



The Iowa Friend

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Grass to Make the Love of Jesus Christ
Known in the Heartland and Beyond

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Peace and Social Concerns Committee Update on Mwenyelizi Friends Women's Fundraiser

GOAL: \$4,450 to fully fund group

Raised so far: \$1,638

Amount left toward goal: \$2,800

We would like to update our meetings on progress toward our goal of raising \$4,450 dollars to fund the Mwenyelizi Friends Women's Group in Kenya. I would like to congratulate Bangor Liberty Friends and College Avenue Friends for raising \$1,638 dollars toward our goal. This leaves approximately \$2,800 dollars to raise.

Why fund a microlending project? :

- A. Your money is used to start a small business. Your money is then paid back with a small amount of interest and can be used to provide a loan to help another person start a small business.
- B. The repayment rate on microloans is about 97%, much better than the repayment rate on loans for any U.S. bank.
- C. These are our Christian Sisters.

What will it accomplish? :

A small loan helps a very poor person start a small business. Money from the business helps people meet their basic needs for food, clothing, housing, healthcare, and education. The money they earn allows them to do things like:

- A. Sending all of their children to school.
- B. Eating two or three meals per day rather than one.
- C. Adding a second room to a one room house.

Who is involved?:

- A. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee of Iowa Yearly Meeting.
- B. The lending organization is Right Sharing of World Resources, a Friends organization that is involved in microlending in Africa and Asia. Their website is www.rswr.org if you would like to donate online.

What is THE PROJECT

Mwenyelizi Friends Women Group, Kenya

Firewood and Kerosene Sales, Fingerling Sales, Tree Nursery

Project Coordinator - Mrs. Dinah Kegode

Thirty women from Mbihi/Wamuluma Village Meeting, Vihiga Yearly Meeting are participating in this one-year project.

The group is divided into three subgroups of ten members and will receive seed money equivalent to the type of business. Interest of 2% per month will be charged on the loans. Currently each member is contributing \$2.50 per month to their revolving loan fund (merry-go-round). Anticipated monthly economics are:

ACTIVITY	LOAN	GROSS INCOME
Wood/kerosene	\$1350	\$935 (wood), \$1,125 (kerosene) (\$205 per woman)
Tree nursery	\$685	\$375 (exotic) \$835 (indigenous) (\$109 per woman)
Fish	\$1,150	\$1,875 (\$185/woman)

From Africa Quaker Vision's site visit report, "The women are poor and the project is viable. Most of the women have experience in running small-scale businesses such as fish sales, firewood sales, and growing tree nurseries. They advocate for preservation and planting of indigenous trees. The project reflects Quaker values comprising of all ages of women and conversant in the world of self-help activities. They are well known in the community and have received training from "Care Kenya", an NGO that advocates for women's needs."

Project Completed: June 30, 2010

**Write checks to the Iowa Yearly Meeting
Missions Committee Treasurer care of Bob
Watson at 803 Minnesota, Glidden IA, 51443.**

Please designate any checks to the
"Mwenyelizi Friends Women's Group".

submitted by: Paul Kessler, Presider of P&SC

Friendly Flashes

- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa -

USFWI/QMI TRIENNIAL

Mombasa, Kenya

The USFWI is busily preparing for the upcoming USFWI Triennial and we hope you are including this event in your plans. This is an historical event you'll want to be a part of because it will be the first triennial to meet outside of the United States. The conference will be held at the Sun-N-Sand Beach Resort Hotel July 1-4, 2010 in Mombasa, Kenya. You will enjoy the cool breezes from the Indian Ocean. The theme for the conference is "See, I am doing a new thing." (Isaiah 43:19). Thursday evening we will consider A New Song and enjoy the Kenyan women in chorus. Friday evening the USFWI board will present A New Way. Saturday Maria Antonia Bofill Perez from Cuba will be the speaker surrounding the topic of "A New Peace" and Sunday the focus will be "A New Spirit" presented by Angella Beharie from Jamaica. Our daily morning Bible speaker will be Doreen Aluda from Kenya. Saturday afternoon has been set aside for tours. There will be workshops and home groups. You can get a taste of the local folklore and dancers before retiring at night.

We are recommending that travelers to the conference may want to arrange your travel through Dick Mills who lived in Kenya as a child and has arranged many safaris to Kenya through World Discovery Safaris (wds2830@bellsouth.net ; phone 205-972-8742). He can arrange for day tours in Nairobi while you get your body rhythms in order if you want to arrive one or two days ahead of the conference. There are several options which would include visiting the National Game Park, visiting the home of the featured person in "Out of Africa", the Bomas of Kenya where you would see traditional tribal dances and see traditional compounds of some of the tribes. Each of these is less than \$50. You will need to work out with him for your onward flight to Mombasa. Check out the USFWI website (usfwi.org) for more information about these possibilities. Friends United Meeting already has tours planned for after the conference. They are listed now on the USFWI website and offer interesting possibilities for visiting various aspects of Friends work in Kenya. Registrations for these will be posted on the FUM website February 1.

