



# 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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## IN TIMES LIKE THESE

Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. Romans 5: 1-5*

Just a couple of hours ago I was engaged in a conversation with a young woman whose father is a superintendent in another denomination. I mentioned to her that I had been kept pretty busy with calls about internal difficulties, tensions and disagreements from our churches. She responded quickly, "this isn't just your churches. My father has been all over the country trying to respond to similar situations". Then I thought to myself, again, this has to be somehow connected to the overall attitude of our nation because I heard the same dialogue at the annual Superintendents and Secretaries meeting in New York. We have been in a state of heightened tension now for at least twelve months. Economy, jobs, unemployment, plummeting values of our homes and investments, wars and rumors of wars, excessive rain and the list goes on as a steady stream of information pummels our minds from all facets of our media. Now it begins to show up in our churches and amongst our friends and families. Loss of patience and unrealistic expectations translates, in my estimation, to diverting our frustrations onto something or someone. We shouldn't be surprised. But we must not lose our faith or our hope.

As the apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, it is times like these can be used as a tool in the shaping of our character and in the end making us more Christ-like.

Eugene Peterson, in his book titled "*A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*" p. 134, "The reason my childhood was one enthusiasm after another was that I hadn't yet found an organizing center for my life and a goal that would demand my all and my best. The Christian faith is the discovery of that center in the **GOD WHO STICKS WITH US**, the righteous God. Christian discipleship is a decision to walk in his ways, steadily and firmly, and the finding that the way integrates all our interests, passions and gifts, our human need and our eternal aspirations. It is the way of life we were created for. There are endless challenges in it to keep us on the growing edge of faith; there is always the **GOD WHO STICKS WITH US** to make it possible for us to persevere."



# Friendly Flashes

- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa -

On October 10th approximately 65 Friends women from around Iowa met at the Bangor Friends Meeting house for the USFW Fall Retreat. The ladies enjoyed singing nostalgic songs from camp and vacation Bible school; for example, "Deep and Wide", "Do Lord", "Hallelujah!", "Rolled Away", and "Whisper a Prayer". The fellowship was good and they enjoyed a delicious meal served by the Bangor Liberty USFW. Special music was provided by Alicia Daleske and Shandra McCracken. President Lyn Kinney presided over the business session.

Judy Davis spoke about the Adopt a Nurse program. The offering was received for Adopt-a-Nurse at Kaimosi Hospital with Mildred Zeliadt playing the piano offertory. A total of \$865 was raised toward this project.

Kim Newlin from Friends United meeting was the guest speaker. Using Power point she updated the group on Friends United Meeting. Friends can support FUM by the following; PRAY! Be informed. Volunteer your time. Tell your friends. Encourage your local church to make connections with FUM. Give to a special project. Include FUM in your estate plans.

The USFW Iowa looks forward to our next gathering. It will be Spring Fling on April 24, 2010 at Middle River Friends Meeting. Please mark your calendars.

I would like to be sure and thank all the ladies that came to the Fall Retreat at Bangor Liberty. Our theme was Our Cup Runneth Over. We had a enjoyable and fun time. We were delighted with Kim Newlin's of F.O.M. knowledge on cups overflowing and their meaning, as well as her knowledge of the missions.

Judy Davis's enlightened us about the Adopt a Nurse program. Group participation of The Name Game brought us all some fun in our name and heritage.

~Lyn Kinney, USFW President~

## 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 October:

October Income.....	\$ 15,821.50
October Expenses.....	\$ 10,651.09
Year to Date Income.....	\$ 137,170.93
Year to Date Expenses.....	\$ 139,906.07

More than 20 people came to Eldora on a verr-rr-ry cold day to complete some tasks at Camp Quaker Heights. Several roofs were completed, a lot of brush was hauled, a first coat of paint went on the newly drywalled CQH Lodge, and lots of nails and screws (but not all of them!) picked up. In addition, several groups have come up to help with other projects, most related to recovering from and rebuilding after the August 9 hail storm. 60 mattresses are to be delivered on November 9th and tasks for winterizing the facility in all the buildings with water will also happen on that same date.

Linda Garrison, Administrator



## A thankful people

*Thankfulness is a quality of character without which we miss life's central melody. The hardest sin to excuse is ingratitude and it comes from thoughtlessness. A thinking people is a thankful people. Many personal woes would be eliminated if more time were spent on thinking of our blessings and expressing our gratitude to God and to the many who contribute to our happiness.*

~Sunshine Magazine~

## 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

# Barber's Missionary Math!

\$220.00  
\$6667.00  
\$80,000.00

- It costs \$80,000.00 per year to send and keep the Barber's on the field in Belize for salary and FUM expenses.
- That's approximately \$6,667.00 per month!
- Or... about \$220.00 per day.

