



# 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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## IOWA FRIENDS AND MISSIONS

A short history for us to consider - past and the present:  
*written by: Ron Bryan, General Superintendent*

Since my return to Iowa and having just been involved extensively in the Friends work in Africa, I thought perhaps a little mini-review might be in order for all our readers as to how important Missions is to Iowa Yearly Meeting and how we continue to be a resource for missions work in many different places.

It was Iowa Yearly Meeting members that moved on to establish California Yearly Meeting, Oregon Yearly Meeting and Nebraska Yearly Meeting back in the 1800's. It was other members who have had the integral if not foundational vision and resourcefulness for the beginnings of Kenya Friends, Jamaica Friends and Cuba Friends. The same person from Iowa who helped with the beginnings of Kenya later started the Burundi Yearly Meeting. It was members of Iowa Yearly Meeting that traveled extensively in the south immediately following the Civil War helping to establish schools to educate freed slaves. It was Friends, many of whom were from the Muscatine and Salem area, who were the first Native American Agents established by President Grant for the American Indians who had been relocated to the Indian Territory and other locations by the US government. Even today our own Victor and Brenda White serve with the Mesquakie people here in Iowa. We have had Iowa Friends in leadership back in the beginning of the work at Ramallah, Palestine and other Friends who have served there such as Arlen and Jean Daleske.

Don and Mary Humrichouse were there to begin the work in Turkana, Kenya and they were followed by Jim Hoeksema. Many people won't know that it was Marvin and Doris Hoeksema serving with Friends in Kenya in the early 1970's who went to Turkana to check out those possibilities. There are a host of people who have served in Kenya from Iowa including Millie Jones, Herschel & Mildred Mendenhall, Mary Glenn Hadley, and Bob & Ethel Watson. In Jamaica we have had Bill & Joyce Wagoner and Eugene & Francis Wolfley who came much later following the establishing of that Yearly Meeting. This is some of the involvement that we have provided. I realize in naming some names I will miss someone or many, but it is not deliberate, so I beg your forgiveness for any oversights.

There is much happening amongst our churches and families now, even this month. Megan Coffin from Salem just arrived in Ireland to learn more about a possible mission

position. Sarah Martin is traveling to Cambodia this summer to seek a clear call from God about her desire for missions. Sam and Becky Barber, serving in Belize, have been experiencing recurring health issues that make their lives difficult while felt lead to take in two foster daughters who needed a home there in Belize.

Morgan Martin, with InterVarsity, is planning to marry this summer but will continue to work for InterVarsity, in Georgia I believe. Nathan and Brianna Martin are returning to the states for four months in preparation and culmination of the birth of their first child but plan to return to their call in Cambodia. I shouldn't overlook the Whiteheads in Ecuador, Kirk Johnson with Campus Crusade or Josh & Katie H. in China.

I would ask that all of our members remember to pray for our Field Staff involved with Friends United Meeting and don't forget that Iowa Yearly Meeting also is a member of the Evangelical Friends Missions and we have people who serve on both boards.

Incidentally, we (FUM) signed a contract to dig our first Bore well in Turkana last week. It is going to happen at Katapakori. Eden Grace will be the FUM coordinator for the well and John Moru, of course, is the on the ground director.

I tried to interest some folks in raising funds for bicycles in Turkana to help the evangelists and pastors get to their sites more easily, and I am happy to say that Western Yearly Meeting missions has agreed to fund that project. This will mean life changing opportunities for a lot of people. I would hope that all of our pastors will keep an open mind and understanding that a bicycle, water, staple food, or a roof over a head, is the same fundamentally in Turkana, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Nepal, India, Philippines, Cambodia or Bangladesh. These men and women give everything to go and evangelize. They have little to nothing to call their own, but they go forward on foot every week to preach and to serve. One of the significant things we can all do is help support them by finances and prayer. A very little from us, means life to them. Much more can be learned about our historical part in missions by checking with the Yearly Meeting library or the William Penn Library.

