



# The Iowa Friend

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

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## “The Kingdom of God Is At Hand” Highlights from Iowa Yearly Meeting

by Linda and Larry Eliason, College Avenue Friends

How do we summarize three days of inspiration in this small space?? There were many highlights!



The Derris Keahna family leading us in a circle dance.

\*\*Victor and Brenda White from Mesquakie Friends Center at Tama brought us corn soup and frybread for the Wednesday evening meal. Following the Mesquakie presentation and meal, we were treated to the Derris Keahna family sharing song and dance in full powwow regalia. They were accompanied on portable drums by their father and Victor. A great start to the ministry conference!

\*\*Alan Weinacht was our keynote speaker. He is currently pastoring at Greenleaf Friends in Greenleaf, Idaho. (Yes, it's named for John Greenleaf Whittier and was founded by Quakers!) He provided us



Alan Weinacht

with four outstanding messages on the theme, challenging us to increase our understanding and experience of God's power and dominion in Iowa Yearly Meeting. In a workshop on Friday afternoon Alan outlined the membership mentoring system they are using and provided many helpful ideas for our own churches to try.

\*\*John Muhanji of Kenya gave a very encouraging report on how the Kenyans (to whom we were missionaries a century ago) have become missionaries themselves! They are reaching out and evangelizing with great success in Congo and Tanzania and other countries near Kenya. John also filled us in on the needs at Kaimosi Hospital and how we can help. A challenge went out to raise \$5,000 during yearly meeting sessions for medicines for the hospital pharmacy.

\*\*We also heard a great report from Mary Ann Coppinger on the Jamaica missions team from College Avenue Friends; a report from Linda Garrison on the Cuba work team; and updates from William Penn University, Quakerdale, and Camp Quaker Heights.



\*\*Quaker Men and USFW had separate meetings on Saturday morning, culminating in a combined banquet with the program presented by Trish Edwards-Konic. Trish, a former pastor of College Ave. Friends and current editor of Quaker Life magazine, has just returned from three months as a Friend-in-Residence at the Ramallah Friends School. She has been doing research for a book that will be out early in 2008. It is entitled: "Enduring Hope: The Impact of the Ramallah Friends School". Her PowerPoint presentation made us feel as though we had been there with her!

It was a joy to see all the improvements that have been made to Camp Quaker Heights in recent years. Tall Oaks Lodge made an excellent venue for the Friday afternoon workshops. We also appreciated the opportunity to have the evening meetings at the South Hardin (formerly Eldora/New Providence) High School auditorium, thanks to their Friend-ly superintendent, Randy Nichols.

Next year we expect to again host Iowa Yearly Meeting at College Ave. Friends and William Penn University. It's an informative and inspirational time of renewal. Plan to attend!

## Plan a Christian Education workshop at a time that works for you!

Iowa Yearly Meeting Christian Education Committee has purchased three videos in the Smart Teacher series. Each video comes with a reproducible listening guide and discussion questions. So choose the topic and the time that works for you then follow the simple steps below and have your own Christian Education Workshop--or schedule one with a neighboring church.

1. Schedule a time when your Sunday School teachers, mid-week children's workers and Christian Education Committee can meet together.
2. Order the video (or two videos) that would best meet your needs from Charlotte Stangeland: 414 N. 2nd St. Oskaloosa, IA 52577; 641-676-1532; or [kindra@mahaska.org](mailto:kindra@mahaska.org)
3. When the video arrives, make copies of the listening guide.
4. View the video together at the scheduled time and discuss it using the discussion guide. The videos are 30 minutes each. Allow about 30 minutes more per video for discussion.
5. Within one week after your scheduled workshop, return the video (the return envelope will be sent with the video).

All three videos focus on teaching children. They are produced by Gospel Light but are relevant no matter what curricular materials you are using. Choose your video from the topics below:

### 1. No Higher Calling

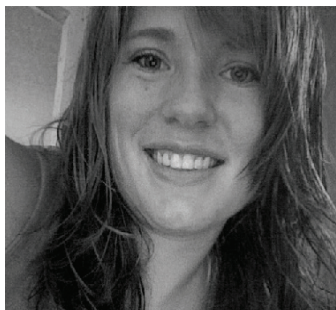
This is an inspirational video will encourage your teachers to embrace the importance of teaching children of all ages about God and His amazing love.