The Barber's are committed to serving the children and families in Belize for multiple three-year terms. They will be coming home each year to visit family and to raise funds as they travel around the United States visiting various Yearly Meetings.

Their home is in Iowa and in Iowa Yearly Meeting. We are their Friend's Family! Here is our challenge! Let's raise enough funds this Thanksgiving/Christmas to keep the Barber's on the field for one month.

**Let's raise \$6,700.00 – together!**  
**Can we do it? How is it possible?**  
**With God, all things are possible!**  
**If we could do it for Bicycles,**  
**we can do it for the Barbers!**

There are 35 Friends churches in Iowa Yearly Meeting. If each of our churches were to raise \$190.48, we could do it! **OR...** if two smaller churches were to each raise \$95.24, and another church raised \$380.96, we could still do it! **OR...** if three smaller churches were to each raise \$63.49, and talked to their local barbers about matching that amount...we could still do it!

Have a haircut holiday! Donate the amount you would have spent on a haircut! Buzz your local barber! Ask for the chance to put a donation tin in their shops, and then do something wonderful for them!

**No matter how you add it up,**  
**Iowa Yearly Meeting + God = Bountiful Barber**  
**Blessings!**

**Join the Challenge!**  
**Please send all contributions to**  
**Bob Watson, IAYM Mission's Treasurer,**  
**803 Minnesota St., Glidden, IA 51443**  
**--labeled Sam & Becky Barber--**

## Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

### Marshalltown Friends:

The Harvest Home Sunday Carry in Dinner is on November 22 immediately following morning worship. Their special guest speakers are Jason and Sharon Nightingale. The Nightingales began Wordsower Ministry back in 1973. They became members of the Marshalltown Friends and their Monthly Meeting sent them to California with a letter of consecration. Wordsower is a not for profit corporation and is supported by many churches in North America. Jason's ministry has developed into Wordsower International which is committed to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world. Those who serve the Lord through Wordsower help plant churches, train pastors, staff and support orphanages in Liberia, Ghana, India, and Haiti. The Nightingales cover an average of over one hundred churches every year. A free will offering will be taken to support their ministry.

### Honey Creek New Providence Friends:

Each Wednesday evening thirty to fifty children, youth and adults are meeting in the HCNP church fellowship hall for a time of shared learning and fun, based on the Bible and the A-B-C's. The circle of students is led by different guides who increase understanding of a particular verse of scripture and encourage memorization of the verse for the week. The selected verses are in alphabetical order, which helps memorization. Drama, music, personal stories, games, and object lessons have all been included in the learning experiences. Children, youth and adults have taken part in leadership roles. Working in pairs or teams is fun and promotes the learning process.

### Deaths:

John Alfred Hadley, 90, of Richland died on September 24, 2009. Services were held at Trinity Friends with Rev. Tim Hadley and Rev. Tim McGuire officiating. John was born near Richland on March 9, 1919, the son of G.W. and Helen (Brolliar) Hadley. He married Eloise Barnett in Memphis, MO on February 14, 1942. He was a lifetime resident of Richland and graduated from Richland High School in 1937. John farmed near Richland and was a carpenter in many of the surrounding communities. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, was a member of Richland American Legion Post No. 504 and was a member of Trinity Friends Church. His faith and his family were very important to him. John is survived by his wife Eloise of Richland, four daughters; Susan (Howard) Hunt, Sandra Jo (Dennis) Wolfe, Nancy (Verne) Pence, Debbie Hadley; five sons; J.D. (Charlotte) Hadley, Michael (Pam) Hadley, James (Silvia) Hadley, Daniel (Brenda) Hadley, Joseph (Kerry) Hadley; 23 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and his sister, Eloise Snakenberg of Sigourney. His parents, a great-grandson and three sister; Mary Hart, Arlene Chandler and Jean Hull preceded him in death.

# TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS

This year we are planning to give to each child and youth who attend our Christmas Sunday celebration a toy. We plan to have a special Christmas project, White Christmas, with the children and youth dressed in Native Regalia, drums, and a narrator. Each person is to bring a gift for another child or youth and will draw two gifts

In return. This will be a special Christmas for each child and youth as they will be able to be in the play and receive two gifts.

