



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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Bathed in the Light - the Light of Christ *as printed in the Marshalltown Friends Newsletter*

Dear Friends,

I'm a gardener, both inside and out. I love the life cycle, the changing of seasons, and the overall satisfaction of nurturing life through plants. Summertime allows expansion of my "plant life" out on to the deck. But, as you've probably noticed, the days are growing shorter and the temperature cooler. That means all of my house plants have to move back inside. One would think this wouldn't be such a big deal. But I have lots of plants. And most of them are quite large! In fact, my biggest plant is older than my son! No kidding! I have had my tropical *Defembacia* for over 20 years now! It moves outside all summer and grows happily. Then I cut it back and move it inside again in the fall.

Two plants in particular have given me new insights this season. I have a humungous Peace Lily that was given to my family when my father passed away in 2003. It loved the morning sunlight on the deck, followed by the shady afternoons. Since coming inside it's been pouting - complaining about having to leave the great outdoors. But just this week (after 2 weeks of living inside) it's begun to grow again. Yesterday morning the sun was shining in the east office window, that Peace Lily completely turned toward the direction of the sunshine. Every leaf on the plant was facing the window and the stems were reaching/leaning heavily toward the window.

And then there are my two Thanksgiving cactus. I lost part of a 30+ year old mother plant last winter. All I have left are "starts" from the old plant. All summer the cactus were outside. They didn't look like they were doing anything but surviving. I brought them inside about 3 weeks ago and simply sat them on the floor of the family room to be "dealt with" later. Honestly, I wasn't sure they were even alive. Much to my surprise this week those silly cactus have totally budded out. Hot pink buds, each measuring about 3" in length, are starting to open at the tip of every single row of leaves! It's like watching a miracle. I was sure they were dead....and yet they have proven to be very much alive.

I've been thinking about these plants all week. Truly, these plants are very much like us! There may be times when we don't feel very close to God or even when we wonder if He's even around at all! We may have long periods of time when we don't notice or experience any spiritual growth at all. And then, all of a sudden, we find ourselves bathed in the Light - the Light of Christ - beating in through the window of our hearts. And without even thinking we reach our arms and bask in the warmth of His presence again. And how often do we give up on someone or something, or even a prayer request before God has a chance to offer. Just like those cactus, all they needed was time. They didn't need water or nurturing,...just time. And when the time was perfect, they budded out, ready to show the fullness of their beauty. May we hope in the Lord, Trusting His Light to bring us new life in the days and weeks ahead.

*Be God's, Pastor Judy Marshall
Marshalltown Friends*

Cuba Workteam Mission Trip

Sponsored by FUM

January 24 - February 5

The first Meeting for Worship was held on the island of Cuba in the early years of the 20th century. Many of the same lowans who were pouring their energies into work in Kenya and Jamaica took up the call and aided the start of the work in Cuba, as well. Since then, worship in that geographical area has grown into more than a dozen meetings and missions. Demographic changes and population shifts affected some groups, but new worship groups have started, including one in Havana. Most of the groups and fellowships of Cuba Yearly Meeting are situated in the provinces of Holguin and Las Tunas.

In late January, FUM again sends a work team to Cuba. Travel is slated for January 24-February 5, and the seven participants from the US represent 4 different Yearly Meetings. Workers in "La Brigada," will continue at the site in the city of Holguin where a 3-story structure is being built for Cuba Yearly Meeting (a full member of Friends United Meeting) which will house the yearly meeting office, dorm space for traveling seminary students and work teams, and housing for retired pastors.

In addition, work team members get an opportunity to opportunities for work and worship in Holguin. The meeting there has fellowship times for men, women, children and senior citizens, as well as home/neighborhood prayer groups. Service opportunities are abundant, and many are involved with the large population of physically-challenged people living in Holguin.

Linda Garrison, CQH administrator here in Iowa Yearly Meeting is again leading the work team, and Juli Hisel of Woolson Friends also joins.

Friendly Flashes

- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa -

"See, I am Doing a New Thing"

One of the joys of USFW is sharing with the women in our meeting. Sometimes it is practical knowledge or it can be a story from our lives that has enriched us and keeps us focused on God. Sometimes it's a poem or a song. And it can be a trouble that we're dealing with and we need support.

I used to feel that USFW was not for me. That I wouldn't fit in. But I've found that I have a spiritual lift from these meetings. I've found that there is such wisdom and caring in our meeting, at times I'm overwhelmed with the love that we share with each other and that it comes from God. It's astonishing!

