



# The Iowa Friend

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

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## A Message From.....Our General Superintendent Ron Bryan

***1Pe 2:4 As you come to him, the living  
Stone—rejected by men but chosen by  
God and precious to him—***

Let me solicit the prayers of our Yearly Meeting very specifically for the Board on Coordination Meeting, March 14 and Spring Body Meeting, March 28. As we gather together to do business in the manner of Friends, my desire is to know that many people are lifting us before God's throne in intercession. We have two major decisions to consider. Both will mean additional staff or employees to help carry out the vision of the Youth Ministries and Church Extension Boards.

At this moment in history when there is much fear and uncertainty about our economy, we are being asked to consider new ministries and new works. My request is that we are able to discern corporately what is God's economy plan for us? We are alive and we want to continue to grow and be healthy.

## The General Body of Representatives

Please note the dates and locations of the following meetings for the General Body of Representatives and mark your calendars!!!!

### **SPRING BODY OF REPRESENTATIVES MARCH 28, 2009**

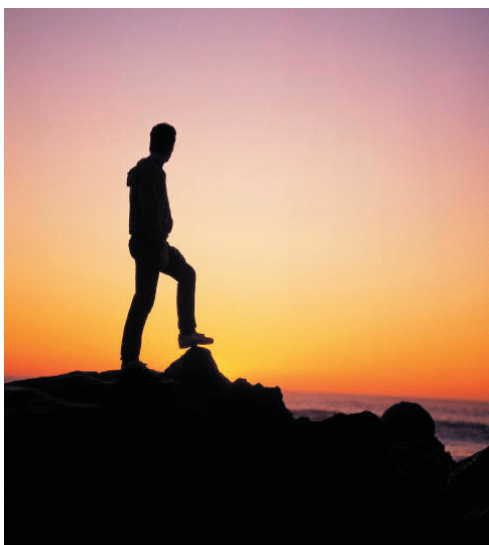
#### **AT WEST BRANCH FRIENDS**

Registration at 9 am  
Coffee and Breakfast Goodies Just for You!  
Roll Call of Representatives at 9:30 in the Meetingroom  
Plenty of Parking behind the Church  
Lunch served at 12:00 noon  
prepared by the Hospitality Committee and  
the Family of Friends at West Branch Friends Church  
Cost \$6.00/person

#### **LUNCH MENU**

Fire Roasted Pork Loin  
Cheesy Shredded Potatoes  
Cajun Stewed Cabbage  
Green Salad with Strawberries  
Fresh Oven Baked Dinner Roll  
Homemade Pie

**A FULL DAY OF FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN!!!**  
(the Herbert Hoover Museum is open from 9 - 5 every day)



## **"The Living Stone and a Chosen People"**

*1 Peter 2:4-10*

***Iowa Yearly Meeting's  
Annual Sessions  
Thursday, July 30th through  
Sunday, August 2nd  
to be held at William Penn University***

# Friendly Flashes

*- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa -*

## U.S.F.W. CHILDREN AND YOUTH

We are at the beginning of a new year. This year the children and youth are starting two new projects.

The first project is to help provide material for the Sunday School in East Africa. When we go to Sunday School we enjoy having pretty pictures and stories. Now we can help with this. John Muhanji Africa Ministries Director is to write some materials about Quaker beliefs and values and about Gods Love. John needs our help to pay for printing cost. What an opportunity to help the children in Africa.

Our second project is the Kasimbi Friends Feeding project; The ladies of Kasimbi Friends church provides meals for the orphans in the slums of Nairobi. The money we can raise will help these ladies continue this project.

I hope you will get excited about these projects and pray the funds we raise will be a big help to those in need.

Delores M Jones Adult USFW Sec.

### Please mark your calendars

**SPRING FLING is at  
LYNNVILLE FRIENDS  
Saturday, APRIL 4th, 2009**

GAYLE MORTIMER will be our speaker. Gayle will be doing a morning and an afternoon presentation on LISTENING PRAYER, (Psalm 46:10: Be still and know that I am God.)

Sam and Becky Barber will be there also to visit with us about their schedule and work assignment to Belize for FUM.

## Friends Disaster Service Work Opportunities!

Calling all carpenters, plumbers, electricians and wannabes. Once again, Iowa Yearly Meeting has the opportunity to cooperate with Eastern Region FDS in repairing hurricane and storm damaged homes in Indiana. This is an opportunity to not only help people who have suffered severe damage to their homes and lives, but also to meet and work with Friends from other parts of the country in a common rebuilding task. The usual procedure is to travel to the work site on Saturday and/or Sunday, work Monday through Friday, and then start home Saturday morning.

