



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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Wolfe Ranch Open House May First

Quakerdale is a ministry of the Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends and for decades Quakerdale has served children of the state of Iowa through the Department of Human Services. There have been rich opportunities to serve many in need, however as state budget cuts occur we are aware that our services must and will change. We are striving to become more involved with Iowa communities to seek out the needs and see how we can help.

We know that Quakerdale will look different in the future and we expect to touch even more people than ever before through new initiatives. We need the people in our churches, communities, and state to show us what is needed so we can partner and develop new initiatives. Quakerdale exists to serve people as Christ serves.

One of the first changes happening at Quakerdale has to do with the closing of the Wolfe Ranch Residential Treatment program and the start of a new 24 month pilot project at the Ranch. While we will not be operating a residential treatment program at the ranch, we will still be doing ministry work in new ways. Quakerdale is not limited to a campus location or restricted to a service that matches what we have done in the past. As a matter of fact... we doubt we know all the ways that we will be utilizing this facility and we need your help to talk to us about ideas and areas of need. Even so, here are some of our rough ideas:

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- Using the horses for team building, counseling and communication training for Quakerdale kids and outside groups
- Sponsoring family, church and organization retreats and meetings
- Holding youth Lock ins/conducting youth and adult spiritual/leadership events
- Sponsoring horse camps lasting from a half day to a week
- Counseling (and virtual) Support groups for weight loss, divorce, singles, parents addictions etc.
- Hosting IAYM meetings: BOC, Quarterly meetings, spring and fall body meetings, short course etc.
- Hosting work groups to volunteer at Quakerdale ministries
- Hosting Veterans home, nursing homes, schools etc... to come and spend a day

We invite individuals, families, Sunday School Classes, Churches and others to come visit. Meet Joy and Jon Bethel who are leading this project and reside on the ranch. Learn about our heart to serve the Lord at Quakerdale... not only at the Ranch, but in every program and initiative we do!

We are having a come and go open house breakfast on May 1, from 6 to 10 am! We invite you to come and see the ranch and have some breakfast. Then you can go to Camp Quaker Heights for their work day.

So please keep Quakerdale in your prayers. We are always looking for ministry minded people to work and volunteer. We need your prayers that we find the needs that God has for us to serve Him through. We need your input! If you'd like someone to come and talk to your church, school, or club please contact us!

By: Robert C. Talbot, Executive Director



work day for Camp Quaker Heights
May 1st
More Details coming soon!



Friendly Flashes

- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa -

REMEMBERING OUR IOWA MISSIONS

Many of our local USFW's have favorite local projects to support with our time and money. Here in Oskaloosa these include the Church Women United ecumenical food cupboard and a shelter for abused women and children, among others. We also support the budget of USFW International with its essential funding for our FUM missions in Africa, Ramallah and the Caribbean. It can be easy to forget that right here in Iowa there are three very important missions right on our doorstep: Camp Quaker Heights, Quakerdale, and Mesquakie Friends Center at Tama.

We hope you are all planning to be at Spring Fling on April 24 at Middle River Friends. This will be a great opportunity to hear all about the repairs and renovations at Camp. You won't want to miss the full update from Linda Garrison and Chip Daleske. Information will also be available at the newly re-established Quarterly Meetings listed in the January Iowa Friend.

Quakerdale has experienced large cuts to their budget due to the current economic crisis. The state cut 10% out of their payment for services in almost all of their state contracted programs, and another 10% cut is projected for July 2010. The most recent News & Views contains a "wish list" that includes gift cards to be used as birthday gifts for the kids; winter gloves, hats or coats; and sports equipment such as basketballs. See www.quakerdale.org for a complete list.

Mesquakie can always use paper supplies, and they will soon be needing volunteers to help with their summer camp. See Victor and Brenda White's article in the January Iowa Friend for the most recent update from Tama. Remember our Iowa missions!

(By Linda Eliason for the Iowa USFW Board)

Spring Body of Representatives

*Date: March 27, 2010
Location: Lynnville Friends
Check-in and Coffee time @
9:00 am
Roll-call at 9:30 am
Lunch served at noon
Cost for Lunch: \$6.00*

USFW Spring Fling 2010

Middle River Friends
Saturday, April 24th
Registration & coffee time at
9:30a.m.
Cost will be \$10.
Free Day Care is provided



*Bus Trip to
Sturgeon Bay
Friends for the
Winnesheik
Quarterly
Meeting
July 10-11th*

COSTS:

Bus travel (\$61 to \$110 per person) from Marshalltown and picking up in two additional locations. The more participants the lower the cost. Bus provided by Hawkeye Stages from our friends in Decorah

Depart: Friday July 9 Return on Sunday July 11

Lodging: Motel is \$104 per night and that price is the same whether there are 4 people or 1 person in a room.

Total cost: Approximately \$318 per person plus our food stops and shopping.

This would also be a time of celebration as Sturgeon Bay is moving forward with a new lift in their church as well as some other improvements to their facilities.

