



# 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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## William Penn Campus Ministry *by Spencer Thury*

Campus ministry at William Penn University is up and running this year. Student leaders shared summer stories at a few gatherings before other students arrived and got busy with classes and events. Opening week began with Move in Day, Ice cream sundaes and a band, with more in attendance than last year at this time. See you at the Pole had record numbers for recent years, and we have replanted the cross that FCA students put up years ago.

Seventeen WPU students whose hometowns range from Alabama, Rwanda, Burma, the Sudan, Missouri, New Jersey, Houston, and Iowa, went to Boone Iowa for a weekend in September for a campus ministry conference to hear talks on prayer and grow together as a family. Not all the leaders were able to attend the meeting which shows the strength of our leadership base this year. Students continue to grow through their planning and implementation of activities like baking cookies for faculty and making Smores at each other's homes.

New programming includes more Bible Studies in the dorm halls. Pastor Tom Palmer, of College Avenue Friends, is helping to get Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meeting again also. Students are now looking for a site on campus for a prayer and meditation room that they can have available for prayer 24/7. We added another element this year with a Monday night leaders meeting to develop leaders and their unique ministry skills. A result of this has been more student initiative and student run activities.

Our emphasis for the year is taken from Romans 1:1:  
"Becoming servants and apostles, set apart for the gospel."



William Penn Students with me at InterVarsity's Fall conference



See You at the Pole - 2009

# Friendly Flashes

*- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa -*

The USFW Fall Retreat is just around the corner. Hopefully you have already sent in your registration! Here is a highlight of what the day will be:

## USFW Fall Retreat

October 10, 2009

10 am - 2:30 pm

Bangor Liberty Friends Church

**Theme:** Our Cup Runneth Over

**Speaker:** Kim Newlin

(FUM Development Officer)

**Our Offering will go to:**

"Adopt A Nurse  
Program"

**cost is \$10.00!**

You can email your  
registration information  
to Ann Lee Nichols at  
alnichols@fbx.com



## IAYM Stewardship Monthly Report

The Stewardship Board decided to include a monthly update of the Yearly Meeting's financial information along with a scripture. This is the month-end report for September:

September Income.....	\$ 13,711.85
September Expenses.....	\$ 14,044.46
Year to Date Income.....	\$ 121,340.97
Year to Date Expenses.....	\$ 129,254.98

For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

~1 Timothy 6:7-10~

## Friends United Meeting Announces

### CUBA WORK TEAM:

**January 28 - February 11, 2010  
(2 weeks)**

**Approximate cost: \$1800**

**10-15 team members**

**Registration deadline: October 10, 2009**

The Cuba work team fills up quickly, so get your name in early. We will spend time worshipping with our Cuban Friends as well as continue construction on the yearly meeting building in Holguin.

Register at: <http://www.fum.org/worldmissions/workteams/workteamapplication.htm>

Please send this on to others who might be interested and announce it in your monthly meetings.

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## YOUNG FRIENDS

### Upcoming Event Schedule

## IMPACT

November 14-15

High School Leadership Retreat  
at College Avenue Friends

## Mid-Winter

January 1-3, 2010

High School & College  
Outreach Event

## Blizzard Blast

Late February/Early March 2010

Middle School Lock-In



# Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

## Ackworth Friends - Dale Dorrell, Pastor

In a creative work to raise money for Bikes for Belize, Ackworth Friends set up a booth for refreshments for RAGBRAI bike riders. The annual bike trip went right by their church!! The church felt this was the perfect way to raise money for bikes for Belize. Their meeting sent over \$480 for this project to Friends United Meeting!

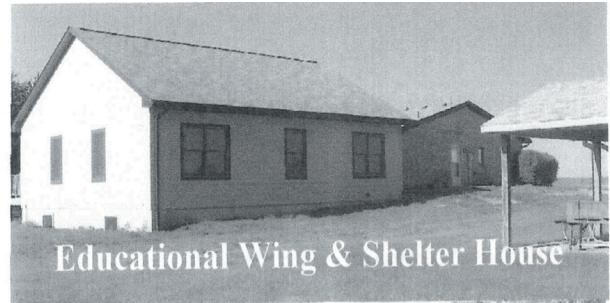


## West Branch Friends - Ruthie Tippin, Pastor

We continue collecting quarters to help support the Barber family in Belize. During the summer we have enjoyed special music: Piano, Clarinet, Trumpet and Harp solos, 2 vocal solos, a duet singing "Put Your Hand in the Hand" and special music by the Senio family. Our speakers have been, Margie Figgins from Scattergood; Jennie Isbell, Author of "Leading Quakers"; Eleanor Ray, a church member, shared from a book "Letters to a Diminished Church". Margaret Stoltzfus, Iowa USFW President spoke at our women's meeting. Eirena Diana Escalona Gonzalez of Cuba Yearly Meeting spoke at the home of Grace Davis with everyone interested invited. We presented the first WBFC Peace Scholarship to a graduating Senior, Emily Slack.

At the Hooverfest in July, we had our annual Hymn Sing and Pie & Ice Cream Social. As last year, the local churches hosted "The Celebration Singers" who were part of the fireworks celebration. August 16, Abrahm Holden Joseph Scott, son of Matt and Laura Scott was dedicated to the Lord. His grandparents, family and friends joined us to celebrate this special day. On the last day of Sunday School the Quaker kids provided breakfast for their teachers at the Annual Teacher Appreciation Day.