The deadline for registrations for the conference is March 30, 2010. You have plenty of time to register. Registration forms can be found on the website (usfwi.org) as well as in the ADVOCATE. Quaker Men are expected to register through the USFWI as well.

There are things you will need as you prepare for travel. These include your passport and accompanying pictures, immunizations which can be obtained through your nearby health departments. A visa will be required but can be obtained at the airport in Nairobi. It currently costs \$25 but is subject to change. You can make your own travel arrangements. If you are interested in traveling as a group or you have questions, please contact Mary Glenn Hadley at Hmariglenn@aol.com or 515 961-0606 for further information. Watch for more information in "The Advocate" and the USFWI website (usfwi.org). Most of all plan to participate and if you can't, include the conference and travelers in your prayers.

USFW Spring Fling



SPRING FLING 2010 will be hosted by Middle River Friends at Carlisle. Be sure to mark you calendars for a fun filled day Saturday, April 24th, 2010. The day will start with registration & coffee time at 9:30a.m. Middle River USFW will be providing us coffee time and lunch. The fee will be \$10. Free Day Care is provided.

Stuart Friends is hosting The BLACKWOOD BROTHERS QUARTET in concert

APRIL 26TH at 7:00 PM
RESTORED ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH
BUILDING, STUART, IA
FREE WILL OFFERING

This is the group with Jimmy Blackwood son of legendary James Blackwood and also another Iowa favorite Randy Byrd formerly of Majesty Quartet.

PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THE 13th ANNUAL
GUTHRIE COUNTY SOUTHERN GOSPEL SING
WWW.GCGOSPELSING.ORG

The IAYM Missions Board would like to emphasize prayer for our missionaries and their families. A monthly guide for prayer focus will be included with the Iowa Friends each month for 2010.



Prayers for Missionaries & Their Families

by Heather Kaiser

Intimacy with God. Lord keep _____ close to You. Cause them to love You with all their hearts, souls, and minds. Draw them into Your Word each day, and fill them with thankfulness. (MT 22:37; Col. 3:16)

Language. Help _____ to learn well the language of the people they serve so that they may present the gospel clearly. May their speech always be seasoned with love. (Acts 2:11; 1 Cor. 13:1)

Meeting Moments & Vital Signs



Honey Creek-New Providence Monthly Meeting has a Concern and Challenge to Monthly Meetings

Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Monthly Meeting would like to share a concern for the support of the Turkana Mission. This Friends mission in the northern desert area of Kenya, established in the early 1970s by Ersal and Dorothy Kindel, currently has 7 indigenous pastors, 4 nursery school teachers, 1 bookkeeper and 8 helpers. Field staff workers, Eden Grace and John Muhanji, are reported to be very proud of the efforts of the Turkana ministry team to bring the Christian message to this nomadic culture.

Friends United Meeting has agreed to provide funds as they come in to help support the meager salaries of these workers; however FUM has seldom been able to provide enough to fully pay the staff. The mission is able to generate some of their own support with various projects but urgently needs our help.

We at HCNP have pledged this year to send \$200 per month in support of the Turkana Mission. We challenge other monthly meetings to consider what they might do to assist in this worthwhile ministry.

Motor Friends Church - Keith Smith, Pastor

While a large number of Motor youth were camping at Quaker Heights last summer, Motor adults were volunteering time to carpenter, paint, build the deck on the new addition as well work on the landscape preparing for the 140 year celebration. The enlargement of the kitchen and fellowship hall was finished with the exception of the new fellowship hall carpet. Now the carpet has been laid and the project is finished.

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving the members of the congregation presented the morning service - poem, musical

Regency Worship Group - Bill Griggs

Beginning January of 2005 the Regency Retirement Residence Worship Group, with the leadership of Bill & Esther Griggs, has enjoyed Christian fellowship with the residents of the 28 unit retirement complex.

Many of the residents in their 70's and 80's maintain their commitment to their life-long church family. Our Worship Group, open to everyone, has averaged five with some attending briefly following health rehab times. The SIMPLE WORSHIP Sunday morning services at 10am are followed by conversation, Esther's piano music of Christian arrangements, and coffee & juice that makes for meaningful life for the whole Regency family of about 36 people.