WON'T YOU BE PART OF THIS CHRISTMAS AND SEND US MONEY FOR A GIFT? You will

insure each child and youth have a very Merry Christmas and know that you have helped.. Thank you. Send your donations

to **MFC, PO Box 36, Toledo, IA 52342**



PASTOR FROM RON AND BRENDA ACKERMAN'S CHURCH VISITS WITH SLIDESHOW OF THE HOLY LANDS



Pastor Tom Niehos from the Trinity Church in Ames (Ron and Brenda's church) visited us on a Wednesday and talked to us about his visit to the Holy Lands.

He showed the whole group the slides of many of the synagogues, churches, the landscape, and people of Israel. Some of the slides were the routes taken during exodus and the different sites where the Israelites spent their time.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 22** - Thanksgiving dinner

**December 23** - Christmas program with special drama, White Christmas

# IAYM SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## MISSIONS BOARD SCHOLARSHIP

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission's Board is offering a college scholarship of up to \$1000 for the 2010-2011 academic school year. People within Iowa Yearly Meeting, who are attending a Christian or an accredited college or seminary and who want to pursue education to prepare for full time mission's work with a Friend's organization may contact the Mission's Board to receive an application. For the 2010-2011 scholarship, please contact Karen Bauer, 702 110th Street, Brighton, IA 52540 or call 319-694-4120. Her e-mail address is [bauer.kn@gmail.com](mailto:bauer.kn@gmail.com)

## TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are currently be taken for a \$500 college scholarship to be distributed in the 2nd semester of the 2010-2011 academic school year (January 2011). College students within Iowa Yearly Meeting are encouraged to seek an application through the Yearly Meeting office. Deadline for this scholarship is January 1st, 2010. A recipient will be determined at Spring Body 2010. Make inquiries to: IAYM, PO Box 657, Oskaloosa, IA 52577 / (641) 673-9717 or email at [iaym@mahaska.org](mailto:iaym@mahaska.org). Thank You!

## WILLIAM PENN UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND IOWA UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN

The committee shall consider applications for scholarships and make decisions as to the recipients. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by need of the applicant and by funds available.

The candidate shall be a participating member of Iowa Yearly Meeting. shall have successfully completed secondary education requirements, and shall have been accepted by William Penn University.

Applications must be received by January 1, 2010. To be considered for a scholarship for the succeeding academic year, recipients must submit a request to the committee each year. Scholarships shall only be awarded for a maximum of four (4) academic years. Applications are available from the Yearly Meeting office. Please call (641)673-9717 or email [iaym@mahaska.org](mailto:iaym@mahaska.org) to request a copy.





Back of Lodge looking toward the Chapel's new roof.



View of the bathhouse with new roof and siding.



Tall Oaks Lodge - new windows, siding and roof.



Interior of Lodge - new carpet, drywall, and windows.



Dining area in Tall Oaks - removed entry office and installed carpeting throughout all of the upstairs.



The house - new roof, windows and vinyl siding.

## *Progress of Restoration at Camp Quaker Heights*

It was back in August when the hail/wind storm rolled through the Eldora area and produced major damage to our camp facility. There was a tremendous outpouring of labor and help to clean up and prepare for restoration and some renovation work. There is still work to finish but the progress is amazing and beautiful.

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## Peace and Social Concerns Committee 2009 Yearly Meeting Project

### Update on the Mukuyu Village Friends Widows Project-2008

Last year the Peace and Social Concerns Committee took on a new venture. We asked the Yearly Meeting to fund a project of Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR), a Friends organization committed to poverty alleviation through microlending projects. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee would like to update you on the progress of this project. The Yearly Meeting raised \$2002.

The women purchased beans, maize, and chicks with the money from Right Sharing of World Resources. Loans were made to thirteen of their members to start additional small businesses. Loans were to be repaid to the Widow's group every ten months at 2% interest.

### The Mwenyelizi Friends Women's Group - (RSWR)

The project involves thirty women from Mbihi/Wamuluma Village Meeting, Vihiga Yearly Meeting. This is a one-year project. The women advocate for preservation and planting of indigenous trees. Their project involves the sale of firewood, kerosene, fingerling fish and starting a tree farm. Peace and Social Concern's goal is for the Yearly Meeting Churches to sponsor this project. To fully fund the project we would need to raise \$4,450. Please consider donating and encouraging your meeting to participate. You can learn more about the work of Right Sharing of World Resources and make online donations at [www.rswr.org](http://www.rswr.org). Checks can be written to the "IAYM Missions Committee Treasurer" care of Bob Watson at 803 Minnesota, Glidden IA, 51443. Your meeting should have received a bulletin insert about this project.