- 490 miles from Oskaloosa. 7-8 hours estimated driving time. From March 29 - April 17th of 2009 our focus again turns to Columbus, IN. Last fall we successfully completed over 2,100 man hours in three weeks of work there and 15 families were able to return to their homes. More than 5000 houses and businesses near Columbus were flooded in the storms early last spring. There is still much to be done.

The Sandcreek-Azalia Friends Church 12 miles south will be our "bunkhouse". Pastor C. G. White and his entire congregation were most hospitable during our last stay and has invited us to return. United Way has a huge list of needy addresses in Columbus, IN.

### Work weeks are:

**March 29 - April 3, April 5 - 10, and 12 - 17**

**If you want to be involved in either or both of the above projects, write Dennis White, Box 803, Postville, IA 52162; email - dennis673@centurytel.net; or phone - 563-864-3858 or cell phone 563-379-2744**

## USFWI/QMI Triennial 2010

The deadline for the \$100 deposit to attend the USFWI/QMI Triennial in Mombasa, Kenya in 2010 (July 1-5) has been extended to June 1, 2009. Checks should be made out to USFWI and mailed to Adis Beeson, 4305 Beeson Farm Road, Sophia, NC 27350. More information will be in the May/June ADVOCATE.

*Margaret Stoltzfus*

# Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

## **West Branch Friends, Ruthie Tippin, Pastor**

On October 11, Don Swartzendruber and Judy Ellyson were united in marriage at the Friends Church with Pastor Ruthie officiating. The Young People collected money for UNICEF during the offering.

On November 13-16, our member Maxine Nash attended the Friends Committee on National Legislation. West Branch area Religious Council is composed of the 6 local Churches. They held a Thanksgiving Service Day choosing to do various jobs for people in the community.

December, as part of the annual Christmas Past celebration, we had a Christmas Carol sing followed by cookies and cocoa. The Sunday School Christmas program was "The Night the Animals Sang." Everyone enjoyed the program and the soup supper which followed. There was a Christmas Eve Service, the Story of Christmas with carols and candlelight. Each year we provide Christmas gifts for children of those who are incarcerated. Those who wish, choose an Angel from the Angel Tree and shop for the item listed. The gifts were delivered in time for Christmas. January was Christian Unity month. Pastor Ruthie will be visiting the West Branch Friends Conservative church. Our meeting will host Martha Freeman from St. Bernadettes Catholic Church. Paul Hemingway died on January 22. The funeral services were held in the West Branch High School auditorium. The crowd was large as he touched so many lives. He will be missed by all of us.

Valentine boxed filled with goodies will be sent to our college age youth. (article written by Madeline Espensen)

## **Marshalltown Friends,**

### **Craig & Judy Marshall, pastors**

Their recent newsletter was just full of service opportunities, missions work and church gatherings. Some highlights are: Youth Ministries served a Valentine dinner where they cooked and served the meal, they are also planning on selling concessions for the upcoming showing of "Fireproof" at the church. Also, they will be showing "The Passion of Christ" in April and selling concession as well. The funds (profits) will be used for sending the rice bags that they fill for the 30-Hour Famine in April.

Also noted was updates for the House of Compassion and the needs of the community, diaper collection for the Stork's nest, "Momsense" start-up in March, and a "God's Weigh" Spiritual Fitness and overall health class (being offered 2 times a week).

During Lent, the church will be collecting "30 Pieces of Silver" offering that will be given to the Martin's ministry to Cambodia. Another type of offering that is being collected is the "Noisy Offering". A red bucket is used to collect this offering that is designated for purchasing fencing for the new playground!

## **Deaths:**

**Ross Leversee, age 97**, of LeGrand Friends, died on Sunday, December 21, 2008 at Villa Del Sol in Marshalltown. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 24 at a local funeral home. Ross and his late wife, Nina, moved to Marshalltown and finally LeGrand in the 1950's because of his employment as a tool and die maker with Lennox Industries. He loved to work crossword puzzles, propagated beautiful gardens, and was known for his friendly smile as he walked around town. He is survived by two nieces and several cousins.