The group meets every Sunday morning except when the Grigg's are traveling or, as in the winter of '09, when they spent the winter months of January - March in Donna, TX. Over the years the worship experiences are around a table in the Community Room with our Bibles. We have sung Hymns and offered "prayers of the heart" influenced by our experiences of the week that are followed by Biblical messages. One year our messages included a study of the eight primary Covenants of the Bible, another year the sixteen doctrinal teachings of the 1887 Friends - Richmond Declaration of Faith. Recently we began a study of 50 Bible Personalities according to the Hensley "Through the Bible in One Year" 3 ring study outline.

We have developed life long friendships with Al, Velda and Mary the first three years and now with Kaye, Rosia, Chuck and Linda. One of my unique friendships began with our learning of Al's childhood and youth experience at William Penn High School in Pennsylvania, then his career as a manufacturer of Sure Electronics sound products, hiring over 2000 women in Arizona during a 20 year period. Having retired here in Clinton, IA he met me, a William Penn University graduate. Thus we grew in fellowship, faith and at his '08 death we knew we would share in the fellowship of Christ forever. He wrote a thank-you once saying, "You have helped me in my faith development".

Esther and I will continue to enjoy our service-in-retirement here at the Regency in Clinton, IA. Come retire with us and develop a Friends Meeting here!

number, story, request for a congregational hymn - whatever the person desired. This has been the custom for a number of years.

The Christmas sanctuary was beautifully decorated, including poinsettias in memory/honor of loved ones. The Sunday before Christmas we had a social hour and cookie exchange before worship service and the children's presentation of the nativity afterward.

There was a good attendance at the New Year's Eve party at the church and it has been reported that a good time was had by all.

Deaths:

Dean E. Lambdin, 41, of Morrison, IL died Sunday, January 31, 2010 at his home. Dean was born on December 3, 1968 in Baltimore, MD to Larry and Ila (Moody) Lambdin Sr. He graduated from high school in Dundalk and attended Vennard College in University Park, IA. He graduated with a degree in Pastoral Ministries in 2002. He married Amy Hulett on June 11, 1994 in Essex, MD. Dean was a pastor in Wright Union Church in Wright, IA, Grace Chapel Church in Milwaukee, WI, Bangor Liberty Friends Church in Bangor, IA and Bretheren in Christ Church in Morrison, IL. He enjoyed having and working on electronics. Survivors include his wife, Amy; two daughters, Emily and Hannah Lambdin at home; mother, Ila Lambdin of Dundalk, MD; two brothers, Larry (Chris) Lambdin Dr., of Essex, Md and Joe Lambdin of Hagerstown, MD; several aunts and uncles and many nieces and nephews.

Janet Eurom, 66, of Georgetown, TX passed away on December 24, 2009. Janet was born on October 11, 1943 in Milwaukee, WI to Earl and Maxine Irvine. She grew up in Marshalltown, IA and attended school there. She also attended Iowa State University and Evangelical School of Nursing in Marshalltown, IA. On February 17, 1967, she was married to Gordon Eurom, former member of Hartland Friends, of Clemons, IA. During their nearly 43 years together they lived in Marshalltown, IA; St. Mary's Platt, Kent, England; Narborough, Leicestershire, England; Tokyo, Japan; Woodstock, Ontario, Canada; And Sherman, McKinney, Austin, and Georgetown, TX, where they finally settled in retirement to be near their children and grandchildren. Janet enjoyed quilting, keeping up with technology, and researching genealogy in her free time. Most of all, she was a passionately devoted wife, mother and grandmother who embraced her family. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Kendra (David) Apple of Coppell, TX and Jennifer (Chris) Boyer of San Antonio, TX.

Eleanora Ratcliff, 84 of New Sharon passed away Monday, November 23, 2009. Eleanora Olive Ratcliff, daughter of Martin and Ada (Chamberlin) Jones was born on June 5, 1925 in Richland, Iowa. She was a 1941 graduate of Richland High School. Eleanora received her teacher's certificate from William Penn University in 1943. She taught at various country schools. On October 12, 1946, she was united in marriage to Rayford Ratcliff in the Richland Friends Church. To this union four children were born, Martha, Harlan, Earl and Carl. Eleanora began working for North Mahaska School in 1964 as a Secretary retiring in 1988. Eleanora was an avid reader. She enjoyed canning, quilting for others, crafts and serving the Lord. She belonged to the Oskaloosa Friends Church and various church organizations. Her memory is honored by her husband, Rayford of Oskaloosa; her four children, Martha Kroese of Cedar Fall, Harlan (Pat) Ratcliff of Dallas Center, Earl (Margaret) Ratcliff of New Sharon and Carl (Janet) Ratcliff of Valley, Nebraska; her seven grandchildren, Darina Ratcliff, Max Ratcliff, Eric Ratcliff, Tom (Abigail) Hillers, Mindy (Matt Icenbice) Ratcliff, Molly Ratcliff and John Ratcliff; a sister, Alice Davis of Fairfield and a sister-in-law, Geraldine Jones of Rubio, Iowa.

