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IAYM MISSION'S EMPHASIS **Mesquakie Friends Center—Tama** **VICTOR AND BRENDA WHITE**

The purpose of the Mesquakie mission continues to be giving God's word and helping those who are lost to find Jesus and have a change of heart. We are thankful for the many ways God used people to help with the Mesquakie Friend's Center this past year. Some projects that needed immediate attention were done by three work teams last fall. Walls and ceilings were painted, a deck was stained, and a fence line was cleared of brush to be painted later. The barn got a new back door, the roof was painted, insulation was installed in the roof of the shelter house, and a new kitchen door was installed. Six windows were also framed in with wood and stained in the church. With its 36 acres, a pond, and six structures there is continual need for repairs and upkeep on a regular basis. We always welcome churches, who would send a work team to help.

Needed Future Projects:

Bathrooms need heavy duty stalls

Wooden fence needs painting

Deck staining at house

Underbrush needs clearing around pond

Path around pond

Property fence needs repairing

Extend multi-purpose building and replace cement



Soaring Eagles Camp, grades 4th through 8th grade and even a few high school youth, takes a great deal of preparation work to be a fun week. Many volunteers are needed to be counselors, van drivers, cooks, and teachers for recreation, arts, crafts, and music. Funds are greatly needed for scholarships, crafts, paper products, fuel, and food. Camp dates will be one of the last two weeks in June.

Regular activities on Sunday and Kid's Club on Wednesdays with adult Bible study remains strong. More funding is needed on a monthly basis to sustain the daily needs of the Mesquakie Friend's Center.

Pray how you might be able to help meet the needs at the Center. We are so thankful for God's unfailing love and for yours also. *-Victor & Brenda-*

Please send donations to the IAYM office, PO Box 657, Oskaloosa, IA 52577. Make checks payable to IAYM with a memo to the Mesquakie Friends Center.

We invite all members to assist in a love gift for the Whites' celebration service. Please send checks to our office in Oskaloosa and a check will be presented at the event!



FAREWELL GATHERING

Victor and Brenda White are retiring on May 31, 2012. In appreciation of their 25 years of ministry and dedication at the Mesquakie Friend's Center, there will be a farewell gathering on Saturday, May 12 at 6:30pm at the Mesquakie Center. A potluck meal with pulled pork sandwiches will be served. Please bring a side dish and your own table service. Come and be a part of honoring Victor and Brenda!

Quakerdale Upcoming Events

Chick-fil-A Leadercast Event at Quakerdale

Community business leaders can access the knowledge and experience of world-renowned leaders by attending Chick-fil-A Leadercast at Quakerdale in New Providence on May 4, 2012.

Chick-fil-A Leadercast is a one-day leader development event broadcast LIVE from Atlanta, Ga. to hundreds of sites throughout the nation, including New Providence

This year's program will focus on the power of choice. The diverse group of internationally-acclaimed authors, leadership experts and practitioners will share insights to help leaders empower and equip others at work, at home and in the community through his or her choices.

For more information about Chick-fil-A Leadercast, visit www.chick-fil-a-leadercast.com. For local ticketing information, call or email Mindy Hadley (641) 497-5294 mhadley@quakerdale.org or visit www.quakerdale.org.



Deaths

Richard Brennan, age 83 passed away March 31, 2012 in Norwalk, IA. Richard is survived by his wife, Mary Brennan of Carlisle, 2 sons: Terry Brennan of Des Moines and Richard Brennan Jr. of Belle Fourche, South Dakota, 2 daughters; Pam Brennan of Des Moines and Vickie Brennan of Wickenburg, Arizona, brother Leo Brennan Jr., 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Richard served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Middle River Friends Church in Carlisle and Promise Keepers.

Memorials from your local church need to be sent to:

Marie Moffitt
15529 Kennedy St.
Indianola, IA 50125

Friends United Meeting

Mission Focus April 2012

FUM Field Staff

Thank you for remembering FUM Field Staff in your daily prayers:

1. **Joyce Ajlouny**, She is serving her eighth year as director of the Ramallah Friends School, as she and the RFS board look forward to a year of strategic planning and development.
2. **Sam and Becky Barber**, They are serving their third year as co-principals of the Belize Friends School, as they encourage students to do well on the entrance exam that will ensure their acceptance in local high schools.
3. **Lon Fendall**, academic consultant for Friends Theological College, Kenya, as he works alongside Africans to discern ways to reach the people of Rwanda.
4. **Eden Grace**, who has been serving the Africa Ministries Office since 2005, as she provides support for the FWCC World Gathering, April 18-25.
5. **Ann Riggs**, serving her third year as principal of Friends Theological College, as she continues to move the college toward full accreditation, while implementing hands-on ministry training into the curriculum.
6. Pray for the families of our field staff members, whose lives are affected in different ways by the work their parents and spouses are doing.
7. Pray for the many volunteers who participate in FUM ministries in the field every year.

