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

REST FOR YOUR SOULS

Matthew 11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." This verse is quite similar to the last of Jeremiah 6:16.... "and you will find rest for your souls".

On this day as I read this verse and contemplate what it means finding rest for your souls, and considering it along side of two messages received today asking for prayer for our friends in Kenya, I am convinced that this rest is a state of being rather than an absence of violence. We have no clue, most of the time, what it means to be faced with the threat of violence simply because of where we live or what family we were born in. The first message came from John Muhanji giving us some assurance that God is working in spite of the turmoil and the other message came from Tim Henley, former DYCE for Iowa Yearly Meeting, asking us for prayer for the orphanage that he helps sponsor in Eldoret, Kenya. The fear and anxiety are real and the violence is sometimes just simply random.

Yet we here, are closing out a very bountiful year in reference to the work and support of Iowa Yearly Meeting. In the last twelve months we have seen what I would call a stabilization of the finances and an increase in our work. CQH has had an excellent year and we are moving forward with addition of Chip Daleske as a full time Facilities Director as of January 1.

The Yearly Meeting Mission committee, Church Extension committee and Friends Disaster Service, are all working at fulfilling their purpose. Missions is nurturing several new people who are moving into different Missions work, Extension committee is moving forward with clearer plans to help our smaller congregations and perhaps planting a new worship center and the Friends Disaster Service has completed a two house roofing project for tornado victims as well as continuing to support works in Kansas and Louisiana with groups of teams from other states. I should also add that Christian Peace and Social Concerns is taking the lead in helping all of us consider how to help others by supporting micro-lending in various parts of our world.

We have completed the Mesquakie Friends Center transfer and appointed a new task force to work on becoming a full board of works for the Yearly Meeting. This means that we have also increased our IAYM personnel to include Victor and Brenda as full time staff and Travis White as a part time facilities worker. The "praise the Lord news" is that all of the different ministries are finishing the year in a very solid position and what appears at this time, an excellent position to start a new year with.

I believe this all comes about as we work together, listen and respond to outreach needs, and learn to walk in the Spirit. The rest to our souls comes into this relationship when we are listening and moving in obedience to God's Spirit as He speaks to us as individuals and in our gathered fellowships of work.

The challenge, I would think, is for us to not become complacent and want to rest from our labors prematurely. Our brothers and sisters around the world are not experiencing the same end to the year 2007, and we need to pray for safety and peace to be restored.

I think it is important to close with a note of thankfulness from Joyce and me for the love and support you have given to us in the last year. The new year already promises to bring new challenges, but ones which we are confident will be met and completed as we listen and work together.

Friendly Flashes

-a ministry of USFW-

***Give the Gift of Healing,
Not Just at Christmas, But Year 'Round***

The Oskaloosa College Avenue Friends Missions Ministry Team is encouraging people to give the gift of healing to the Kaimosi Friends Hospital in Kenya. The rest of us can share that gift of healing by contributing to the cost of pharmaceuticals used at the hospital. Contributions should be made to College Avenue Friends Church with a memo notation "Pharmaceuticals for Kaimosi Friends Hospital in Kenya" Send to College Avenue Friends, 912 North C Street, Oskaloosa, Ia 52577, Att. Deb Moyer.

Deb Moyer, along with sisters Judy Davis and Nancy Stevens, spent several weeks at the Kaimosi Hospital last summer. Following is a list of the top ten pharmaceuticals used at the hospital and the cost.