# Quaker Men Family Banquet

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

**Date:** February. 26, 2011

**Time:** Dinner Served at 12:00 pm (Noon)

The winter banquet of Iowa Yearly Meeting is brought to you by your Quaker Men of Iowa. It has been called the Quaker Men's banquet in the past, but that would be misleading today. This banquet is for women, daughters, sons, and men-- but no pets. You are all invited, wanted, expected, desired, needed, planned for; and what else do you need? The official action begins by 11:30 at the Dining Room, top floor of Penn University Student Union. We met there last year for an outstanding banquet experience. Dinner served at noon.

We have an exciting program centered around our own home grown ministries; food first of course. Spencer Thury and his worship band from Campus Ministry will provide some music and a glimpse of their talent. Yes, we invest in young people at William Penn, so this will be a treat.

Remember the violence that happened with the last election in Kenya? Quaker peace teams worked to lead the healing of anger and hate that is the product of such violence. Now, Iowa Yearly Meeting is deeply involved in a new initiatives to teach the next generation a better way by teaching students in about 1500 Quaker schools about peaceful resolution. We have all heard of the work being done by Mary Glenn Hadley, Charlotte Stangeland, and Marlene Pedigo to develop a peace curriculum and install it in Kenyan schools. This is a very big job. Lloyd Stangeland and Ron Bryan have been working on a way to finance this work by a project named SEEDS that will be done in Kenya. They will unveil this exciting development after dinner. We are privileged to have Ron and Lloyd share with us.

Have you heard of free rice to feed the starving? There is a game called Free Rice. I played it on the internet for an hour and had to make myself quit to go to work. We will play this game for 15 minutes. Everyone will enjoy it, especially in a group setting and we will get an idea of what starving for food is like.

This entire banquet is about you, the Quakers of Iowa Yearly Meeting and what we are doing to advance God's kingdom on earth today. Last year, tickets were 10 dollars in advance and 12 at the door. If there is any change, we will get the word out when we find out, which will be soon after the first of the year. We will know by the time you preregister. It is helpful to give food service advance notice on numbers, so order tickets from Chuck Nichols at 2015 Wardview Road, Marshalltown, Ia 50158. Phone is 641-752-1931.

If this isn't enough, you can even go shopping right on site. There will be baked goods and crafts for sale. The proceeds from this sale be divided between Friends disaster Service and Camp Quaker Heights.

# Friendly Flashes

*- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa -*

## USFW Spring Fling

The Spring Fling will be at Middle River Friends at Carlisle. Come be a part of the action!!

**offering:** for the USFW Ramallah projects

**Theme:** Sharing Our Gifts.

**Date:** April 9th, 2011

Your officers are: Karen Bauer, Linda Eliason, Karen (Mendy) Mendenhall, Cathie Zeliadt, Charlotte Mosher, and Lyn Kinney.

## The Ercil Beane Evening Lecture and Pastor Short Course

J. Brent Bill will be the speaker for the 2nd annual Ercil Beane Evening Lecture at William Penn University. He will also be our keynote speaker for this year's Pastor Short Course.

Our speaker will share at William Penn University on Monday, March 28th at 7 pm. This lecture is open to the public. Our Iowa Yearly Meeting Pastor Short Course will kick-off with this event and will also meet together on Tuesday, March 29th.

## West Branch Friends, Ruthie Tippin - Pastor

It has been another busy year for our meeting. The Barber family shared their experiences as administrators for the Friends Boys School in Belize. We rejoiced with Pastor Ruthie Tippin as she completed her requirements to be recorded as a minister in Iowa Yearly Meeting. We participated in the Hooverfest celebration with the usual hymn sing, pie and ice cream social. A new worship service, Taize, was started. It originated in Taize, France. It is a time of silence, songs, readings and candlelighting. It meets once a month and is open to the community.

Blake Winder, with the help of other members, completed a rain garden. This was his Eagle Scout project. We had the annual worship in the park followed by a picnic lunch. The young people participated in Trick or Treat for UNICEF. Selena Martin of West Branch spoke of her faith journey as a Muslim.

Tanya English went on a mission trip to Belize. There she spent a week of ministry to the Barber family as well as students and families at Friends Boys School. The annual Angel Tree provided gifts for 11 children whose has a parent in prison.