Ackworth Friends Church—Dale Dorrell, Pastor

Our traditional Christmas program and worship service was held on December 18th. Prior to worship we enjoyed finger foods and coffee/hot chocolate in the fellowship hall before the children's program which was written and directed by Shawn McFarland and performed by the junior Sunday School children. A newly formed choir group sang during the worship service. Another exciting event in December was the publication of the "Ackworth History" by Marie Moffitt. It is a compilation of data from family records, personal letters, news articles, journals, history books, photos, and personal accounts of the Ackworth area. Earlier in December we had our annual Christmas Caroling evening and visited our shut-ins and those in care centers. The USFW delivered gifts and visited the shut-ins during their December meeting.

Births: Jonah le Goodhue to John and Nhu Goodhue. He joins a sister, Elena, who is 2. Grandparents are Darrell and Eve Goodhue.



BANGOR LIBERTY FRIENDS

CONCERT UNDER THE STARS

(sky, sun, Son)

For anyone who would like to see what an excited John Good looks like (picture opposite of boring Treasurer's report,) just ask him about the vision that is developing concerning the expansion of the traditional Concert Under the Stars at Bangor Liberty Friends. The simple idea of inviting a couple of area praise bands to perform in the afternoon, before the official evening concert, has exploded into the possibility of having six or more Friends Church and/or local praise bands performing most of the afternoon in the beautiful outdoor setting East of the church.

Another possibility is to have a workshop late in the afternoon so that band members can share ideas amongst themselves and/or learn from an expert in this area of worship. We will also have food available for those who come for the afternoon and evening (besides our usual ice cream social after the evening concert is over.) What else would you want for the makings of a great afternoon of fellowship and worship; free admission, free water, inexpensive concessions (or bring your own,) good praise music, plenty of shade and a playground and room to run for the kids.

The only thing to spoil it completely would be a rainy day!! We would have to cancel, with no rain date, if it were to rain, as this can only be planned as an outside event. (The inside of the church will already have to be set up for our VBS which is to start the next evening.) I have been informed that a couple of large tents might take care of this potential problem, we'll see.

If you have a band that wishes to participate, have any further ideas, or have a desire to help in any aspect of the event, John would love to hear from you at 641-849-0782 or goodhome@heartofiowa.net. Most importantly right now, put the afternoon and/or evening of July 15th on your calendar. We'll let you know the rest of the details as they come together.

Why do I need you? ● Why do you need me? ● Why do we need each other?



"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." -Ecclesiastes 4:12

Iowa Yearly Meeting Sessions 2012
William Penn University
Oskaloosa IA

August 1st—4th, 2012

USFW Friendly Flashes *Do We Speak for Peace?*

- written by Karen Mendenhall

February 18 of this year a tragedy occurred because of a gun. Brandon Madren and Nathan Greene, had been best friends and grew up together in the nearby town of Redfield. Brandon had been in a relationship with Nathan's sister, and they had a child together. Then something happened and they separated. Nathan was upset with Brandon. He thought he wasn't being a good father, so he came over in a huff to Brandon's apartment in Adel.

Neighbor's heard Nathan kicking Brandon's door trying to break it down when Brandon would not let him in. Then he went down to the parking lot, and to emphasize his displeasure started jumping up and down on top of Brandon's car. Brandon got his rifle out of the closet and said he was just wanted to scare Nathan, but perhaps Nathan jumped up at the wrong time and Brandon shot Nathan in the chest. The afternoon ended tragically with Nathan dying and Brandon being arrested for 1st Degree Murder. At the ages 26 and 24, two young men's lives were destroyed because one of them chose to get out a gun.

The month of February was full of such tragedy around the country. At Chardin High School in Ohio on February 27, T. J. Lane, a troubled teenager stole a gun from his uncle. On his bus stop at Chardin on the way to his alternative High school, he randomly started shooting in the cafeteria; killing three students.

Also in Washington State, an eight year old girl was shot and critically injured when a nine year old brought a loaded gun he found laying around the house to school in his back pack.

Interestingly during this same time period Iowa Legislators chose to introduce an amendment to the Constitution to the State of Iowa to make Iowa's gun laws the strongest in the nation. These new laws will make the right to acquire, possess, transport, carry and transfer for all legitimate purposes a fundamental right that cannot be denied, according to Chris Rager, a lobbyist of the National Rifle Association.