1. **Rocephine Injection \$89.00** an antibiotic treating infections of the lower respiratory tract, skin, soft tissue, urinary tract, bones, joints, sinusitis, intra-abdominal infections and septicemia.
2. **Ciproxine Tablets; \$29.85** antibiotics to treat lower respiratory tract infections, mild to severe nosocomial pneumonia and typhoid fever.
3. **Clarithromycin kit \$53.28** an antibiotic to treat otitis media, sinusitis, skin and soft tissue injury and respiratory tract infections.
4. **Augmentine Caps \$14.93** antibiotics to treat otitis media, sinusitis, skin and soft tissue injury and respiratory tract infections.
5. **Zantac Injection \$19.85** an anti-ulcer agent to prevent duodenal and gastric ulcers, treat gastroesophageal reflux.
6. **Omeprazole Caps; \$17.19** anti-ulcer agents to treat gastroesophageal reflux.
7. **Nifedipine Tablets \$10.75** Anti-hypertensives to manage hypertension.
8. **Diclofenac Injection or Tablets \$2.40** analgesic, anti-inflammatory to relieve pain and inflammation in rheumatoid arthritis.
9. **Insulin Injection (2 vials) \$41.79** used to treat diabetes
10. **Ampiclox Capsules \$5.97** antibiotics to treat gastrointestinal infections, genitourinary infections and respiratory infections.

This will be an on going need so if you can not help now, please plan to help later. We are so blessed in this country.

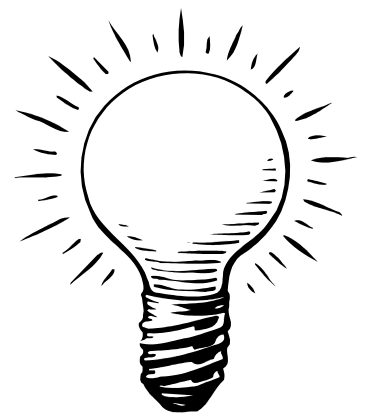
***by Mary Ann Coppinger,
USFW Stewardship Secretary***

IOWA YEARLY MEETING YOUTH MINISTRIES

...Mark your Calendars...

2008 Young Friends camp Dates....

**Little Fry Camp
Fry Camp
Fox Camp
Jr. High Camp
Sr. High Weekender
Sr. High Camp
Jr. High Weekender**



**May 30 - June 1
June 5 - 8
June 15 - 19
June 8 - 13
June 13 - 15
June 22 - 27
June 27 - 29**

Blizzard Blast 2008 YMCA Lock-in

Who: 5th - 8th grade
When: February 15 - 16
Marshalltown YMCA
7 pm - 7 am
Cost: \$25/person
Pizza, Games, breakfast



Stay tuned to the next newsletter for more information
questions....contact
Jadon Ross at roscol_24@hotmail.com

A Reminder from the IAYM Christian Education Committee

***If your church is interested in using one of our training videos, contact Charlotte Stangeland.
email: kindra@mahaska.org or call 641-676-1532.

TAKE THE CE CHALLENGE!

Have you thought about a New Year Resolution
for 2008?

How about reading through the Bible this next year? This could be done individually, as a family, as a Sunday School class, or your church.

Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

Motor Friends is enlisting the help of the church family to write a devotional booklet (something like "Upper Room"). These one page devotional pages will be assembled into a booklet to be used at Easter time. It is a project to encourage the body to have a deeper prayer life and to grow spiritually together.

College Avenue Friends held a Tour of Homes during December. 4 members of the church decorated their homes in holiday style and then opened their homes to the public for a tour. The proceeds from the tour went toward the Restore and Grow program that is raising funds for new energy efficient windows and other building improvements/updates.

Lynnville Friends is organizing a benefit supper and auction for Stella Turnbull. It will be held on January 19th from 3-8 pm at the Lynnville-Sully High School gym. Little Stella is Wilma Kalderberg's grandchild and was born with Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type 1 and Trachea Malasia.

Deaths

Ival Edwin Smith age 80, passed away on November 10, 2007. Services were held on November 14th at Motor Friends and he was buried at the Motor Cemetery.

Ival was born on January 7th, 1927 near Milo, IA. He attended Motor country school and the Milo High School graduating and immediately entering the army in May of 1945 serving in occupied Germany until 1946.

He attended William Penn College and married Geraldine "Jerry" Howe in 1947. They had 4 children and farmed in Warren County his whole life, mostly in the Motor area on the Smith Century farm. During this time, he also worked for the Rock Island Railroad for 13 years, and various other jobs to help support his farming habit!!!

As a birth right member of the Motor Friends Church he served in various capacities; Sunday school teacher and superintendent, member of M&C, Trustee, and Stewardship committees. At Camp Quaker Heights he was a Cabin Father and a member of the Iowa Quaker Men. He was also an active member of the Gideon's for many years.