Mission's Emphasis Morgan Martin

Learning to be a "very Hungry Caterpillar"

I recently came across a children's book entitled, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". The caterpillar in the story has a very simple mission: eat as much as possible. Throughout the book he maintains a "ruthless focus" on this mission, which results in his transformation.

After spending my first semester on campus at Coe, I have learned & observed a couple of things. The first is about students at Coe. Many of them will discuss truth, but very few of them are ever transformed by it. The Samaritan woman in John 4 knew the truth, but it wasn't until she was transformed by it that she went and witnessed to her entire hometown, despite the fact that she was an outcast.

The second thing I learned is about ministry. After spending some time in Acts studying Paul & the early church, I saw their "ruthless focus" on the vision & instructions God had given them. God has started to give me vision for how He wants His kingdom to come on campus at Coe and I know I need to maintain my focus on that as we move forward this semester.

One step at a time...

In Acts chapter 1, the disciples were waiting for the gift God had promised and so it says that they, "devoted themselves to prayer". In the same way that this group of people waited on God for the Holy Spirit, we will "devote ourselves to prayer" as we seek God for His transforming presence & truth through prayer, scripture study & the spiritual food of doing His will. I am excited to lead the students into prayer, transformation, and a deeper dependence on the Lord. I am excited to take this one step of obedience into prayer & see where God will lead us next.

Prayer Requests

Dependence & Focus - please pray that I will remember how important dependence upon God is & that I won't lose focus on what God has called me to do.

Wisdom & Grace - Wisdom in how to lead the students into culture change & grace for myself & in the students as we learn together.

Provision - I will be moving into a new season of fundraising where I need to develop new contacts. Pray for divine appointments & people with hearts to give. Pray that the last 25% of my budget will come in so that I can spend more time on campus with students.

Please consider supporting Morgan through prayer and financial giving. Send contributions to Bob Watson, IAYM Mission's Treasurer, 803 Minnesota Street, Glidden, IA 51443 and mark it Morgan Martin (InterVarsity).

Morgan Martin
InterVarsity Campus Update
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JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH!

Are you ready for

Blizzard Blast

Director: Chip Daleske with Youth Exec.

Friday Feb. 19th through **Saturday Feb. 20th**

What to bring: Schedule:

Bible/Notebook/Pen



Fri 7-10pm: Registration and worship
@ Marshalltown Friends
Church, Pizza, Worship

Sleeping Bag/Pillow



Fri 10pm-Sat 6am: YMCA group games, swimming
freetime, tournaments

Swimsuit/Towel



Sat 6am-7am: Breakfast @
Marshalltown Friends
Church



Toiletries



Sat 7am: Depart



Athletic clothes



\$25

Please send registration
forms & money to
Yearly Meeting office

Please send your early registrations to: IAYM, PO Box 657, Oskaloosa, IA 52577 (by Feb. 16th)

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website...iaym.org OR
email the office at iaym@mahaska.org to request a copy of the registration

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Pleasant Plain/Salem Quarter Fairfield Friends

Quarterly Meeting will be at Fairfield Friends on Sunday
February 21st. The schedule will be as follows:

4 pm Business meeting
& separate activities for Jr. Quarterly Meeting

5 pm Potluck dinner

6 PM "I Love CQH" - Linda and others
will be in charge of the entire service.



**Bangor/Honey Creek Quarter
Location @ Bangor-Liberty Friends
Feb. 28 Time: 3 pm**

Pastor's Short Course 2010

March 22 - 24

Hosted at William Penn University
and

College Avenue Friends

Guest Speaker is Dr. Carol Spencer

Please request a brochure/registration
at

iaym@mahaska.org or call

641-673-9717

Quaker Men Family Banquet

Location: William Penn University
Cafeteria (Student Union - 2nd Floor)

Date: February 27, 2010

Time: 12:00 pm Noon

Cost: \$10 in advance (preferred) By Feb. 22nd
or \$12 at the door

Send advance registrations to
Chuck Nichols, 1743 Main St. Rd.
State Center, IA 50247

Emory Stewart will be the speaker.

Nathan McCracken will be in charge of the special
music. The family is very talented and has been
active with the camp youth, the church and
community, and will provide inspiration for all ages.

In addition we will have a silent auction of the crafts,
baked goods and white elephant gifts that will be
donated. Proceeds will go to help our Iowa Yearly
missionaries, the Martins and the Barbers.