

The Iowa Friend

Ann Nichols displays the "Out of Africa" quilt which will be auctioned to raise funds to support a nurse at the Kaimosi Friends Mission Hospital in Kenya, Africa. The multi-colored fabric in the quilt is African fabric donated by Eden Grace, of Friends United Meeting (FUM) Field Staff serving in their Africa Ministries Office in Kisumu, Kenya.

The quilt, a mission project of United Society of Friends' Women, was made by women from five Iowa Friends' Meetings: Bangor Liberty, Hartland, Honey Creek-New Providence, LeGrand, and Marshalltown First Friends. It was on display during our Annual Sessions in August.

The "Out of Africa" quilt will be auctioned on eBay in mid-September. The ten-day auction will end September 26 with the auction proceeds donated to the Adopt-a-Nurse Program for Kaimosi Hospital.

To learn more about the quilt and see it on auction, go to ebay.com after September 16 and search for "African Fabric Houndstooth Quilt."



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

Iowa Friends Meet and Exceed the Challenge

During Iowa Yearly Meeting sessions



a challenge to raise \$2000 for construction at Friends Theological College in Kaimosi, Kenya was presented. Increasing enrollment created the need for more dormitory space so the former administration building was remodeled for housing students. Then a new Administration Building was needed. Plans were drawn and funds raised but the devaluation of the US dollar together with the rise in the cost of building materials as a result of the post-election violence in Kenya made it necessary to generate more resources.

Four families/individuals in our Yearly Meeting put out the challenge to match \$1 for \$1 contributions up to \$2000. At the time of mailing the monies to Friends United Meeting we had \$4180 to send. Then Ben and Jody Richmond's family has put up another \$30,000 in

matching funds for this project. So our \$4180 will grow to \$8360! Imagine!! Where else in today's economy can you quadruple your money in such a short time for such a long range purpose?

**Thank you, Friends.
God is good, all the time.
All the time, God is Good.**



The shell of the new administration building has already been built. Now the work on the inside can be finished!

Friends Disaster Service at work in Rockwell, IA

August 11 - 15, Friends Disaster Service volunteers were in action again in Rockwell, located about 12 miles south of Mason City. While the 100 year old house we worked on wasn't directly involved in flooding, it was unlivable because it had been gutted and renovations were at a stand still because the owner, a member of Riverside Friends, was working up to 100 hours a week for his heating and cooling company employer with much of the overtime resulting from the flooding in Mason City and as far away as Des Moines.

We could have used more workers, but it seemed like whether they were able to work a few hours, a day or five days, we always had someone who knew what to do and could also show others, whether it was fastening sheet rock to the walls or ceilings or "mudding" the seams. We had volunteers from Bloomington, MN; Postville; Austinville; New Providence; Rockwell; Manly; Mason City; Glidden; and Lynnville, 23 in all. By Friday afternoon, three bedrooms, a bathroom, and a walk-in closet were ready for texturizing and painting. The open stairway and the ceilings of the kitchen and dining room were also sheet rocked.

A special thank you goes to Paul and Diane Martin who made their bedrooms and camper available for those who stayed overnight and turned their kitchen over to Phyllis White to prepare the meals. We all enjoyed their hospitality and the fellowship during our meals there. At the last meal as I was praying before we ate our last meal together, the thoughts of all that had been accomplished that week by the 23 volunteers went through my mind, my eyes teared and my throat thickened so that all I could say was "amen."

A Special Donation

When Arlen Daleske, Pastor of Honey Creek-New Providence arrived at Rockwell on Tuesday, He handed me an envelope and said that two young ladies from HC-NP had set up a lemonade stand and made \$40 to give to Friends Disaster Service. It must have been outstanding lemonade because there was a ten dollar bill and three fives in addition to several ones and a handful of quarters! Thank you Andrea Steiner and Kendra DuChane.

Thank You To Friends Disaster Service

This past week I have seen God in action through the hearts of His servants. My family was blessed by the work you have done in our home. I purchased a house that needed a lot of work. I thought I would have plenty of time to spend on the house, and normally it would not have been a problem; however, with the summer flooding I am working long hours almost every day of the week. I am in the heating/ac and electrical business. Work for us was pretty well booked for most of the summer, and now because of the floods, we are overwhelmed with extra work. Even with the extra income from the overtime, I still cannot afford to pay for two house payments, electrical, etc.

We were offered a place to stay at Paul and Diane Martin since we cannot yet move into our home. Today we are much, much closer to our goal of moving into our home, and we would not be this far if it was not for your gift of time and talent. I am amazed by the selfless acts of love and caring that I was honored to witness. One of the couples (Dennis & Phyllis) spent their 48th anniversary working at our home! I am still amazed when others go out of their way to help others and expect nothing in return. Most would never give of their time on such an important day as 48 years together...Amazing!

The house is no longer a house, but rather it is now a home. Where there was just stud walls, now there is sheet rock. I will always remember the many faces of the volunteers: you provided knowledge, willing hearts to work and serve, many, many hours of finishing work and last of all laughter and fellowship!