Rally Sunday morning was a fun time. There were teams with "drivers" who asked trivia questions giving a sneak preview into what their year's Sunday School lessons will be about. The team with the most points got to go through the "Rally Sundae" line first. The end of summer brought the annual worship service and picnic in the park.



## Motor Friends - Keith Smith, Pastor

On September 27, 2009, our Friends at Motor Friends Church celebrated 140 years and the dedication of the new Educational Wing addition. There was greetings from former pastor C.G. & Gay White and greetings from former members Kenneth & Lila Smith and Wes & Lynn Blanchard. Ron Bryan gave the message during the service. The dedication was held on the new deck that connects with the addition. Lunch was served by the Ladies Of Motor Friends Church. There was even media coverage by KCCI newschannel 8 from Des Moines!!

### Reminder:

*Memorials need to be sent to:*

*Marie Moffitt*

*15529 Kennedy St.*

*Indianola, IA 50125*



Dear Friends,

God is good all the time, and all the time the Lord is good. I am happy to report that we have received the Kaimosi Hospital Ambulance we have been waiting for. The Ambulance arrived in Kisumu today (Sept 4, 2009) after being driven from Nairobi by Raymond Ojambo of Kakamega Friends Orphanage who was in Nairobi by the time the vehicle was ready for collection. The Ambulance had been ordered from Japan by Toyota East Africa Ltd. The Vehicle is a Toyota Land Cruiser with a hard body and long chassis.

This is a great development for the hospital and a big step towards improving the services to the community. The hospital has been using a small vehicle for emergencies but I thank the Lord for this gift we have received.

The Ministry of Health program called Aphia II will raise money to renovate the maternity wing and the local MP has agreed to give money to renovate the Kitchen.

The hospital has been chosen as a training centre for Somali government nurses. We have had two groups finish their one month refresher training and went back to Somali. It has given the hospital a very good reputation in the region.

With the arrival of the ambulance the reputation will grow even more. The big challenge the hospital is facing right now is the inability to have its own surgeon doctor on the ground. The current government doctor who is doing a very good job is not a surgeon, and therefore many cases are being referred to other hospitals.

The hospital also needs its own ultra sound machine.

Thank you for your continued support of Kaimosi Hospital.

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Listening to Christ: A simple faith that transforms lives.



Hello, Friends! We joyfully report that God has shown his faithfulness once again and cleared the way for us to leave for Cambodia the end of October! The overwhelming response of generosity and concern rallied at IAYM pushed us "over the top" of our financial partnership goal and we are now all clear to go. We had an insurance concern that slightly raised our budget at the last minute, but with the IAYM pledges and recent gifts we are at exactly 100%. Praise God! His provision is perfect. August was certainly a faith building month! □

Currently, we are working on our flight itinerary, packing, preparing for few more speaking engagements, and pouring over the numerous details that go into uprooting your life to Asia for the next 4 years. It feels good to simplify, though. There's been freedom for us in realizing all the things we don't really need. Emotionally we are trying to focus not just on the immediate and painful concern of saying goodbyes, but also on the more distant horizon filled with the hope of investing our lives for God's Kingdom among a people He has caused us to love for His sake.

On October 11th, Middle River Friends church and our Advocacy Team have offered to host a commissioning service and send off party that you are all invited to attend. We will begin at 6:00pm with a time of fellowship, followed by worship, and our commissioning. Again, we are so grateful for your partnership. Thank you for being the team that holds the other end of the rope back home, and thank you for your faith as a Yearly Meeting to join with God in sending out a second missionary family this year. We are honored to be your missionaries and friends.

Blessed to be a blessing, Nathan & Brianna Martin  
[www.heartforcambodia.com](http://www.heartforcambodia.com)

*You are invited to our  
commissioning service.  
Sunday, Oct 11th  
6:00 pm  
Middle River Friends Church*

# IMPACT 2009

## High School Leadership Retreat

November 14-15, 2009

College Ave. Friends Church

### Use It or Lose It

#### Saturday

10:30 AM	Registration
11:00 AM	Games
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 PM	Workshops
2:15 PM	Group Building
3:15 PM	Workshops
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Supper</b>
6:00 PM	Worship
7:15 PM	Workshops
9:15 PM	Evening Activities

#### Items to Bring:

sleeping bag

pillow

cot or air mattress  
(Optional)

toiletries

athletic shoes

Bible & notepad

#### Sunday

**8:00 AM** **Breakfast**

Worship with College Avenue

**12:00 PM** **Lunch**

1:00 PM Youth Exec Mtg  
(Optional)



### Workshop topics include:

Music Ministry, Drama, Speaking + Children's Ministry

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## WORKDAY @ CAMP QUAKER HEIGHTS OCTOBER 10

A Work Day has been set for Oct. 10 at Camp Quaker Heights to coincide with the USFW Fall Retreat being held at Bangor Liberty Friends. Lunch will be provided; a detailed list of tasks and tools needed will be sent via email. Several work days have been held and much has been accomplished by volunteers, including a couple days when IAYM pastors completed the roofing of two cabins. Contractors continue their work as well. Come up and see and participate in the progress!

While work will start 9, we understand that many will swing by Bangor Liberty first.

Please call or email Linda for more details:

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