The Christmas program followed by a soup supper was enjoyed by all. The Christmas Eve a candlelight was held. We celebrated the weddings of Maxine Nash & Jeff Koepp and Stacey Rife & Eric Alvarez.

# Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

## Births:

Elijah Cole Hamilton was born on January 20, 2011 weighing in at 9 lbs. and 5 oz. His parents are Chad and Jozlynn Hamilton, members at Fairfield Friends Church.

## Deaths:

**Steven A. Hisel, 60**, of rural Richland, passed away December 12, 2010 at Jefferson County Health Center in Fairfield. He had been living with a heart condition for the past several years. Steve was born on August 20, 1950 to Glen Ivan and Bernice Helen (Brereton) Hisel, in Fairfield. He married Janice Vittetoe in Fairfield on July 6, 1974. Steve lived all of his life in the Fairfield area, and farmed with his dad southeast of town. For the past 18 ½ years, he proudly drove a bus for the Fairfield Community School District. Steve was an enthusiastic supporter of Iowa State University athletics and Fairfield Trojan volleyball. He also enjoyed gardening, bird watching, canoeing and spending time with his family. He was a member of Woolson Friends Church of rural Richland. His daughters and, more recently, his granddaughters have attended Friends camps at Quaker Heights. Steve is survived by his wife; 3 daughters: Lisa (Cliff) Duff, Jodi (Brian) Kennedy and Juli Hisel; 3 grandchildren: McKenna, Madison and Macy Duff; 6 siblings; 1 brother-in-law; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Services were held December 16, 2010 at Behner Funeral Home with Pastor Frosty Van Voorst officiating.

**Don Dunham, 65**, of LeGrand Friends Church, passed away Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at Marshalltown Medical & Surgical Center in Marshalltown, Iowa. Services were held at church on Tuesday, December 28 with Pastor Alan Mullikin officiating. He was laid to rest in LeGrand Friends Cemetery, LeGrand, Iowa. Don worked in the railroad industry for more than 37 years, first in Marshalltown for the Chicago Northwestern, then in Missouri after the Union-Pacific buy-out. Upon his retirement, he and his wife returned to Marshalltown to be closer to their family. Don is fondly remembered as a kind, big-hearted guy who gave others his heartfelt attention and was a wonderful blessing to many. He had a great smile, was both fun and funny, and had a knack for making others smile and laugh. He was devoted to his family, attending all of their school and athletic events. He also actively coached high school football as well as boys and girls basketball in LeGrand from 1985 to 1995. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Susan, as well as three children, five grandchildren, his mother, Shirley Dunham, two brothers, a sister, and, several nieces, nephews, and in-laws. He was preceded in death by his father, Junior, his mother— and father-in-law, two brothers-in law, and a nephew.

**Wellington Whittlesey, 90**, of St. Petersburg, FL passed away on December 20, 2010. Wellington was born in Pasadena, CA and attended school in Inglewood and Pasadena before attending Pepperdine College in 1941, William Penn College where he earned his A.B. in 1942, and Drake University where he graduated with an A.M. in Religion, in 1955. He later attended the University of London (England) in 1972, University of South Florida in 1984, and Northgate Graduate School earning a Ph.D. in Theology. As an alternative to the armed services he served in the Civilian Public Service (as a conscientious objector) during WWII. His pastorates included: Lindsay Friends Church in Lindsay, CA 1944-46; West Indianapolis Friends Church in Indianapolis, IN 1947-49 where Wellington and Nina Brubaker were Married in 1947. Wellington preached the morning service, and his father conducted their marriage in the afternoon. He also served Friends Chapel in Chrisman, IL 1949-52; Liberty Friends Church in Clemons IA 1952-54 and was interim pastor of Church of the Brethren in St. Petersburg FL.