After his "retirement" he began working as a greeter at Wal-Mart. Ival also volunteered for Meals-on-Wheels, Hospice of Central Iowa, and Red Cross.

Ival was preceded in death by his parents, Earl & Florence, and one granddaughter. He is survived by his wife Jerry; 4 children, Kenneth & Lila Smith of Burr Oak, KS; Keith & Nancy Smith of Milo; Kevin & Janet Smith of Lacona; and Karma & Marvin Roberts of Bronx, NY. Three brothers, Lyle & Edna, Marvin, and David & Barbara. 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The following article was found in **West Branch Friends** monthly newsletter:

A Board Game for a Cold Winter Night!

Parker Brothers' Monopoly board game was released on November 5, 1935. Parker Brothers felt that, given the grim economic times, the game would provide a fun financial fantasy to the downtrodden American public. Charles Darrow adapted the game from one created by Quaker Lizzie Magie called the Landlord Game and sold his idea to Parker Brothers. Today, Monopoly still holds the record for history's bestselling board game. *(taken from The History Channel "On This Day" 2008 Calendar)*

On January 5, 1904, Lizzie J. Magie, a Quaker woman from Virginia, received a patent for a board game. Lizzie Magie belonged to a tax movement led by Philadelphia-born Henry George; the movement supported the theory that renting of land and real estate produced an unearned increase in land values that profited a few individuals (landlords) rather than the majority of the people (tenants). Henry George proposed a single federal tax based on land ownership believing a single tax would discourage speculation and encourage equal opportunity.

Lizzie Magie wanted to use her game, which she called "The Landlord's Game" as a teaching device for George's ideas. The landlord's Game and Monopoly are very similar, except all the properties in Magie's game are rented, not acquired as in Monopoly and instead of names like "Park Place" and "Marvin Gardens" one finds "Poverty Place", "Easy Street" and "Lord Blueblood's Estate". The objectives of each game are also very different. In Monopoly the idea of the game is to buy and rent or sell property so profitably that one becomes the wealthiest player and eventually monopolist. In The Landlord's Game, the object was to illustrate how (under the system of land tenure) the landlord had an advantage over other enterprisers and to show how the single tax could discourage speculation.

The game spread as a common folk game among the Quakers and proponents of the single tax, usually copied instead of purchased, with each new maker adding their favorite city street names as they drew or painted their boards (usually on table cloth.) It was also common for each new maker to alter or write new rules. As the game spread from community to community, the name would change from "The Landlord's Game" to "Auction Monopoly" and then just "Monopoly".

(<http://inventors.about.com/library/weekly/aa121997.htm#Magie>)

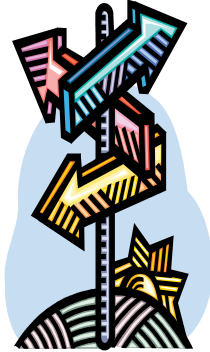
Upcoming IAYM Events

BOC meets on March 8th in Oskaloosa @ 9:30 am

Spring Body of Representatives will meet on
March 29th at Honey Creek New Providence

**2008 Yearly Meeting's
Ministry Conference** to be
held on August 6 - 9 at
William Penn University,
Oskaloosa

***"Stand at the Crossroads
Ask where the good way
is. Walk in it. And you will
find rest for your souls"**
Jeremiah 6:16*



Winter Banquet Featuring "88 Improv" and music from all over Iowa

Be ready for laughter and inspiration!
"88 Improv" is a professional theatre group from
Omaha, NE, featuring Iowa's own Sarah (Kennedy)
Schoenfeld from Marshalltown Friends.

Vennard College
February 23rd at Noon
Banquet for everyone!

Cost \$10 - advanced paid registration
(postmarked by Feb. 16 to Sam

Barber,

Box 222, University Park, IA

52595)

\$12 - at the door (Student Center Dining

Hall)

\$5 - children 4 to 10

This event is sponsored by Iowa quaker Men.
A freewill offering will be taken for
"88 Improv" and Iowa Quaker Men.