I love Clara's stories about Kenya. Last week we heard this one. When Clara had been living in Kenya she taught one of her students to play Scrabble and gave her the game as a gift. Many years later upon a visit with this student, now an adult with her own children, the student brought out the very same Scrabble game for them to play. She remarked at how it had helped her children learn as they were growing up and her son now has a very good career. A simple game of Scrabble spanned a generation of learning for that family. How inspiring!

As I anticipate my trip to Belize, next week, I treasure the things I've learned and the support I've received from the women of my USFW. They will all be with me as I am doing a new thing.

*Taken from the West Branch Friends Newsletter
Written by Tanya English*

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



Prayers for Missionaries & Their Families

by Heather Kaiser

More Workers: Lord of the harvest, please send out more workers to help _____ serve in the place to which You have called them. (Matthew 9:38)

Fruitfulness: Mighty God, cause _____ not to lose heart in doing good. As they seek the growth of Your kingdom, let them see the fruits of their labors. (Gal. 6:9; Col. 1:10)



Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

Motor Friends - Keith Smith, Pastor

Pastor Keith and wife, Nancy, returned the last of October from a 12-week sabbatical to members who were very thankful they were back. They were welcomed with a carry-in dinner after church the first Sunday after their return. During the time they were gone members of the congregation took turns being in charge of the Sunday morning service. While we missed Keith, everyone has been awakened to the talent we have sitting in the pews.

Two-year old Karly Rose Shelton, daughter of Andrew and Laura Shelton, who accidentally drowned in a farm pond, was laid to rest in Motor cemetery next to family members.

After many hours of labor the landscaping around the church and the Sunday school addition, has been completed and it looks very attractive.

Our prayers go with Chris Koenig, son of Dale and Joy Koenig, who is being deployed to serve a year in Afghanistan.

Motor members helped Helen McElwee celebrate her 97th birthday on November 14 with cake and ice cream during the fellowship hour. Helen is a regular attender.

Deaths:

Frances Powers, 72, passed away on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at the Bright Kavanagh Hospice House in Des Moines. Funeral services were held at LeGrand Friends Church with Pastor Alan Mullikin officiating. Frances willingly served her LeGrand church family in numerous ways: as a member of the Missions Committee, with a warm smile and hello as a Church Greeter alongside her husband Wendell, and with her decorative, artistic touch on the Flowers and Decorations committee as she faithfully cared for the indoor plants and flowers and decorated the church for the various holidays. With her love of flowers and gardening, we're sure she's enjoying the beautiful landscape of heaven.

Kevin D. Hinshaw, 77, of Richland passed away Tuesday August 31, 2010 at Mercy Hospital Hospice Unit in Iowa City. He had been in failing health.

Kevin was born to Loren and Gertrude (Shy) Hinshaw on November 22, 1932 near Richland. He graduated from Richland High School in 1951. He married Donna Emonin May 14, 1953. She died January 25, 2009. Kevin lived his entire life on the family's century farm east of Richland. He was a birthright member of Richland Trinity Friends Church. He was a farmer, real estate broker and insurance salesman.

He is survived by a son, Dennis, and daughters Dixie Richardson and Jeannie Pedrick, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren and a brother, Kermit Hinshaw.

Services were held at Woolson Friends Church on September 4, 2011 with Harlan VanVoorst officiating.

Harvey Vis, 76, of LeGrand Friends Church passed away November 4, 2010 at Grandview Heights Rehabilitation Center in Marshalltown, Iowa. Services were held at church on Tuesday, November 9 with Pastor Alan Mullikin officiating. A multi-talented entrepreneur, Harvey was an eager and hard-worker who learned many different skills and trades before starting his own business, Vis LTD Roofing. He also loved racing (from go-carts to NASCAR), G-scale trains, and building projects of all kinds. A straight-shooter, Harvey will be remembered for his quick-wit, generosity, and ready willingness to lend a helping hand. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Coralynn, as well as four children, 9 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild, two sisters and a brother.

Carolyn "Elaine" Rochholz was born on Valentine's Day Feb. 14, 1934 in Adair County, Iowa, to Charles and Georgia (Howard) Beaman. She passed away on Sunday, October 10, 2010, at the Greenfield Manor at the age of 76.