It is because of these people we have a home. Even though there is work to be done yet before we move in; the memories of all of you make it a home. My family and I are blessed. Thank you.

With fondest memories and in Christ love,
David, Trixie, Angel, and Joshua Despenas



Here are some of the many volunteers (both young and grown-up) at work. There were 23 volunteers altogether for the project!



Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

News From Ackworth Friends

Dale Dorrell - Pastor

Ackworth has been busy since our snowbirds have returned! we enjoyed a delicious brunch served by the social committee on Sunday School Recognition Sunday. Junior Sunday School children received age-appropriate Bibles. Armetta Keeney, longtime Sunday School teacher and junior department superintendant was recognized for her many contributions to the Sunday School program.

Four new members joined our meeting recently and they were recognized at the close of Sunday School and were honored at a carry-in dinner following worship. Bible School was held in July with an average attendance of 24. The traditional picnic was held preceding the program on the final day of class. Our representative and alternate as well as our pastor attended Yearly Meeting sessions.

Buffalo Friends

Darlene Newby - Pastor

We are celebrating 90 Years of service to the Lord!! You are invited to help in the Celebration!

Sunday, September 14th

Sunday service is 10:30 - 11:30 am

216 3rd Street, Buffalo IA

From 2 - 4 pm there will be a reception at the Buffalo community Activites Center (Dodge Street Gymnasium)



Pastor Chuck Lathrop of Bear Creek Friends, was the speaker at a recent outdoor community service in Dexter Iowa. 4 local churches participated in the event.

Wanda N. Olson, age 87, of LeGrand Friends, died on Sunday, August 3, 2008 at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. Funeral services were held Monday, August 18 at LeGrand Friends Church. Wanda and her husband of 66 years, Milo, who died just last February, lived and farmed just north of LeGrand until 1973. After that, they enjoyed "summering" in Marshalltown and "wintering" in Tuscon, Arizona. She is survived by three children: Alan (Janice) Olson, Veryl (Lynne) Olson, and Sharon Anderson; and six grandchildren.



David Castle died at his home at Koinonia.

Born on March 21, 1924, David was a Steward of Koinonia Farm in Americus, Georgia. At Koinonia, David was known for his gentle spirit and kind words of affirmation. He warmed our hearts with his

jokes, his rules of thumb, the twinkle in his eye, and his affectionate smile. He fed our spirits with his devotions, thoughts, and words of wisdom and contemplation. Before coming to Koinonia, David served as pastor of Friends Meetings in Richmond, and Indianapolis, Indiana. He was a professor at William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and a Family Therapist and Psychologist at Quakerdale in New Providence, Iowa, a residential treatment center for problem teenagers. In an experiment in wholistic health, he worked in private practice in a physician's office.



Mary Ann Coppinger, died on July 27, 2008

Mary Ann was born on November 11, 1939 in Grinnell, Iowa to William Kenneth and Bessie Alice Whitaker Palmer. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1957. She graduated

from William Penn University in Oskaloosa with a degree in education. On August 5, 1961, she was married to Del Coppinger in Grinnell. She was involved in her elementary teaching career while mothering two children, Denise and Doug. Wherever the family lived, Mary Ann always found herself involved actively in the Friends churches. A continuing thread in her life is her concern for children. She taught Sunday school classes for many years and traveled to Jamaica last summer as a Vacation Bible School team member, while teaching there. She also spent many summers counseling children at Quaker Heights. She was a member of the First Friends Church of Grinnell and supported her husband as the Iowa Yearly Meeting General Superintendent in 1987. The couple lived in Oskaloosa and she was involved in the Oskaloosa United Society of Friends Women International, receiving the Eliza Armstrong Cox Award in 2008. She brought a fresh perspective as an encourager of women attending Metanoia, a Church Women United spiritual retreat held annually. Her leadership in a number of positions local and at the state levels, and her genuine concern for others, whether next door or around the world, all are a great inspiration. She is survived by her husband, Del Coppinger of Oskaloosa; one son, Douglas (Romy) Coppinger of Bothell, Washington; one daughter, Denise (Randall) Nichols of Eldora; four grandchildren, Jared, Hannah and Emma Nichols and Reece Coppinger; and three brothers, David Palmer - Grinnell, Dennis Palmer - Aledo, IL and Thomas Palmer - Oskaloosa.

Yearly Meeting 2008 Memories

What a fun and diverse event we had!! Thanks so much to those who ran the youth programs, the musicians, the skit writers and performers, workshop leaders, those that made the picnic in the park possible, our Friends at College Ave. and their hospitality...

The list is big and the helpers many... "Thank you" to all!!

Order forms for recordings of this year's session are available online at iaym.org. Thanks Isaac G. for your work behind the scenes to make these recordings available!!



Mary Glenn Hadley & Margaret at the Kenyan Tea served at the USFW celebration service.



Simon and Samson, visitors from Africa



The "Singing Nuns" were the special music!



