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## THE TIME IS NOW - written by Ron Bryan

Last Sunday after finishing the morning worship service at Marshalltown, Steve Kennedy the Clerk, handed me an article from the Marshalltown Times-Republican the headline was: **30 Languages one school district.** It goes on to read that there are presently 30 different languages spoken in the homes of the Marshalltown Schools student's homes. That Hispanic students presently make up 40% of the student body and second now is Burmese.

I had just completed my sermon which was to fill in for Craig and Judy Marshall, the pastors, along with two other members of their church who had gone to Minneapolis to consult with and lead worship with our newest endeavor by Church Extension. It is called the International Friends Church of Minneapolis which was meeting for the sixth time since its inception. Under the leadership of some former Kenyan Friends we are attempting to establish a new meeting for worship in the Twin Cities. At the same time, this week, Friends Church West is sponsoring their first Saturday night worship service over at Hickman and MLK intersection. This too will be specifically initiated as an international effort. Present momentum is coming from a particular on fire Christian who is from Burma (Myanmar today) along with his mother. To make this all come home so strongly late Sunday evening, January 29, I received a phone call from Wichita, Kansas from a former Kenyan citizen who now lives in that city and under the guidance of Evangelical Friends church-Mid America Yearly Meeting is beginning a new church going by the name of **All Nations**. He was calling me to ask for prayer. Earlier in the morning on the 29<sup>th</sup> I heard an excerpt of a TV program that was talking about a growing church in Florida called All Nations Church. Also, let us never lose sight of the task right here in Iowa as we minister

amongst the Mesquakie Nation, and as we search for a new director for that ministry.

I share all of this to underscore a present reality, that I am excited to say we are a part of. The influx of Immigrants from many different nations and continents is very large. And many of these people are hungry to find a church that will be able to speak to their condition. Some are not Christians at all but are open to receiving this message. I must say that these are families that are not coming to America illegally, but are simply being transported here by our government to assist them in being relieved from refugee camp situations or simply coming here because they are hungry for a job and for education and a life that gives them hope. Making this transition is never easy and probably frightening for many as well as perhaps overwhelming, yet they come, they work, and they want to worship and give thanks to God.

Our Bible states clearly in Matthew 28:18-20, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me/ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.", additionally scripture declares Acts 1:7-8, "He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'" How well do we hold this to be true? It feels like all the nations are coming to us in America today, how will we spread the Gospel of the Good News to them? Or perhaps are they spreading it to us today?

## IAYM Church Extension

### Updates for the New Year

The Church Extension Committee of Iowa Yearly Meeting would like to share these three praises with the larger community of Friends in Iowa. First, we would like to praise the Lord for the work He continues at Grace Community Friends in the Mt. Pleasant area. Grace is one of our newest Meetings. Friends at Grace have recently purchased a new building to use as their permanent place of worship. This is a very exciting time for Grace Friends! We celebrate this new growth spurt with them! Debra Savage is serving as pastor at Grace.

Friends Church West (FCW), meeting in the CWA Wm Penn building in West Des Moines, is growing as Friends there continue to be faithful to the Spirit's leading. FCW has been called to minister to a large number of African, Asian, and Hispanic immigrants in the greater Des Moines area. FCW ministers by offering classes in English as a second language, by worshipping with, and by praying for these people. As the Spirit moves, it is becoming more and more evident there will come a time when Friends will begin another official Meeting in the Des Moines area. The first meeting is scheduled for this Sunday (Feb. 5). Rich and Patty Kopp are the pastors at Friends Church West.

African Friends in the Minneapolis area are also beginning to form an official worship group. Church Extension has recently approved that they become affiliates of Iowa Yearly Meeting. This group of Friends, currently under the leadership of Phena Shimaka, a William Penn alumni, has spent many hours in prayer. They will become known as the International Friends Church of Minneapolis. Spencer Thury, Chaplain for William Penn University, recently traveled to Minneapolis, along with others leadership from the Yearly Meeting, to participate in their first public worship service with approximately 100 worshipers in attendance.

We invite you to praise the Lord for the work He is doing among Friends both in Iowa and Minnesota. We also invite you to hold these new works in your prayers. God is faithful. It is our privilege to get to participate in His faithfulness!