Elaine, as she was best known by to her family and friends, was born with a twin brother, Carol Wayne Beaman. Carol passed away before the twins were a year old. Elaine was raised in Canby and attended grade school in a country school and then Fontanelle High School from which she graduated in 1953. Elaine then moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where she worked for a short time before being joined in marriage to Glen Rochholz on Nov. 22, 1953 at the Canby Friends Church. Throughout Elaine's life she and her family made their home in Des Moines, Long Beach, CA, Kansas City, MO, Rochester, MN, Norwalk, IA, Wichita, KS and St. Charles, MO. In 1992, upon their retirement, Elaine and Glen moved to Adair, IA. They resided in Adair until moving into the Greenfield Manor in Jan. 2010.

Throughout most of her adult life Elaine worked in various aspects of the food service industry. Including managing the school lunch programs at Norwalk, IA and Goddard, KS. She also managed cafes in Norwalk and Wichita. Elaine had a very strong work ethic and was extremely organized. She was also a compassionate person who provided guidance for her employees at work and in their personal lives. Elaine was an active member of the Friends Church throughout her life and lived a life that reflected her strong Christian faith.

Elaine was a sports fan who inherited her love of sports from her father Charlie Beaman. She enjoyed watching her sons and grandchildren compete in various youth sports as well as high school and college wrestling, cross country and track. She was a lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team and loved Iowa Hawkeye wrestling. Elaine was an immaculate housekeeper and great cook. One dish her family particularly enjoyed was Elaine's lasagna.

Elaine is survived by: Glen, her husband of 56 years of Greenfield Manor, son David and his wife Lora, Minot, ND; son Timothy and his wife Londa, Eugene, OR; six grandchildren; sister Marjorie Porter, Greenfield; sister-in-law Hazel Gritton, Des Moines; brother-in-law Dean Rochholz, Colorado Springs, CO and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.



Pastor Rick Hagans and Levi State

William Penn Campus Ministry Poverty Awareness Week

Campus ministry spent a week during the month of November raising awareness of poverty in the U.S.. Some of the events held during the week were:

A Meager Meal, Prayer Vigil

"National Homeless Sleep-out under the Stars"

Special messages by Rick Hagans

*"Walk a Mile in Their Shoes" done barefoot
by participants*

Pastor Rick runs a ministry in Alabama called "Harvest Evangelism". They minister to the poor in Reynosa, Mexico and also run a recovery program for those wanting to overcome addictions. Rick also addressed our Penn Football team on Saturday morning and spoke at College Avenue Friends at their Sunday morning worship service.



Year - End Gifts to Iowa Yearly Meeting

As we rapidly approach the end of our fiscal year of 2010 we look back at the ministry of our Yearly Meeting. We are thankful for the emerging work of Friends Church West, the growth of ministry at Camp Quaker Heights, the work at the Mesquakie Friends Center. We remember those that have passed on during this past year and how they had served in the local meetings. Through your faithful contributions and generous gifts, our general superintendent was able to pursue a sabbatical during these last 2 months of the year. We are thankful that he can serve and encourage ministers in Africa.

Looking toward the end of this year of 2010 we would appreciate your consideration of a individual donation to help balance our books. It is through the pledges of our local meetings and the personal contributions of individuals that our Yearly Meeting operates. We strive to be good stewards of these funds. If you would like to make a year-end contribution (post-marked by December 31st) please send it to :

IAYM
PO Box 657
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Also, if you have been considering a gift to Camp Quaker Heights and/or Mesquakie Friends Center to help them in their ministry at the Mesquakie Settlement you may also send those contribution here as well.

IAYM Youth Ministries Presents:



Mid-Winter

Sr. High/College Retreat

January 7-9

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Middle River Friends Church
Carlisle, IA

Featuring: **Jason Bauer**
former Iowa basketball star



\$75



Be sure to bring: Bible, sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, etc.

Friday:

Registration-5pm
Food and Games, Worship
to follow

Saturday:

Breakfast
Worship, small groups,
games

Sunday:

Worship w/ Middle River
Lunch
1:00pm-goodbye!

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Mission Board College Scholarship

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission's Board is offering a college scholarship of up to \$1000 for the 2011-2012 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 2011-2012 scholarship application, please contact: Mary Glenn Hadley, 611 South R St. #6, Indianola, IA 50125 or call 515-961-0606. The deadline for the application is March 1, 2011.

Trustees Scholarship

Applications are now being taken for a \$500 college scholarship to be distributed in the 2nd semester of the 2011-2012 academic school year (January of 2012). College students within Iowa Yearly Meeting are encouraged to seek an application through the Yearly Meeting Office. Deadline for this scholarship is January 1st, 2011. A recipient will be determined at Spring Body 2011.

Make inquiries to:

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Thank You!