### 2. Discovery Learning

This video teaches how to capture children's attention, make learning fun and build positive classroom relationships for a successful classroom experience that will make a lifelong impact. Seven key ingredients for conducting effective lessons are presented.

### 3. Discipline

Suggestions are given that will help teachers develop a teaching style to prevent disruptive behavior. Then tips are given on what to do when misbehavior does occur.



## SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS

IAYM Mission's Board

Hello! My name is Morgan Martin. I was born in Union, IA and I grew up in Bangor Liberty Friends Church. When I was a sophomore in high school, I decided to surrender my life to Jesus, a life-altering decision! When I graduated from high school, I went to Central College where I became involved with a campus ministry called InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. There I found a Christian community that challenged me to grow in my faith and encouraged me along the way. My faith became my own.

Over the past four years my heart has had a growing desire to work in ministry. I have many hopes and dreams to serve the Lord and right now I feel called to the college campus. I am very excited to be able to give back to the college campus what was given to me through InterVarsity. I want other students to come to know Jesus and draw nearer to the Lord!

What is InterVarsity? InterVarsity is an inter-denominational para-church organization, committed to carrying on ministry alongside the church. We train and develop student leadership and witnessing communities in the hope that after graduation students will become leaders in their communities and churches around the world!

Why college ministry? College ministry is vital to the expansion of God's kingdom and the development of Christian world changers. College is the place where students develop their identity and explore what their purpose is. It is often the place where students develop the foundation of their beliefs. I believe whole-heartedly the words of Charles Malik, the former president of the UN, "More potently than by any other means, change the University and you change the world."

Where am I working? I am being sent to Coe College in Cedar Rapids, IA. Coe is a private liberal arts school much like the college I graduated from (Central College, Pella, IA). There are no large campus ministries at Coe, but we are hoping by God's grace to become a place where students can discover the person of Jesus Christ and experience the love of God and His purposes in their lives. Thank you for letting me share this ministry with you!

As a minimum Morgan must raise \$10,178 to be on campus 20 hrs/week, but her budget goal is to raise \$15,000 so she can spend 25-30 hrs/week. The extra hours on campus would allow her to lead another Bible study, disciple more students, invest more in the worship team and spend more time building relationships on campus. She also needs people to partner with her in prayer.

If you would like to have Morgan speak at your church, please contact her at 641-750-7058 or at [morgan.m.martin@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.m.martin@gmail.com) Please consider supporting Morgan through prayer and financial giving.

Send contributions to Bob Watson, IAYM Mission's Treasurer  
803 Minnesota Street, Glidden, IA 51443  
and mark it Morgan Martin (InterVarsity).

# Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

**College Avenue Friends'** USFW will be hosting a "Kenyan Friendship Tea" on September 23rd and will feature Deb Moyer speaking on "Milk, Sugar, and a bit of Tea." It ISN'T about recipes, but it IS about Deb's wide menu of wonderful experiences this summer while in Africa.

**Motor Friends** featured pictures of their new addition in their last newsletter. The hole for the new building was started in July. The new addition will add much needed classrooms and rest rooms on the main floor. It will connect with their current building with a breezeway. The month of September is also slated for their Rally Day, an Ice Cream Supper for the community and an outdoor movie/hot dog roast!

#### **New Arrivals:**

**Dawson Dale James**, son of Matt and Lisa James of Lynnnville Friends.

**Maverick Wayne Grafke**, son of Tim and Jennifer Grafke of Bangor Liberty Friends.

## **USFW Fall Retreat October 6, 2007 10 am - 2:30 pm Motor Friends Church**

**Theme: Evangelize or Fossilize**  
**Speakers: Gene and Fran Wolfley**

Registration is at 10 am Retreat Cost: \$10

Registration Deadline: September 28

To pre-register for this event please contact:

Mary Ann Coppinger

2160 Forrest Ave.

Oskaloosa, IA 52577 OR email to:

djma@mahaska.org

#### **A correction to our cover page**

....After going to print with this edition of the Iowa Friend, a couple of mistakes was found with the cover page. The designation of the remainder of the Kaimosi Funds excess was given by John Muhanji...not John Good. And John's last name was misspelled.

A further note regarding the funds for Cuba. Linda Garrison received the following email note from Marie Yi:

Esteemed Sister,

A greeting full of the warmth that we are feeling this summer and the love that is in our hearts. I write to confirm the receipt of \$400 from IAYM during the FWCC Triennials in Dublin for use in the community projects in Holguin Monthly Meeting and its mission in Las Calabazas. We are very grateful for your help that will be returned to the most needy.

