



The Iowa Friend

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WHAT ARE WE ABOUT?

Written by: Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

“As the American dream goes, we can do anything we set our minds to accomplish. There is no limit to what we can accomplish when we combine ingenuity, imagination, and innovation with skill and hard work. We can earn any degree, start any business, climb any ladder, attain any prize, and achieve any goal. James Truslow Adams, who is credited with coining the phrase “American dream” in 1931, spoke of it as a “a dream...in which each man and each woman shall be able to attain to the fullest stature of which they are innately capable, and be recognized by others for what they are.” From the book “RADICAL” by David Platt, pp 45-46.

Shockingly, I can honestly say I used to believe that and try to practice that. In the early 1970’s I was sure that I could do anything I sat my mind to do, there was no limit. I was in a small business as owner/operator and the business was growing by leaps and bounds for three years. I thought, ‘wow, I have made it forever’. Then in 1973 our nation had an oil embargo, business shrank, interest skyrocketed, and customers forgot loyalty and began looking for the best deal. I was full of frustration and anxiety. Then in 1976 I fell to my knees and asked for God to forgive and to come in to my life. Now I look back and think we have not grown a whole lot as a nation, we now find ourselves frustrated, full of anxiety and incomes dropping. Wow! What have we learned? What have I learned? Last Sunday my 13 year old grandson spoke in front of a church and reminded people that Phil. 4:13 says “I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”

This strength, this motivation, the purpose of it all is to recognize that it is through God’s strength, and through God’s purpose we should be attempting to achieve success. It isn’t about me, my, or your abilities to achieve, it is about God working through us.

David Platt also states “We bask in sermons, conferences, and books that exalt a grace centering on us. And while the wonder of grace is worthy of our attention, if that grace is disconnected from its purpose, the sad result is a self-centered Christianity that bypasses the heart of God.....The message of biblical Christianity is not ‘God loves me, period,’ as if we were the object of our own faith. The message of biblical Christianity is ‘God loves me so that I might make him—his ways, his salvation, his glory, and his greatness—known among all nations.’ Now God is the object of our faith, and Christianity centers around him. We are not the end of the gospel; God is.” Radical pp.69-71

What’s it all about, God or me?

Barber's Update October 2011

I can't believe that November is here already. We have a smaller class this year but we have been busy none the less. Our students are much better behaved this year and much easier to teach. Mid-October, we were able to take our first field trip. We enjoyed going to the weather bureau with our trusted guide and friend Mr. Frank Tench. He also arranged for us to visit the control tower at the airport. The students did very well and after the educational components of the trip were done...we took them to the pool to swim for awhile.

We have currently been busy with the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) here in Belize City. We had the initial workshop at the Friends school October 12-14th. It was very helpful for our students. Becky also participated in 2 AVP workshops at the University of Belize. The participants were very excited about AVP and asking for more workshops. We are hoping to be instrumental in helping to promote this AVP movement. It does seem to be a movement towards peaceful thinking which is so much needed in Belize.

We are also researching the expansion of the Friends ministry in Belize. In part we are looking at a bigger building. We are very excited to wait and see how God will direct and supply for this. We are also excited to move and do as God directs. Please pray for us as we all discern God's leading for the ministry in Belize. Pray for wisdom as we continue with AVP in Belize. Pray for our students that they are able to learn despite their circumstances. Pray for our family's safety, health and the cohesive bonding with our Belizean children.



Editor note: The Barbers are also on Facebook at "belizebarbers".

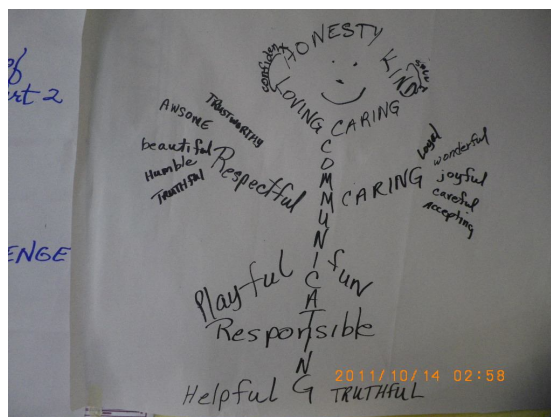
IAYM Missions Board Announces

Thanksgiving Offering for the Barbers

As the IAYM Mission's Board, we are continually trying to encourage people in IAYM who are feeling called by God to missionary service whether it is in our community, nation or World.

Two and a half years ago IAYM sent Sam & Becky Barber with their 4 children under the auspices of Friends United Meeting to serve as Principals at the Friends Boys School in Belize. They not only serve as principals but they have full teaching duties. Their family has increased to include three Belizean foster children. They have incorporated a two year program at the school and now enroll girls at the school. We hope you will pray for them and give a gift toward their ministry in Belize this Thanksgiving season.