**Jennie Latham, age 86**, of LeGrand Friends, died on Monday, December 22, 2008 at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 27 at LeGrand Friends Church. Jennie and her husband, Ernie, lived and worked in the Marshalltown and LeGrand areas all their married lives (except for two years in Texas with Lennox.) She loved to cook, sew, quilt, crochet, do craft work and go camping. She was active in the LeGrand community through the church, the USFW, and the LeGrand Lioness Club. She is survived by her husband, Ernie; two daughters; one son; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Paul D. Hemingway, age 51**, of West Branch Friends, died on January 22, 2009 from complications of recurrent leukemia. Born March 7, 1957, in Iowa City, he was a son of Elmer and Lucille Dahlgren Hemingway. Growing up on the family farm near Oasis, he graduated from West Branch High School in 1965 and later received his bachelor's degree in Agronomy from Iowa State University. While at Iowa State he met Donna Towers, whom he married December 14, 1985. Paul worked briefly as an ag consultant and driver for Johnson County SEATS. He farmed the family farm for 24 years, establishing a reputation for careful stewardship of the soil and wildlife under his care. He was a member of the West Branch Friends Church and participated in service trips to Cuba with the Friends United Meeting. He enjoyed canoeing and camping and took several trips to the Boundary Waters with friends and the scouts. He kept the scout bus running, as his father had before him. Paul was known for his love of jazz music, motorcycling, flying his ultralight plane, camping with his family and his ability to fix just about anything. Survivors include his wife, Donna; children, Jon, Emily and Loren, all of rural Iowa City; grandson, Felix Harwood Green of Iowa City; father, Elmer Hemingway; 4 sisters, and 2 brothers.

**Reminder: Memorials are to be sent to:**  
**Marie Moffitt**  
**15529 Kennedy St.**  
**Indianola, IA 51025**



## **-Nathan & Brianna Martin - IAYM Mission's Board Emphasis**

We have long desired to join God's work among the nations. From early life fascination with missionaries, to short-term trips as youth, to formal mission studies in college and seminary, God has been growing in us an excitement about His love for all the peoples of the earth.

Through prayerful consideration we have turned our focus to the Khmer people of Cambodia. The Khmer Rouge Genocide of the late 1970's has left this people and their nation in a place of brokenness. We long for the light of Christ and the sure hope of the gospel to bring healing and restoration to these precious people, knowing that God often uses the weak and broken of this world to shine His glory. Many of them have never even had a chance to hear the gospel message.

With God's help, we are currently in the process of building a partnership team to link arms with us in reaching the Khmer people. We are in need of both prayer and financial partners to make this ministry effective, sustainable, and even possible. If God would prompt your heart to be a part of this work and join our team, please contact us! We would love to hear from you. And much thanks to all of you who have already joined us in prayer and support!



### **Prayer Needs**

Please pray with Nathan and Brianna that God will continue to raise up monthly financial partners for their ministry team.

It is their desire to become involved in church planting, training of local pastors, discipleship and children's ministry in Cambodia. OMF requires its missionaries to have 100% of their monthly pledges raised before they leave for the field. In order for Nathan & Brianna to leave for orientation in Singapore on July 9th, their total support must be raised by May 11. The financial support needed is \$48,000 a year.

The IAYM mission's board is encouraging individuals and churches to become monthly financial partners with Nathan & Brianna. Contact them to become a monthly supporter or you may also send donations to Robert Watson, IAYM Mission Board, 803 Minnesota Street, Glidden, IA 51443. Please mark your donations for Nathan & Brianna Martin.

## **From.....Nurse Judy Davis Kiamosi Hospital, Kenya**

One of the hospital activities that I love to participate in is the mobile outreach clinics. In the month of March we will go to places like Chepkumia, Kobiem, Chebara and Koitabut. I have been to all of these locations except Chepkumia. If you asked me to take you to one of the sites, we would still be wandering around for days. I can assure you that the ride to and from is very uncomfortable. Mostly because the car that should only seat four holds six along with all of the equipment and supplies for the outreach.

The hospital staff that generally provides service is Phanice Mandasio, Senior Maternal Child Health (MCH) Nurse, a young clinical officer (CO), a VCT (Voluntary Counseling and Testing) counselor, a pharmacist technician, the driver, and me. My job is to register people and take their vital signs. If the driver is free he helps me with registration because getting peoples' names spelled correctly is challenging. My Swahili lessons have helped me a great deal but not that much. I take their vital signs and send them to the CO or to MCH where pregnant women get an antenatal check-up or the child is to get an immunization. The CO usually writes a script for medication and the MCH nurse might send a woman for multivitamins or iron tablets. The pharmacist will fill the prescription and try to get a little money from the patient to pay for the medications. The VCT counselor works on his/her own and counsels and tests people with the rapid HIV test. The VCT counselor also tests pregnant women and children for HIV. We all have our jobs and we can help each other out which is often necessary.