God Bless you, Maria

## **Iowa Yearly Meeting's Memorials**

A NEW PERSON HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE MEMORIALS. PLEASE SEND YOUR MEMORIAL INFORMATION AND PICTURES TO:

MARIE MOFFITT

15529 KENNEDY ST.

INDIANOLA, IA 50125

### **The Pastors' Retreat**

**September 30th - October 3rd**

**at Camp Quaker Heights.**

**Check-in after 5 p.m. on Sunday**

Supper served at 6 p.m. with a worship service at 7. Iowa Yearly Meeting Superintendent Ron Bryan will present the message. The rest of our retreat will be lead by Skip Payette from Barclay College. Sessions with Skip will be Monday and Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Afternoons are open to do as you wish.

Skip is a professor at Barclay College where he has been instructing in the areas of Christian Education and Youth for the past 3 years. Skip was educated at Crichton College (B.S.), Asbury Theological Seminary (M.A.R.), and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Ph.D). He has been in ministry for 25 years as a church planter (New England, for 15 years); ordained elder in the Wesleyan Church; pastor; professor and author. Along with many articles and book reviews, Skip authored the book "The Life of Orange Scott and Luther Lee: The Birth of the Wesleyan Church". Skip and his wife Nancy have 3 sons. Skip enjoys fishing, camping and baseball.

#### **Costs:**

**Pastor Dues .....\$15**

(these are to help with mailings, flowers and cards, etc.)

**Retreat fee: .....\$25**

**Lodging & Meals:**

**\*Cabin** use and 5 meals ...\$50 (per person)

Sun. Supper., Mon & Tues. b'fast & lunch,

**\*Tall Oaks** and meals ....\$110 (for the first person, an ADDITIONAL \$50 for the second person, OR you could say \$160 for two people)

**\*RV:**\$16 for the first night,

\$10 for each additional night--

\$30 for each meal ticket

**Meals only:** Sunday supper: \$8, Lunch: \$6.50, Breakfast: \$5

**\*We** will eat "Dutch treat" at Pizza Ranch on Monday evening.

Tuesday evening there will be a meal provided at the camp with donations to be taken.

E-mail me with your reservations by September 16th to hcnp@juno.com or I will be getting in touch with you personally. Blessings! Arlen Daleske





## What is FWCC??

Did you know that there are Quakers in India, China, Japan, the Philippines, Korea? My eyes were opened to the myriad of Friends groups as I attended the 22nd Triennial sessions of the Friends World Committee for Consultation as a representative of Iowa Yearly Meeting. More than 300 Quakers from 40 countries met in Dublin, Ireland at the King's Hospital School from August 11-19, 2007 for worship, learning, business, and fellowship. The theme of the conference was "Finding the Prophetic Voice for our Time".

The main purpose of FWCC is to encourage fellowship among all branches of the Religious Society of Friends and that was certainly evident at this gathering.

Each day began with worship and a speaker from one of the varied traditions of Friends. Working groups explored topics such as Outreach, the Environment, Violence, HIV/Aids. Interest groups on many topics met daily as well as worship and sharing groups. Tea breaks gave us a chance to mingle and greet old friends as well as meet new ones. Business sessions dealt with budgets, minutes, reports from each of the working and interest groups, as well as hearing from Young Adult Friends who were much in evidence. Irish Quakers, although a small group, were excellent hosts. Some of you may remember Charles and

Marjorie Lamb who visited Iowa Yearly Meeting sessions several years ago. Or perhaps you might remember Felicity McCartney who came to Penn and other Quaker colleges in the states in 1987 to talk about the troubles in Northern Ireland. The Irish Friends had arranged a day when each attendee went on an excursion into the countryside. I visited the woolen mills at Avoca (the town where the TV series Ballykissangel was filmed) and Glendalough, site of St. Kevin's monastery, a high tower, and large crosses.

The world office of FWCC is located in London, U.K. where Nancy Irving from Northwest Yearly Meeting is the General Secretary. Members are gathered into 4 sections around the world--Asia West Pacific, Europe and the Middle East, Africa, and the Americas. Each section has its own annual meeting and gathers with the other sections for the Triennial sessions which were last held in Auckland, New Zealand in 2003. It was decided during the business sessions in Dublin, clerked by Duduzile Mtshazo who is from South Africa, to hold the next world gathering in 2012 because of the huge expense of bringing such a group together.