I was in West Des Moines at Evelyn Davis Community center yesterday and there was a big sign on the door that said NO GUNS ALLOWED! Our Iowa laws alarmingly already allows people to go just about anywhere armed with a gun.

When Jesus was arrested, Peter was armed

with a sword which he drew and cut off the ear of one of the soldiers. Jesus said to Peter in Matt 26:52, "Put your sword away, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword."

Guns had not been invented when Jesus walked this earth, but I am sure that he would say today, "Put away your guns, for he who draws a gun will be killed by guns." We do not obtain peace by depending on guns to protect us, we obtain peace through trusting God. Jesus also said to his disciples, "My peace I leave with you. I do not give you as the world gives. Let not your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Quakers historically have had a strong voice against bearing arms and against war. Margaret Fell is quoted speaking to King Charles II shortly after George Foxes arrest for refusing to bear arms in 1660. "All bloody principles and practices we do utterly deny, all outward wars and strife and fighting with outward weapons, for any end, or under any pretense whatsoever, and this is our testimony to the whole world. For the Spirit of Christ by which we are guided is not changeable, and we do certainly know and so testify to the world, that the Spirit of Christ which leads us into all Truth, will never move us to fight and war against any person with outward weapons neither for the Kingdom of Christ, nor the Kingdoms of this world."

Are we still today, as members of the Friends Church in Iowa, a people who speak out for peace? Do we speak out against the current trend toward carrying a gun for self defense? Are we a voice assuring people around us that there is a better way? That there is no need to be afraid and take our protection in our own hand for Jesus is here to guide us in paths of peace. Being a peace maker is not a passive place of being. It is a call to action. Being a peace maker is a call to make the power of love stronger than the love of power.

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 information!

USFW

Blessings to our USFW ladies of Iowa!

I **Spring Fling** trust you are in anticipation of "Music from Around the World" at our Spring Fling in Marshalltown on April 14, 2012 from 9:30am - 2:45pm. You'll want to let Ann Nichols know you're coming, right? Email her at anchols@q.com, or call her at 641.752.1931 by April 9th. She's waiting to hear from you! This will be held at the Marshalltown First Friends Church. The cost is still just \$10 and includes your meal. How great is that?

Ladies, email kerryhadley1@hotmail.com with news of your local USFW. Let her know what is happening and she'll include it in future articles in The Iowa Friend.

Have a very blessed Easter and take time to sit quietly in the presence of the Lord and be still. Rejoice that He has risen!

Our theme for this past year has been 'Be still and know'. Wow. That's life-changing for some of us! May I encourage you to take time in your local USFW's to take up offerings for the missions projects that are happening around the world through your local Iowa Yearly Meeting, bless your local Pastor with encouragement and prayer and do something special for them.

We as the Iowa USFW Executive Committee are looking forward to seeing you at the Spring Fling! We'll have an exciting announcement to make and we want you to come expecting a blessing!

Remain in His Grip, Kerry Hadley
Adult & Children's Missionary Representative
Iowa USFW Executive Committee



Garrison Memorial Scramble

April 28, 2012
Westwood Municipal Golf Course
Newton, IA

Sponsorship Information

- Eagle Sponsor - \$500**
Includes
 - Registration fees for two players
 - Recognition before shotgun start at event
 - Tournament recognition at the post-event mailing
 - Sponsorship signs on each nine.
- Birdie Sponsor - \$250**
Includes
 - Registration fees for one player
 - Tournament recognition at the post-event mailing
 - Sponsorship sign on one hole
- Par Sponsor - \$100**
Includes
 - Tournament recognition at the post-event mailing
 - Sponsorship sign on one hole

Prize Sponsor - Donate Items for Prizes

Please include an itemized list of donated items and their approximate value, so that we can give you an accurate charitable contributions receipt.

For sponsorships including a hole sign, forms must be **RECEIVED** no later than **April 13, 2012**, in order to have proper time to have the signs prepared.

For more information, call (641) 236-6412 or send an e-mail to newsma213@hotmail.com

Contact Name:	_____
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- 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



May 2012

- 5/12 White's celebration supper
@ Mesquakie Friends Center 6:30 pm

June 2012

- 6/27-30 FUM General Board Meetings

August 2012

- 8/1-4 Iowa Yearly Meeting Annual Conference
@ William Penn University

- October 30-November 2 National Pastors Conference

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 2nd grade can choose to attend Little Fry with a parent OR independently at Fry Camp.