~submitted by Judy Marshall, Chair, IAYM Church Extension

## William Penn Campus Ministry

### Spencer Thury, Director of Spiritual Life

Things are moving along well in campus ministry this year at WPU. The students who are being developed for a life of ministry would like to spend more Sunday mornings ministering in churches. We would enjoy ministering for your youth, regardless of the number, or in your main service bringing a special song, leading worship, giving a brief presentation about the ministry here, and or filling your entire service. Most of us are members at College Ave Friends Church and therefore understand both traditional and services geared to youth.

Here are two testimonies from students asking for an invite to churches:

*I fully enjoy all of the opportunities to minister to and worship with all of my brothers and sisters, in Christ. I count it as a blessing when I am able to visit another church and listen to their stories and experience their church culture. While at the same time bringing my own background and understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the church I'm visiting. We all have our own ways of recharging our batteries. I recharge mine meeting new people, and talking with them about the power of Jesus Christ. Recently with a few other members of the William Penn Campus Ministry, we visited Middle River Friends Church, where we led musical worship, and helped with leading a youth group. It was a very enjoyable time.*

~Robert Radcliffe, Freshman~

*Playing at churches with the Campus Ministry band at William Penn University helps me to center in on worship by using different styles for different likings. Being a musician helps too because I love playing Christian worship music for people. Worshiping God is important to me when it comes to getting to know and being led by the Holy Spirit. When there is a good Holy Spirit session during musical worship, the whole service goes well because you have just let the Spirit in. Having been with lots of other bands, I marvel at the chance to get out and play. Meeting new people from churches is a huge plus too. Also trips with my brothers and sisters in Christ make things that much better.*

~Jason Morad, Senior ~

In addition, our worship band has been developed and many students have testimonies. We have different worship bands including acoustic, energetic and upbeat urban style, or the common gentle acoustic.

Contact me at WPU at 641-673-1088 to schedule a visit to your local congregation!



## Obituary

Marjorie Ann Winn, age 69, of Leetonia, entered heaven to be with her Lord at 1:02 a.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at the Salem Community Hospital. She was born January 20, 1943 in Alliance, Ohio the daughter of the late Floyd and Effie Marie (Phillips) Speakman. She was a lifelong area resident and a member of Winona Friends Church. Marjorie served as co-director of the Evangelical Friends Disaster Relief Program, where she touched many lives in the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Her husband, Robert Lee Winn, whom she married in 1965, survives her along with two sons, a sister; two brothers; and four grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Friends Disaster Services, PO Box 33, Winona, OH 44493. If you want to write to Bob Winn personally the home address that I have is:  
BOB WINN  
4609 STATE ROUTE 45  
LEETONIA, OH 44431

Dennis White, FDS coordinator - Iowa

Mesquakie Friends Center



Declare His glory among the nations  
Psalm 96:3

## Mesquakie Friends Center

### Victor and Brenda White—Directors

As we reflect over the past year and beyond, we are truly amazed at how the Lord has blessed us and all of the people we have served. The past year has been an exciting one. Victor and I have participated in so many things that are too numerous to mention with total detail. We have held Sunday morning services with carry-ins. So many people have come and we have enjoyed them so much. Our Wednesday night services have continued to grow to 50 – 60 kids attending. We got a third van from Kids' Corner that helped us to hold the right number on the vans. Our Soaring Eagles Camp was held at Pilgrim Heights and we had many kids from all over the Midwest, Pawnees, Mesquakie, Ojibway, and Ho Chunks. Many received the Lord or recommitted their lives to Christ.

Friends and people have taken up a lot of time, but we have enjoyed it and have been a help to many of them. Also, this meant the funerals we attended the people were helped, the shut-ins, those we have included in the prison ministry, the Pow-wow's we have attended and participated in, the friends we have visited by request and just dropping in, the friends who have helped us in preaching on Sunday mornings, the people who have come to help us clean up, paint, remodel, and to build new buildings. The list could go on and on to cover the past 25 years of service. By and large, it has been good and we thank the Lord for his watching over us and taking care of us. We will be seeing you in the future and may God richly bless you.