FWCC will celebrate its 70th anniversary on September 14 and 15 at Haverford and Swarthmore in eastern Pennsylvania. FWCC was founded at a World Conference in 1937 hosted by these two colleges. Thomas Hamm who has written 2 books about Quakers in America is the featured speaker.

I'd be happy to share more of my experiences in Dublin with any of you that are interested.

Margaret Stoltzfus, 1214 South Second Street,  
Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577  
641-673-7212 or at [mgs1214@mahaska.org](mailto:mgs1214@mahaska.org)

## 2nd Annual All Board Retreat

**October 19-20, 2007, at Camp Quaker Heights**



**Friday:** We will meet for supper followed by an inspirational service

**Saturday:** We will meet again for breakfast and a brief group devotional. Individual IAYM boards will then break out for meetings followed by lunch. BOC will meet in the afternoon

**Cost of event is underwritten by Church Extension.**

**Those desiring to stay overnight in Tall Oaks Lodge will have an additional fee.**

More Information and a registration form will be in the next edition of the Iowa Friend.

For more information....contact Steve Santee @ 515-795-2978



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## **Updates on the many projects that were supported during our Annual Sessions....**



**Jacob was able attend our Annual Sessions and many of you purchased cookies to help him reach his goal for the Adopt-a-Nurse program. His final amount raised was \$253.10!!**

### **Kaimosi Challenge - Pharmaceutical Supplies**

The call went out for a \$5,000 challenge for this need and we have met and exceeded that goal! At the time of this writing, we were able to send to FUM \$5,689.63. A full \$5,000 went to the supplies with the remaining balance going for administration cost and toward the nurses back salary support. (Per John Good)

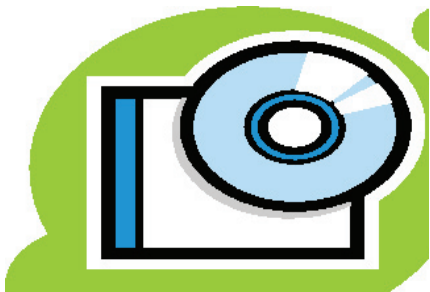
Thanks to the many who gave to make this a reality! And thanks to John Mahunji for launching this vision!

### **CUBA Funds**

Two different projects in Cuba Yearly Meeting were funded by gifts gathered during the IAYM sessions. Leaders at Holguin Friends have started a Pig Project wherein pigs are raised and sold, the proceeds paying for a children's program. This program then provides milk, other food, clothes and medicine for the neighborhood kids whose needs are apparent to the churchgoers. Believers at Las Calabasas wanted to start a similar program with chickens. A total of \$400 were delivered to Maria Yi of Cuba Yearly Meeting by Margaret Stoltzfus as both attended the FWCC gathering in Ireland.

### **Camp Quaker Heights Kitchen Expansion**

*Camp Quaker Heights Board Clerk presented a kitchen expansion plan to the representatives, and the building project will move forward for this construction. This will allow the extra refrigerators and freezers to be moved out of the main lodge area and into the back of the kitchen. Please designate any gifts for this, and mail to the IAYM office. Projected cost is \$15,000.*



There is still time to order CD's/tapes from our 2007 Ministry Conference! Please send your completed order form along with your money to IAYM, PO Box 657, Oskaloosa, IA 52577. Cost of mailing is included in the price of the product.

## Iowa Friends Ministry Conference 2007

### Audio Recording Order Form

Please return to the drop box on the registration table.

We will fulfill as many orders as possible before the conference ends.

Those we cannot complete will be shipped to you at no additional cost.

For questions, see Isaac Good.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>CD</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Tape</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>
Evening Worship – Ron Bryan	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1.50	x _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.00	x _____	\$ _____
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>CD</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Tape</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>
Afternoon Worship – Alan Weinacht	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1.50	x _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.00	x _____	\$ _____
Evening Worship – Alan Weinacht	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1.50	x _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.00	x _____	\$ _____
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Morning Worship – Alan Weinacht	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1.50	x _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.00	x _____	\$ _____
Evening Worship – Alan Weinacht	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1.50	x _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.00	x _____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>CD</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Tape</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>
Missions Banquet – Trish Edwards-Konic	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1.50	x _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.00	x _____	\$ _____

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