Contributions can be made at your local IAYM church or through FUM.



Kids working on a AVP exercise entitled "What makes a good friend?".



Camp Quaker Heights Highlights from the 2011 Camping season



One of the highlights of the 2011 camping season was hosting and witnessing the marriage of Hannah Nichols (daughter of Randall and Denise Nichols, Eldora) and Lucas Maselli (son of Len and Deb Maselli, Fairfield). Thanks to the Boy Scouts and Matt Paar, Work Day participants, Lynnville Friends, and the CQH staff for diligent work in preparing the Vespers area in anticipation of the event.

Out with the old...In with the new

Time takes its toll on all things, and the church's message board was evidence of just this. Honey Creek New Providence Friends recently replaced their church's message board.



Scholarships Opportunities

Trustees Scholarship

Applications are now being taken for a \$500 college scholarship to be distributed in the 2nd semester of the 2012-2013 academic school year (January of 2013).

College students within Iowa Yearly Meeting are encouraged to seek an application through the Yearly Meeting Office. Deadline for this scholarship is January 1st, 2012. A recipient will be determined at Spring Body 2012.

Make inquiries to:

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(641) 673-9717 or email at

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Thank You!

Mission Scholarships From our IAYM Mission Board

Iowa Mission Board Offers Short-Term Mission Scholarships The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission Board announces that scholarship funds are available for adults and youth within Iowa Yearly Meeting for short term mission trips. Guidelines for this opportunity are available at the yearly meeting office and can be found on the IAYM website. The maximum amount for each scholarship is \$150. Deadlines for Applications are January 1, April 1 and October 1. Contact the Yearly Meeting office for more information!

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission's Board is offering a college scholarship of up to \$1000 for the 2012-13 academic school year. People within Iowa Yearly Meeting who want to pursue an education at a Christian college or an accredited college or seminary 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 2012-2013 scholarship, please contact Mary Glenn Hadley, IAYM Mission's Board, 611 South R St. #6, Indianola, IA 50125 or call 515-961-0606. The deadline is March 1, 2012.



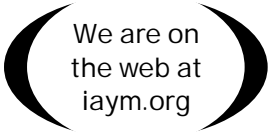
Iowa Pastors Association

Ruthie Tippin, President

What do Mary Thury, Victor and Brenda White, Linda Garrison, Ron Bryan, Spencer Thury, and Chip Daleske all have in common? They all love and serve God, and minister faithfully through the work of Iowa Yearly Meeting. On campus at William Penn, at Camp Quaker Heights, at Mesquakie Friends Center, and through the Main Office, these Friends serve to meet the needs of individuals and churches throughout Iowa Yearly Meeting. This Christmas, consider sending a gift of joy and appreciation to our staff. Checks can be mailed to: Wes Blanchard, Iowa Pastors Association Treasurer, 12172 150th Avenue, Indianola, IA 50125. All gifts will be divided equally, as per our testimony of equality. Thank you!

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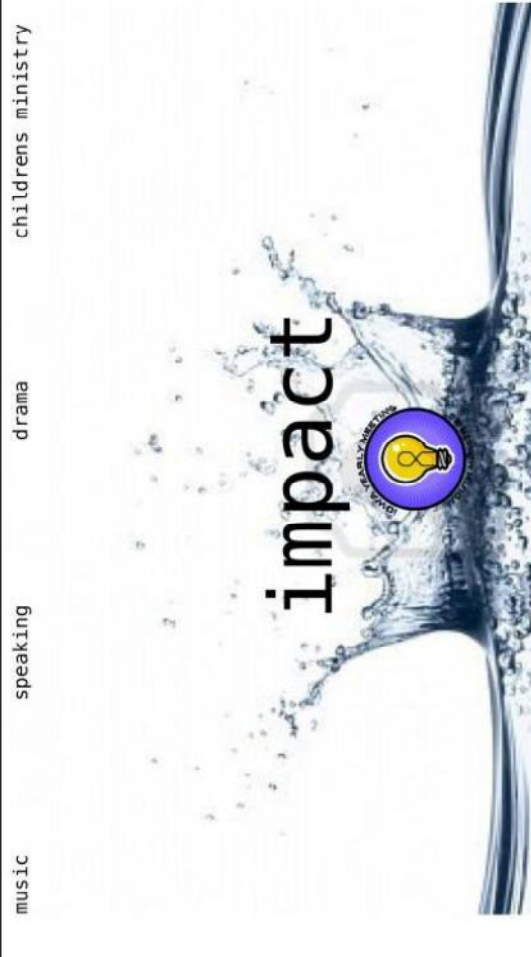


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-1 Tim 4:12 (Message)

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