## Scholarships Opportunities

### Iowa United Society of Friends Women

#### William Penn University Scholarship Fund



#### Guidelines

Following are guidelines for the selection of candidates for Iowa USFW William Penn University Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee shall consider applications for scholarships and make decisions as to recipients.

1. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by need of the applicant and by funds available.
2. The candidate shall be a participating member of Iowa Yearly Meeting
3. A candidate from Iowa Yearly Meeting shall have successfully completed secondary education requirements and shall have been accepted by William Penn University.
4. Applications must be received by **March 31st**.
5. To be considered for a scholarship for the succeeding academic year, recipients must submit a request to the committee each year.
6. Scholarships shall only be awarded for a maximum of four (4) academic years.

Send in your requests to the Yearly meeting office!

### 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, July 1 and October 1.** Contact the Yearly Meeting office for more

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.**



# Easter Mission's Focus

## IAYM Mission Board Cambodia

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations."*

*Matthew 28:18*

The IAYM Mission's Board is encouraging an Easter mission's focus on Nathan, Brianna, & Caleb Martin in Snoul, Cambodia. Hopefully, your church will be able to use the bulletin insert to encourage prayer and financial support for them (contact the yearly meeting office if your church needs a copy). Nathan & Brianna passed another round of Khmer language exams. Therefore, at the end of December they moved from Phnom Penh to Snoul to begin their first assignment.

The team leaders in Snoul will be leaving in March for the US for one year and have a very short time to teach Nathan & Brianna about the 15 rural Cambodian school teachers, 8 library projects, 38 villages, and who the very few Christians are. They definitely need God's wisdom, power, and strength. Caleb continues to bring smiles and joy everywhere he goes. God will definitely use Caleb to open many doors for Nathan & Brianna.

Nathan & Brianna send their greetings and are very thankful for their amazing team of partners in IAYM. They are thankful for IAYM standing with them in asking God to transform and bring his blessing to Cambodia.

Send donations for this special offering to Dorothy Taylor, IAYM Mission's Treasurer, 1121 Parkway Drive Apt. #1, Boone, IA 50036 and mark it Nathan & Brianna Martin---Cambodia. **Thank you again for your faithfulness in supporting missions. As the body of Christ, it is truly a privilege to work together and have our efforts multiplied.**

### *IAYM Mission's Board*

*Mary Glenn Hadley, Clerk, Indianola; Joy Bryant, LeGrand; Dale Dorrell, Ackworth; Tanya English, West Branch; Juli Hisel, Woolson; Diane Martin, Riverside; Ann Nichols, Bangor Liberty; Lisa Scott, Bloomington-Muscatine; Dorothy Taylor, Treasurer, Honey Creek-New Providence; Walt Sylvester, Grinnell*

Nathan & Brianna Martin with Caleb

## Snoul, Cambodia

It was almost surreal the day we packed up our things and moved to Snoul. With the years of preparations in the US and then initial language school behind us it was actually time to move to our first assignment. We felt humbled, and excited. We felt God with us on our journey.

The year ahead of us is full of God sized tasks. Our team leaders, who have been in Cambodia over a decade, are leaving in March for a year. We will do our best to continue with the work while they are away. Nathan will be discipling a man who is leading a fragile worship group in his village. Brianna will be meeting to study the Bible with a single lady in the same village, and together we hope to get to know and share Christ with others in surrounding villages as well. There are 38 villages in all that we are praying for, too many for us for sure, but if a few groups catch the vision to reach their neighbors, the vision to see every Snoul village have a Khmer Christian witness can become a reality. We will also be serving the 15 rural Cambodian school teachers supported by OMF and the 8 OMF Snoul library project staff.

Thank you, friends in Iowa Yearly Meeting. Thank you for helping us live the Great Commission in Cambodia. Thank you for partnering with us and for joining in the work as you pray. Thank you for believing with us that God can and will accomplish his desires for these people. We long to see fruit, to see disciples, to see Khmer people amazed by the radiance of God's glory in Christ who will join us in wonder and in worship. "Make disciples of all nations", this is the Great Commission and it surely is our privilege. Together with you we pray for God's blessing on Cambodia. May God bless you, too, our partners and friends!