Saturday
Mission
Banquet



Recording Service 2008, Ron Bryan - speaker
Craig & Judy Marshall, Dylan Does, Wes Blanchard



Peace and Social Concerns
Information about how RSWR works
and the current project by P&SC Committee

written by: Paul Kessler

I attended the Yearly Meeting Workshop delivered by Roland Kreager of Right Sharing of World Resources and Samson Ababu of Aquavision. I wanted to share some of the information that I learned with you.

****Women are formed into support and accountability groups.**

****Women and children are the poorest of the poor in Kenya. One reason for this is that men usually own all of the property, and men conduct business transactions within the culture.**

****Right Sharing does projects with people who live on less than a dollar a day.**

Women form groups from their community. In Kenya these groups come from the USFW. The women make decisions within their groups about the types of projects they will do, who will get the first loans, and what interest rate will be repaid. The group receives the capital and the interest repayments. With this money, they set up a revolving fund which can be used to support new loans within the group.

****Often as a woman expands her business, she will take out another loan.**

****One of the neatest things I learned is that while women in the groups are interested in the success of their businesses, these are also Christian support groups. The women pray for each other's children. They share with each other and pray for each other. There is certainly accountability within the groups. If one of the women does not repay their loan, the group suffers. However, there is more to the groups than that. The group members genuinely care for one another, and if one member is having health issues, the group supports them. They try to find ways to help the woman continue her business until she is able to recover enough to run things again.**

I hope that this information will be useful as your congregation considers giving to Right Sharing.

The Project: Mukuyu Village Friends Widows, KENYA
Target \$\$: \$4,850

20 women from Ndalu, East Africa Yearly Meeting - North, initiated this three-year project. 2008 is the third year of the project. Each member will receive \$165 for establishment of her business selling such items as maize, sorghum millet, beans, onions, milk and eggs. Members are given a grace period of 2 months before repayment.

In addition to the seed money to start their individual businesses, the group will use \$665 for a joint, small-scale farming project. It is anticipated that each woman's income will increase \$60-65 per month as a result of her participation in the project. Project to be completed: December 31, 2008

Gifts to this project are to go to:

Bob Watson, Mission's board treasurer

Work Days will be held at CQH Sept. 5, 8, 12, 15, and 19th. These are scheduled on Mondays and Fridays to accommodate the existing schedule of rental groups. Besides fairly routine chores of cleaning, yard work, and maintenance, we will complete the kitchen expansion by siding the newly-constructed addition, and finishing the inside as well. Workers are welcome to overnight in cabins. Breakfast items will be available, and lunch will be provided. Call Linda (641-751-4088) or Chip (319-939-6611) for more information.

*Smyrna Friends will be Celebrating their
150th Anniversary*

September 7th, 2008

10 am Sunday School

11 am Church Service

Special Speaker will be Mark McDonald

*Potluck Dinner to following morning services
Church will provide meat, drinks, and table settings*

*Afternoon program begins after lunch
This is a time of sharing of memories*

**Bangor Liberty Friends Church invites friends
to join them as they celebrate
Eugene and Fran Wolfley's 50 years of
ministry,
Sunday, September 7, 2008, 10:30 a.m.**

**Eugene will be speaking on
"The God of My Life" based on Psalm 42:8.**

**Afterwards the BLFC Family Camp Committee
will be providing lunch for a free will offering.
If possible please RSVP to blfcchurch@juno.
com**

if you plan to attend the meal.

**Come celebrate and reminisce with the
Wolfleys!**

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Service Requested



Anniversary Celebrations Iowa USFW - 125 years Camp Quaker Heights - 60 years

October 3-5, 2008
Theme: Serving in Seasons of Change

Fees: \$50.00 per person for cabin use, 6 meals provided; maximum \$225 per family

RVs: \$15 per night;
\$30 per person for all 6 meals

Tents: \$6 per night;
\$30 per person for all 6 meals

Saturday only:
\$10:00 - coffee break and lunch, Supper: \$7

Event ends Sunday following lunch

All Tall Oaks Rooms have been reserved.

Event Schedule Friday, October 3

3:00 Registration

6:30 Supper

7:30 Evening Service

Devotions: Jason Nightingale

Speaker: Mary Glenn Hadley

(Offering for weekend expenses)

Saturday, October 4

7:45 Devotions

8:00 Breakfast

9:30 Session for all ages

Devotions: Jason Nightingale Speaker: Mary Glenn Hadley
Offering for USFW project--scholarships for Belize, Jamaica, Ramallah

11:45 Lunch with birthday celebration

1:00 USFW Session

(other participants involved in outdoor activities: Canoeing,
hiking through the foliage, biking)

FREE TIME

6:00 Supper

7:00 Camp Night: Camp songs, power point of photos,
fireside devotional after dusk

Sunday, October 5

8:00 Breakfast

9:15 Camp Board in charge with devotions and speaker
Testimonies and historical observations

Dedication of kitchen expansion

11:30 Lunch