"Serve in Seasons of Change" **October 3-5, 2008**

Camp Quaker Heights will be celebrating 60 years of ministry in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of Iowa USFW. Save this date for a weekend of looking back as we look forward to continuing to "Serve in Seasons of Change." As you do your fall and winter cleaning keep an eye out for old photos and bits of memorabilia from both CQH and USFW. If possible scan your item and email it to Linda Garrison and the camp staff will be creating a presentation to share that anniversary weekend. (email at campqhi@adiis.net)

Friends Disaster Service

We are seeking volunteers to travel to Lafitte, LA during February and March to help the Ohio FDS, under the direction of Bob Winn, build two new houses. This is a great opportunity to work with and have fellowship with Friends from other yearly meetings.



Lafitte is described as a quaint fishing village located 30-40 miles south of New Orleans. Housing for the building crews will be in a secure "bunkhouse" provided by the mayor of Lafitte. There will be jobs for all skill levels.

Iowa FDS will provide gas reimbursement up to \$200 for each carload (crew of 4-6) who are approved to travel to Louisiana for this project. Bob Winn has requested that every volunteer consider a donation of \$10 per day to help with the cost of food and lodging.

The expectation is that we will follow the same plans as in previous years of driving to the site Saturday and Sunday, work Monday through Friday, and then travel back to Iowa the following Saturday and Sunday.

Weeks available for volunteers are:

February 4-8	March 3-7
11-15	10-14
18-22	17-21
25-29	24-28

If you will join this project for any of the above weeks, please contact Dennis White, PO Box 803, Postville, IA 52162, ASAP. E-mail: dennis673@centurytel.net. OR phone him at 563-864-3858 or cell #563-379-2744.

Thank you to all who have given support to our various ministries of Iowa Yearly Meeting. As we look forward to 2008, please note that contributions for Camp Quaker Heights, Mesquakie Friends Center and Iowa Yearly Meeting should be sent to our office at PO Box 657, Oskaloosa, IA 52577. When contributions are sent to the camp or to IAYM missions, they are still sent in to the Yearly Meeting office. If you sent it here first, then your money will be more quickly deposited and used to the benefit of the recipient.

Friends Awarded the Peace and Christian Social Concerns Award

Each year the churches of Iowa Yearly Meeting are asked to recommend someone from their congregation whom they would like to have receive recognition for their work in Peace and Christian Social Concerns. The follow people are receiving certificates of recognition from Iowa Yearly Meeting's board on Peace and Christian Social Concerns:

Connie Morrison Grinnell First Friends

We are nominating Connie Morrison. Connie serves as our church secretary and is on the Missions Committee. She also volunteers as co-chairperson for the Thanksgiving Community Meal and attends meetings with the Grinnell College Social Action Committee. She is active in the Boy Scout Program and does volunteer work with her son's sports teams. She also does many other acts of kindness for people to numerous to mention.

Robin Anderson West Branch Friends Church

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee would like to recognize Robin Anderson as a vital community leader who has been instrumental in reviving Crop Walk. For the last two years, she has brought together leaders in our community churches; local high schoolers; elementary students; boy and girl scout troops; and local music artists to work together to fund disaster assistance. This became a major event that has increased unity and fellowship in our community. Although Crop Walk does not occur till September, planning takes place in the summer months with a Crop Walk Float for Home Town Days. This event has brought as much as \$7,000 that went to Katrina victims and problem areas abroad. Robin has also been active with the Peace Pole Celebration for the Christmas Past Celebration.

Helen Parcell Trinity Friends

Helen Parcell has served as treasurer for many years at our local meeting as well as serving in the past as the treasurer for the Friends Development Fund of the Yearly Meeting. She works to encourage our pastors and built lasting relationships with them. Her main objectives are to nurture the Church and bring others to Christ.



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Victor White, Kevin Mortimer and Steve Pedigo have safely returned from their travels to Kenya. A note of praise....all the funds needed to send Kevin and Victor on this journey came in. Thanks to all who sent in money to help in this journey.

Stay tuned to the next edition of the Iowa Friend for more on their travels.