We saw 129 people in Kobiem and 99 in Chebara. We worked through the day not stopping for a break. We were exhausted, dusty and hungry by late day. Why do we do the outreaches? The main reasons are because public transportation is not available and the cost is too much for many of these people. We found an aunt who had five children of her own and she was raising four children of her brother and sister-in-law because they both had died. The youngest child was two years of age and very sick. We tested this child and she was HIV+. We asked the aunt to bring the four children to Kaimosi to enroll in the CCC. I have seen her three times at events at the CCC with the children. The two year old is very active and fun to watch. I believe that without the outreach clinic we might not have reached these children in time to help them live as fully as they are able to with proper services and antiretroviral medications.

I'm signed up for four clinics in March. There are always wonderful stories to share like finding the 100 year old woman in Kobiem. I stopped everything and took her photo. Everyone was laughing and watching me. They told me to give her a present. The only thing I had was gum so I gave her a pack. She had no teeth but the gum was soft. She told everyone it was very sweet and she took another stick. She was so happy the rest of the day chewing her gum.

If you would like to check her website...please contact the Yearly Meeting Office for more information!

# Garrison Memorial Scramble

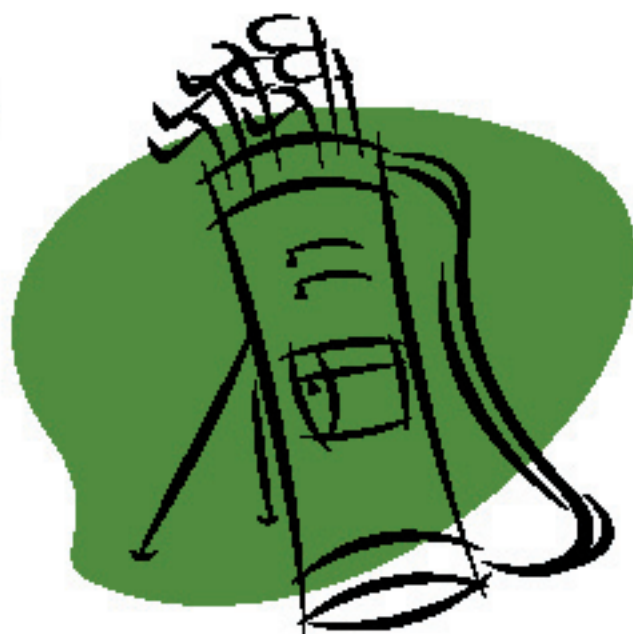
4-person Best position Tournament

9:00 AM Shotgun Start

April 25, 2009

Westwood Municipal Golf Course

Newton, IA



Questions? - Anthony Nieuwsma

(641) 236-6412

newsma213@hotmail.com

Westwood Municipal Golf Course  
3387 Hwy F48 W.  
Newton, Iowa 50208

\$200 / team  
Includes 18 holes of golf, cart,  
lunch & prizes

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## Garrison Memorial Scramble Pre-registration Form

**Participants Names and Contact Info** (Phone or E-Mail):

(You do not need all members listed to register)

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Member #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Member #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Member #4: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your registration form to:  
Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends  
PO Box 657  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

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Change  
Service Requested

## All Youth Workers:

You are invited to attend an evening of fellowship and food.

March 23, 2009, 6:30 PM  
1st Friends Church of Grinnell

We will be fellowshiping together during a meal, as well as giving you some new game and worship ideas.

We will also have full information about camp available.

(Camp fliers should be available by Blizzard Blast if you would like to pick them up then!)

If you plan on attending, please RSVP  
by March 15, 2009

Thanks, Anthony Nieuwsma  
1st Friends Church, Grinnell

## IOWA YEARLY MEETING YOUTH MINISTRIES



## BLIZZARD BLAST 2009

Middle School (5 - 8th grade) Lock-In  
Marshalltown YMCA &  
1st Friends Church

**MARCH 13 - 14**  
Cost is \$25/person

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2009  
Young Friends Camps  
At Camp Quaker  
Heights  
June 2009



Little Fry Camp	June 5 - 7th
Fox Camp	June 7 - 11th
HS Weekender	June 12-14th
Junior High Camp	June 14 - 19th
High School Camp	June 21 - 26th
JH Weekender	June 26 - 28th
Fry Camp	June 28 - July 1st