody knows for sure what was in the icees. They filled cups with water and some unknown flavorings (possibly lemonade & orange juice??) and placed them in the freezer. Next, they found a basket for the icees and began to open a stand in front of their house. By the time the parents discovered what was happening they had already made \$3.50 for the children in Africa. Jacob stated, "The children in Africa don't have anything." With a sensitive heart and determination, Jacob didn't allow his young age or lack of resources to hinder him from reaching out and making a difference

Yes, I am humbled. A little child did his part to help meet a need. Let us as adults be challenged and know we also can make a difference by meeting the needs in our communities and around the world. Thank you God for using children to teach us!

*(since this article was sent in to the Iowa Friend, Jacob has moved on to selling chocolate chip cookies. He has raised \$58.25 and has a goal of \$130.50!!) Keep up the good work, Jacob!*



Jacob and his brother, Josiah

## Family Endowments

By Jeffrey Swartzentruber, CPA  
Mennonite Foundation Representative  
Vice President of MMA Trust Company

When writing a will or estate plan, families too often focus solely on how to give away their asset – the "stuff" they have accumulated during a lifetime of stewardship. Deep down you may also be wondering about how to pass your values on to the next generations. You may wish you could pass values you and your parents hold dear—values of stewardship, values of helping others, values of a niche that protects or promotes peace, justice, the environment, or education. Passing those values may best be demonstrated by actions and plans you choose to set in motion during your lifetime. You may choose to volunteer your time and encourage your children and grandchildren to join you. Or, maybe, you are looking for other ways.

One way we see this "passing of values" to the next generation is done with a Family Endowment. You can establish a Family Endowment with Mennonite Foundation by creating a Charitable Gift Fund in the name of your family. You and your children and their children can make contributions to the fund over a period of years and generations. Using a set of guidelines established by you and your family, you can decide what areas or passions you want to support as a family in a common stewardship focus. The guidelines are prepared with a long-term view, and the investment income or a combination of investment income and contributed capital can be given to the ministries, charities, and passions your family members agree to support together. You can be quite creative and flexible in choosing the charities you wish to support and the ways in which they are supported or chosen.

You can donate a wide variety of assets: cash, farmland, commercial buildings, mutual fund shares, stock and farm commodities, to name a few. Charitable deductions are available to your family members who add to the fund. Then, we welcome your counsel on strategy and portfolio choices that can be employed to meet your family's charitable giving objectives.

Mennonite Foundation also provides resources and on-going counsel to your family about the possibilities provided by the fund. You may want this to benefit many generations. Or, you may want this to sunset after the third generation or a specific period of time. The options are unlimited. The opportunities to share your values—the "whys" and "hows" of your faith—as your family processes these options are the true benefits.

You may think this only works with large dollar amounts. While it works best with larger dollar amounts in the longest-term situations, it is a greater encouragement to families to begin and work at these issues together with small and growing amounts. You can provide the stewardship tools for the next generations to develop and sharpen—helping others, stewarding resources, furthering the Kingdom!

*Jeff Swartzentruber serves Iowa and Illinois individuals, families, churches, companies, and institutions in the areas of gift planning, financial and estate planning, and asset management. He can be reached at his office at: 605 B Avenue, PO Box 700 Kalona, Iowa 52247-0700, Phone 877.656.4242 ext. 11.*



**THE IOWA FRIEND**  
(USPS 582-1201)

**P.O. Box 657**  
**Oskaloosa, IA 52577**

phone (641) 673-9717  
e-mail [iaym@mahaska.org](mailto:iaym@mahaska.org)  
website [www.iaym.org](http://www.iaym.org)

**STAFF**  
Ron Bryan  
*General Superintendent*

Linda Garrison  
*Camp Coordinator*

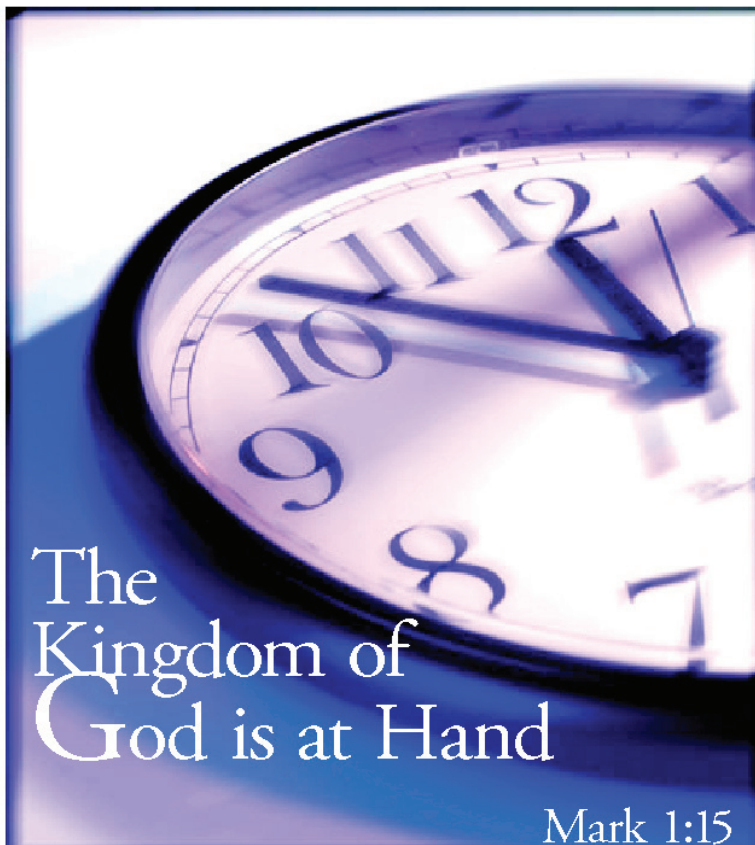
Mary Thury  
*Office Administrator*

**Periodical Postage Paid**  
**Not for Profit**  
**Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577**

<<FirstName>> <<LastName>>  
<<Xtra Line>>  
<<Address>>  
<<City>>, <<State>> <<PostalCode>>

Subscription Price (individual)...\$10.00 per year (group)...\$9.50 per year

Published monthly except August



## Iowa Yearly Meeting Ministry Conference 2007

**August 1 - 4**  
at Camp Quaker Heights  
(located near Eldora, IA)

- + **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**ALAN WEINACHT**  
Former superintendent of Indiana YM
- + **WORKSHOPS INCLUDE -**
  - John Muhunji of Africa FUM
  - EFM
  - Mesquakie Mission
  - Pictorial review of General Board Meeting in Kenya and the FUM Worktrip to Cuba
  - Community Involvement by Paul Kessler - P&SC

*And more!*

**Make plans to join us!**

Brochures and Registrations coming in June

As of July 1st...Tall Oaks Lodge has just 2 rooms available and our RV area has 4 spots left. There are still plenty of cabin spaces and unlimited places to tent camp!