Wellington served the education field beginning at Kingswood College in Tate Springs, TN (1946-47) where he was Assistant Dean of Men, and Professor of Humanities. He was an Associate Professor of History and Religion at William Penn College (1952-54) before moving to St. Petersburg in 1963. He taught at Azalea Junior High School and Boca Ciega High School. In 1983 Wellington became Provost, and Professor of Theology at St. Petersburg Theological Seminary where he became President in May of 1987 and served for twelve years. Active in ministry all his life, Wellington served as a Minister of Visitation for Pasadena Community Church from 1963-1971, and served on the Board of Trustees for William Penn College. A humble servant of God, he exhorted his students to "Preach the Gospel" and lived as a shining example to his parishioners, his students, his fellow academicians, his family and his friends.

**Attention: Memorials**  
**Please send your meeting's memorials to :**  
**Marie Moffitt,**  
**15529 Kennedy St., Indianola, IA 50125**

*The IAYM Mission's Board focus  
for the Easter offering will be  
Nathan & Brianna Martin  
in Cambodia.  
Churches will receive bulletin  
inserts in February.*



# Garrison Memorial Scramble

## 4-Person Best Position Tournament

### 9:00 AM Shotgun Start

**April 30, 2011**  
**Westwood Municipal Golf Course**  
**Newton, IA**



Questions? - Anthony Nieuwsma

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**Westwood Municipal Golf Course**  
**3387 Hwy F48 W.**  
**Newton, Iowa 50208**

**\$200 / team**  
**Includes 18 holes of golf,**  
**cart, lunch & prizes**

## Iowa Yearly Meeting's Calendar of Upcoming Events - 2011

### February

Quaker Men's Banquet Feb 26th  
@ William Penn University's dining room

### March

Blizzard Blast for Middle School Friends March 11-12  
(5th - 8th grade)  
(Flyers & registration forms available at your local church)

Board on Coordination March 19  
@ College Avenue Friends

Pastors Short Course March 28-29  
@ William Penn and College Ave. Friends

### April

Spring Body of Representatives April 2nd  
@ Bangor-Liberty Friends

USFW Spring Fling April 9th  
@ Middle River Friends

### June

#### Young Friends' Camp at CQH

June 3-5 Youth Exec,  
College Weekender

June 5-8 Fry Camp  
(grades 3,4)

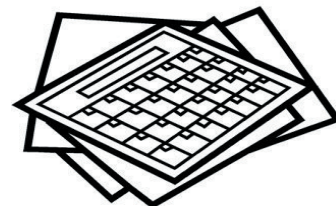
June 10-12 Little Fry (K-  
grade 2 with adult participant)

June 12-17 Jr. High (grades 7,8)

June 17-19 High School Weekender

June 19-24 High School

June 26-30 Fox Camp (grades 5,6)



### August

Iowa Yearly Meeting Ministry Conference

***"Missions by the Spirit"***

at Camp Quaker Heights

August 4th - 7th

# Mesquakie Friends Center

*Victor & Brenda White, Directors*

We are thankful to be one of the outreaches to our Native Americans. Mesquakie has endeavored to reach the heart and soul of the people. Some come willingly to the church but others stay a distance away. It is those who are fearful of moving closer to Jesus that we try to reach but at the same time disciple those who want more of Jesus. For this task we ask your prayers for reaching not only the lost but for the found that they might stand firm in the Lord.

It was a busy summer ending way to quickly. Fall came and went with its beautiful display of many colors. The farmers gathered their beans and corn at a time when it was so dry causing havoc for those who had allergies. After all the rain during the summer, we never thought we would be saying, "Oh I wish it would rain" for the dust hung like fog in the air during the evening hours. Now the fields have been prepared for the next planting season.

Most days this summer was spent doing some kind of outreach to our people in some way or another. Our biggest one week program is our Soaring Eagles Camp. We want to thank everyone who contributes to this great outreach. You help us bring together Natives from different Tribes to come enjoy the fellowship, games, prayer, and worship times. For most of these kids this may be the only time and place they will hear the Gospel. Some of these kids have never been to church but will come to camp. Some will start coming to church as a result of their camp experience. Volunteers who help during this time are always welcome and needed. At the center the housing, shower and restroom facilities are inadequate for the number of people that attend camp. Living in tents for a week is okay as long as the weather is good but when it rains and the wind blows down the tents getting everything wet it makes for a miserable time. Gary Mattson wrote a number of grants trying to find funding to build housing and a shower house with restrooms but God must have other plans in mind. This year a nearby campground allowed us to house our kids in their cabins and use all of the facilities in exchange for us mowing their camp grounds. As you know we had a very wet summer and the grass grew and grew and grew! We would gladly have our own facilities and Travis would prefer having only one place to mow. Would you pray with us that maybe one day these facilities could be built.