I need to know how many people would be willing to make this commitment by April 15 (contact the office either by email or phone - iaym@mahaska.org or 641-673-9717)

If we do not have at least 27 people interested in the bus travel then we will try to work out some car-pooling arrangements. PLEASE let us know that you are wanting to attend and we will work out the details!!!

Meeting Moments & Vital Signs



Valton Friends:

Michael and Diana Biesek are now the new pastors at Valton Friends. Even though Michael is a custodian in the Hillsboro School system he felt led to minister here. We welcomed them with a "pound party" at which time many useful items were brought for their kitchen and pantry shelves. Michael and Diana have two daughters and a grandson. They are Emily (Thomas) Keene, and their son, Michael (age 2) of Oshkosh WI, and Holly who is a senior in the Hillsboro High School.

On November 22nd we had our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. A nice Christmas program of scripture and carols were presented. Congratulations to our youth group winning 1st place on their float entered in the Wonewoc Lighted Christmas parade. We continue to have our Singspirations on the last Sunday evening of every month. Pastor Michael also shares poems he has written.

Our USFW supplies quilts for the Sauk County Sheriff's Department. They carry these quilts in their squad cars to be given to children as a comfort when they experience unfortunate situations.

The Youth Group sponsored a Super Bowl Sundae meal on February 7th. They will be giving free will donations to the Ronald McDonald House. At this time we are praying for the earthquake victims in Haiti and will send a offering we have collected to help with their needs.

College Avenue Friends:

\$2,377.00 has been received toward our goal of \$2,500.00 for Phase One of the improvements to Oskaloosa's Friends Cemetery. An additional \$123.00 will enable us to complete the new fence across the front of the cemetery! Phase Two will include additional fencing around the perimeter and a permanent sign for the entrance. If you would like to participate you may make your check payable to "Friends Cemetery Improvement Fund" and mail it to Trustees, College Ave. Friends Church, 910 North C Street, Oskaloosa, IA 52577. THANK YOU to all who have contributed!

Births:

Pastor Todd and Brockie Follette, of Grinnell Friends, are proud parents of Cadie Jo Follette (8 lbs and 8 oz. 20 1/2") She arrived on February 12, 2010. Congratulations!



Death:

Delores (Dode) Beier, age 81, of Wonewoc, WI was called to her "Heavenly Home" on November 24, 2009 at the U.W. Hospital in Madison, WI. She was born on June 8, 1928 in the Woodland Township, Sauk County. The daughter of Rhineholt and Cecile (Mortimer) Hendricks. She attended Valton grade school and graduated from Wonewoc High School. On June 25, 1948 Delores was united in marriage to Dean Beier in the Valton Friends Church. She lived her entire life in the Valton community and along with her husband raised two sons on the family dairy farm. Delores was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, an excellent homemaker and was known for her compassionate giving and kindness to others. She appreciated God's beauty in her valley and the surrounding countryside and loved gardening and raising flowers. Delores was active at Valton Friends Church of which she was a member. Also, Delores was a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Women's Missionary Union (USFW). Every year she helped sew around 50 quilts that were donated to the Sauk County Sheriff's Department. Her Christian witness is left as a loving legacy to her family and friends. She is remembered for her prayers and faithfulness by the church family. She is survived by her husband Dean of 61 years; two sons, Kenneth (Debra) Beier of Reedsburg and Barry (Nena) Beier of LaValle; seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and a brother Lewis "Bud" Hendricks of Edwardsville, KS.

Bertha VerSteegh, 84, passed away in December, 2009. Bertha Mae VerSteegh was born April 15, 1925, in Lacey, Iowa to Cecil and Cora Dilley Criss. Bertha was a 1942 graduate of Urbana High School in Urbana Iowa. On August 14th of 1947, Bertha married Ted Ver Steegh in New Sharon. They made their home in rural New Sharon, Iowa, where for over 40 years Bertha was the New Sharon Librarian and Ted farmed. Bertha enjoyed cooking for her family, friends, and church functions. She also loved attending North Mahaska athletic events and enjoyed playing cards. She was a member of the Prairie Knolls Country Club, the Red Hat Ladies from New Sharon and held many offices in the New Sharon Women's Club. She was a member of the Oskaloosa Friends Church, where she also held several offices in the Martha Faye Circle. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Ted Ver Steegh; her daughter, Beth (Eric) Otto; grandchildren: Brent and Allison Otto; a great-grandson, Collins Otto; sisters-in-law: Sylvia Criss, Evelyn Dunnick and Anita (Frank) Younkin; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Bertha was preceded in death by a daughter, Beverly Prine; an infant son, Frederick; brothers: Ed and Paul Criss; and a sister, Sylvia Cline.

IAYM Mission Emphasis

Nathan & Brianna Martin

Serving in Cambodia

Learning, Observing, Praying

During these first months in Cambodia our days are filled with language lessons and cultural learning. When we're not studying we explore Phnom Penh, practice having conversations in the "real world", visit important cultural sites, attend OMF Bible studies with other new workers, and soak up all we can to better understand the Khmer people. We are so thankful for our partners back home who make this possible and pray with us for God's Kingdom expansion here among the Khmer people.