### Friends United Meeting

Mission Focus—February 2012

### Friends Theological College

With over 2000 FUM meetings in the seventeen Kenya and Ugandan Yearly Meetings, Friends Theological College is essential in the process of training pastors, chaplains and other leaders. Located in Kaimosi, it is the only Quaker theological training college in Africa. FTC is working toward full accreditation by improving instruction and facilities, expanding library resources and providing work opportunities for students to pay their own fees.



Look for more information in the February "Focus" bulletin insert from FUM or check their website ([fum.org](http://fum.org))



# USFW Spring Fling



The Spring Fling will be held at  
Marshalltown First Friends Church  
Saturday, April 14th

We will have little video clips of music from missions trips from "Around the World" and special guests will be Spencer Thury and team from Campus Ministry of Wm Penn University.

Registration begins at 9:30am and lunch will be served, with the closing prayer at 2:30pm. You won't want to miss this wonderful day of fun and fellowship with Friends women from Iowa! Bring your USFW group and come ready for a blessing!

Pre-registration is recommended and you can register with Ann Nichols by email: [anichols@q.com](mailto:anichols@q.com), or call her at 641-752-1931 by April 9th.

The cost remains at \$10.00 for the entire day that includes your lunch. Consider blessing someone else and bring them along!

## QuakerMen's Annual Winter Family Banquet February 25 @noon at WPU student union dining hall Doors open at 11:30 am

This is a major event for Quakers in Iowa and comes at a great time of the year to share in a day of fun, fellowship, and food. The banquet will feature an atmosphere of praise and inspiration and will be sure to be an all-around good time.



We are fortunate to have an international conference speaker whose life is devoted to Christian service. Randy Bixby is also an author and musician. He is a former National Denomination Executive, during which time he mentored leaders and established an international missions agency. Randy is the cofounder and director of the Convergence Center.

Music will be brought to us by Anthony Nieuwsma and the Grinnell Friends Praise Band: music guaranteed to be inspirational!

We will have a report on the first year's progress of our seed corn (SEEDS) growing project in Kenya from Lloyd Stangeland. We supported this project at last year's banquet.

Finally, there will be a pie auction of 25 pies! Our auctioneer is Kerry Hadley of Richland, and it will be fun, fast-moving and why didn't we do this before!



### Price List for Reservations—by February 18

Send reservations to:

Chuck Nichols  
2015 Wardview Rd.  
Marshalltown, IA 50158  
(641) 752-1931

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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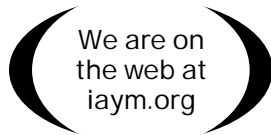
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**Make Checks payable to  
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## Iowa Yearly Meeting Schedule

### February 2012

- 2/8-11 FUM General Board Meetings
- 2/25 Trustee Meeting 9 am @ IAYM office  
 QuakerMen Family Banquet at noon @ WPU

### March 2012

- 3/3 M&C Board Meeting @ 9:30 in Grinnell
- 3/10 Missions Board Meeting @ 9:30 in Grinnell
- 3/17 BOC Meeting @ 9AM in Oskaloosa
- 3/19-20 Beane Lecture and Pastors Short Course @ WPU
- 3/31 Spring Body of Representative @ Motor Friends

### April 2012

- 4/6-8 Offices closed for Easter
- 4/14 USFW Spring Fling @ Marshalltown Friends
- 4/28 Garrison Memorial Golf Scramble  
 4-person Best Position Tournament  
 9:00 am Start time  
 @ Westwood Municipal Golf Course, Newton  
 \$200 per team  
 Contact Anthony Nieuwsma



## Young Friends 2012 Camps

Little Fry Camp **(K-2)** June 8 - 10

Fry Camp **(2-4)** June 3 - 6

Fox Camp **(5-6)** June 24 - 28

Jr. High Camp **(7-8)** June 10 - 15

Sr. High Camp **(9-12)** June 15 - 20

College Weekender **(9-12)** June 1 - 3



### Important Changes...

- Choosing which camp to attend is now determined by ***the last grade completed.*** (exceptions may apply)
- Students who have completed 2<sup>nd</sup> grade can choose to attend Little Fry with a parent OR independently at Fry Camp.