Our weekly Kids club continues to grow with 50-60 in attendance every Wednesday. We are fortunate to still have the teachers to take care of such a large group. As some of the older ones fall away (as they sometimes do) God always replaces them with new little ones. Our largest class is Pre-K numbering 15-20 every week. Some of those are only 3 years old. Travis takes care of these little ones. We ask that the kids be at least 4 before they come but when they want to come the parents send them and we just can't seem to turn them away. A meal is prepared and served to these kids by three cooks. Brenda helps cook, serve, clean, lead music and teach. Victor still drives one of two vans and he also has bible study for the 6-8 adults that come. The evening starts at 4:30 and doesn't end until the vans return empty about 9:30 or 10:00. A very tiring evening but a blessed one! Your support helps us to continue this vital program. Pray for all the kids and helpers that come and for the added strength needed to minister to these kids. There is a need for another 15 passenger van and a driver to alleviate the

already overcrowded ones. Both vans carry between 20-28 kids most Wednesdays. Most churches would jump for joy to have as many kids as we do but not if they don't have the ways and means of transporting them. Our budget is not where we can afford to purchase one much less pay for the insurance and upkeep. Pray with us that this need might somehow be met.

Lately, we are having more than the usual number of our people coming or calling the church asking for help with groceries, personal hygiene items and gas for work. Some to tide them over until payday. Some of them just need a ride to Wal-Mart, post office, grocery store or the pharmacy for meds. Brenda enjoys the Wal-Mart trips! Most of them are not enrolled members of the Tribe and don't receive a per cap. Even the Casino is having to cut hours/layoff people and lower the per cap due to loss of revenue. Pray that we will have the funds to help meet the needs as they come.

The Tribe built a new grade school a few years ago and now have added a High School. Not all of the Indians attend there some still go to town school. We try to attend some of the games at both schools to encourage participation and as a reminder to not forget about attending church or Kids Club. It's important that they see we are interested in their activities too. Our own grand kids call us to remind us of their upcoming activities. This keeps us looking forward to every day that we spend serving Jesus.

Your prayers are needed to help us make it through the days when so many things happen. Last week a grandmother called to ask us to attend court as a support for her 6 year old granddaughter who had been sexually abused. This little girl comes to the center. We continually pray for our little people because we don't know what they are faced with in their homes. They make us feel good when we hear their prayers thanking God for the vans that bring them to church, for the cooks and the food and the teachers who tell them about Jesus. One man prayed about how glad he was that we came and started a mission so that his family could have a place to worship. Some days we get pretty discouraged but when we hear these prayers from our people we are thankful and strengthened.

*"I have made you a watchman....give them warning from me."*

*Ezekiel 3:17*

As Christians that is our command from God. For He desires for no one to perish but have Everlasting Life. Our job is to seek out those who are lost and warn them about God's judgement for sin. People are drowning in their sins and only those who know the Savior can save them. We praise God for sending us here among a forgotten people to share with them the Gospel that Jesus loves them. Many needs are being met because of your faithfulness and generosity that allows us to meet these needs. Thank you and God bless you for allowing us to continue to serve at the Mesquakie Friends Center.

Thank you for the encouraging letters, birthday cards, personal gifts and Christmas cards. Your prayers and financial support is greatly appreciated.

In His Love.....Victor and Brenda White.



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## **BLIZZARD BLAST**

March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Speaker: Brockie Follette

**\$25**

Bring: Sleeping Bag, pillow, athletic shoes,  
swimsuit, change of clothes, toiletries, friends

**\$25**

Registration: 6:30pm First Friends Church Marshalltown  
Pickup: 7am

This lock-in is for our 5th - 8th grade students.