Thank You!

Staying in touch:

Email: nb.martin@mac.com

Facebook Group: Martin Cambodia Link

Website: www.heartforcambodia.com

Monthly Prayer letter: sign up @ www.omf.org/us/partner

Prayer Requests:

1. For a thriving relationship with God and rich times of prayer & Bible study.
2. For God's blessing and help in language learning.
3. For comfort during the times we miss family and friends.
4. For continued health, safety, and physical adjustment to the climate and food. We're moving toward the hot season.
5. For ever growing insight into God's love and compassion for the Khmer people and for more Khmer friendships.
6. For opportunities to share the hope we have in Christ even while our language is shallow.
7. For God to shape and refine us so we may be better ambassadors for him!

Mailing Address in Cambodia:

Nathan & Brianna Martin
c/o OMF, PO Box 570
Phnom Penh CAMBODIA



The IAYM Mission's Board is encouraging churches to help raise financial and prayer support for Nathan & Brianna Martin. They have developed a video from Cambodia and have pictures on the web at public.me.com/nb.martin. The Facebook group: Martin Cambodia Link has the most up-to-date information with pictures and prayer requests. Cambodia already feels like home for the Martins. They are still adjusting to the Cambodian diet, however. Safety is an important prayer concern as they drive their scooter in Phnom Penh. Blue Cross/Blue Shield has just recently raised their health insurance premium another \$50 a month.

Please send donations for your Easter/Spring offering (Nathan & Brianna's support) to:

Bob Watson, IAYM Mission's Treasurer
803 Minnesota Street
Glidden, IA 51443
Send a note with your check to indicated "Martins-Cambodia"

***The IAYM Missions Board
would like to emphasize
prayer for our missionaries
and their families.***



Prayers for Missionaries & Their Families

by Heather Kaiser

Cultural sensitivity. Dear Father, enable _____ to understand and appreciate the local customs. Help them to be humble, wise, and respectful as they interact with others so that they will not offend their neighbors or sin against You. (1 Cor. 10:23-32)

Evangelism. Great God, equip _____ always to be ready to give an account for the hope that is in them. Teach them how to do so with gentleness and reverence. (1 Pet. 3:15)

Garrison Memorial Scramble

April 24, 2010

Westwood Municipal Golf Course, Newton, IA



Dear Friends,

Once again, the time is approaching for the 3rd Annual Ric Garrison Memorial Golf Scramble, held in Newton, IA. This tournament is a fund raiser designed to help source scholarships for college students within the realm of Iowa Yearly Meeting. The tournament is in memory of Ric Garrison, who served as the Director of Youth and Christian Education for Iowa Yearly Meeting and directed Camp Quaker Heights for 10 years. The tournament was started to provide scholarships for Ric's children and their college education. One of our future goals is to be able to expand these scholarships to more students within Iowa Yearly Meeting. Last year, the tournament was held on the last weekend of April. Over a dozen foursomes braved the cold and rain, with the team of Kerry Lake, Phillip Schrauben, Richard Grimm, and Ron Bryan (from the New Sharon/Oskaloosa area) winning the event. We were able to raise \$2200, and are setting a goal of \$2500 for this year. We have been promised better weather this year (from Westwood's club professional) and are excited for another successful year.

There are 3 ways that you can help us reach our goal:

1. You can send a team to play in the event. The scramble will begin with a 9:00 shotgun start at Westwood Memorial Golf Course in Newton, Iowa. Along with team prizes, there are numerous hole prizes for Longest Drive, Closest to The Pin, Longest Putt, and a variety of others.
2. You can sponsor the tournament financially. There are 3 levels of sponsorship available. Each sponsor will be denoted with a sign on one of the 18 holes. (the sign may include any information you desire)
3. You can donate prizes for the event. If we are able to offer more prizes, then more golfers will sign up to play.

Thank you for your time, and for consideration in sponsoring the Ric Garrison Memorial Scramble. We welcome your sponsorship and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

*Anthony Nieuwsma & Matt Heston
in cooperation with The Friends Church
of Grinnell
A Community of New Hope*



Forms for Sponsorship, Registration, and Bulletin Inserts are available NOW!

Please visit our website: iaym.org to download your copy OR email iaym@mahaska.org or call the office at 641-673-9717 to request a copy

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Iowa Yearly Meeting Events for March of 2010

I Love CQH Events

Ackworth/Bear Creek Quarter

Location: Friends Church West

Date: March 14

Time: 3:00 pm Presentation
followed by food and fellowship

Lynn Grove Quarter

Location: Lynnville Friends

Date: March 28

Time: 3:00 pm Presentation
followed by food and fellowship

If unable to attend, send "I Love CQH"
contributions for the bath house to:
Camp Quaker Heights
22605 V. Ave.
Eldora, IA 50627

**BOC meeting on March 13
at the Yearly Meeting Office**

**Spring Body of Representatives
March 27th
Lynnville Friends**

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