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The Iowa Friend

Iowa Yearly Meeting: Spreading Like Prairie Grass to Make the
Love of Jesus Christ Known in the Heartland and Beyond

Celebrating our
150th Year!

The Tanzania Project

by Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

Pastor Jacob and I have been in touch with now for almost three years, since Lloyd Stangeland and I returned from Tanzania.

Jacob is the one who initially approached me with the idea of transportation, and he is the one who has written a three year plan for how to present the Gospel in the schools in his region. I don't know how that is working for them, but it is a very detailed teaching outline with Scripture that would have taken many, many hours to develop.

My reason for going this year to Africa is twofold:

First I was asked to be a speaker for the Friends Theological College graduation on October 19. This request has come from a relationship begun in 2004 with a young married man who was feeling called to missions, only had a one year certificate for ministry and wanted to return to school to receive a Bachelors. Three other households plus myself have sent those funds necessary for him complete his schooling. Now, because he is apparently a good student, he has been asked to step in and do the accounting for the college with oversight from Eden Grace. Eden as you know is returning to the US very soon and he has asked for additional funds so he could gain some training in accounting. Those funds are actually already there and can be used for this schooling because he has been receiving a small salary from FTC since they asked him to come into the office. I am proud like a papa, I know. Anyway he has asked and the school has approved my giving the commencement address.

From there, and because there is such a desire on their part and mine I want to travel back to Tanzania, hopefully speak to a gathered meeting of the church and perhaps of their leaders to challenge them to keep building, keep preaching and witnessing, and keep their faith strong. This would also underscore the sense of accountability by the Tanzanian's to us in Iowa, because of our assistance already and possible future involvement. My heart's desire, as well as their own stated desire, is to encourage them to develop into a free standing church with an eye towards the beginning of a new Yearly Meeting that could work with the Kenyan Yearly Meetings through FUM as well as Uganda. And incidentally, the South Sudan is beginning to happen as the result of many years of prayer and preparation by John Moru, out of Turkana, his dream is happening right now and we have been a part of that as well.

In closing let me say, as usual with ministry in Kenya, the American must raise or finance their own travel. I would estimate that this trip could cost a total of \$3,500 American. The Yearly Meeting Missions committee has committed \$1,000 toward my travel and that is as far as it has gone. If any of you were led to support this trip I would feel like I am to be your ambassador as well as for the cause of Christ. I will make some type of presentation during the Yearly Meeting and we will have Judith Ngoya (from the Kisumu AMO office) coming to be with us and she was on the trip made to Tanzania with Eden Grace and John Muhanji in May. By the way John Muhanji says he is planning to travel with me again this fall.



TRAM RIDE



On Thursday afternoon during the 4pm "FLEX time" we will have available Tram Rides on the bike trail system. This is a free option! Space is limited to 28 passengers (7 per tram cart) and will last approximately 1 hour. Sign-up will be available at the registration desk. The trams are open air golf-carts that have a canopy top for shade! Trams depart from the Musco Technology Center (MTC) parking lot.

GROUP PHOTO @ CAF

FRIDAY (AUGUST 2nd) 6 pm



A group picture will be taken before our Friday evening services begin. This will be a panoramic photo of those in attendance. The photographer will make available prints for purchase and we will have information about costs, etc at the registration table. We are asking folks to be at College Avenue Friends by 6 pm on Friday to assemble for the group photo!



Saturday Banquet Speaker

Judith Ngoya serves as Administrative Assistant for the African Ministries Office in Kisumu, Kenya.

Keynote Speakers



Doug Shoemaker has served as General Superintendent of Indiana Yearly Meeting since 2005. He began his pastoral ministry at age 20 in Indiana Yearly Meeting.



Dr. Greg Hinshaw has served as Presiding Clerk of Indiana Yearly Meeting since 2008. He is a public school superintendent in Randolph County, Indiana, where he has lived his entire life.



Regarding our Visitor from Cuba Yearly Meeting: We were recently informed that Ramona will not be able to be in attendance to our sessions this year. Linda Garrison is working on getting a video from her at Triennials to share with us.

Yearly Meeting Schedule 2013

Wednesday (7/31)

PURITY

9:00 am BOC Meets (MTC)
 10:00 am Various IAYM Committee Meetings
 1:-00 pm M&C Body of Representatives (MTC)
 2:15 pm General Body Representatives Meeting
 5:30 pm Dinner @ MTC
 7:00 pm Worship with Doug Shoemaker @ CAF
 Dessert Fellowship Following

Thursday (8/1)

UNITY

7:15 am Breakfast @ MTC
 8:00 am Morning Devotions and Prayer
 9:00 am General Body or Representatives Session (MTC)
 10:30 am Workshop Sessions @ MTC Building (WPU)
 Noon Lunch @ MTC
 1:15 pm Worship @ WPU with Greg Hinshaw
 4:00 pm Flex Time
 (board meetings/extra business session/free time)
 5:30 pm Dinner @ WPU
 7:00 pm Worship @ CAF with Doug Shoemaker

Friday (8/2)

POWER

7:30 am Continental Breakfast (CAF)
 8:00 am Morning Devotions and Prayer
 9:00 am Memorial Service @ CAF
 10:00 am 150th Celebration of Iowa Yearly Meeting with Greg Hinshaw @ CAF
 Noon Lunch at the PAC Center @ WPU
 1:30 pm Workshop Sessions @ PAC Center (WPU)
 3:15 pm Large Group Missions Session @ PAC (WPU)
 5:00 pm Dinner at PAC Center (WPU)
 6:30 pm Evening Worship @ CAF

Ron Bryan's General Superintendents' Address Concert of Prayer—emphasis on POWER

Young Adult's Coffee House following @ Smokey Row

Saturday (8/3)

7:15 am Breakfast @ WPU New BOC meets
 8:00 am Morning Devotions and Prayers
 9:00 am Friends Disaster Service Meeting
 10:00am USFW Celebration of Service (MTC)
 QuakerMen Meeting (MTC)
 Noon MissionBanquet at MTC Building

Deaths

Dorothy E. McCracken 1916-2013

When Jesus said those who wished to be the greatest of all in heaven would need to be a servant on earth, he was surely thinking of Dorothy McCracken! Dorothy's contribution to her family, Pleasant Plain Friends Meeting, and the Pleasant Plain community was that of giving whether it was her time as a Sunday School teacher, VBS worker, and active USFW member, her casseroles distributed to anyone in the community who was ill or had lost a loved one, or her angel food cakes that were delivered nearly every Sunday to anyone who had a birthday or any couple celebrating an anniversary. During the span of her 96 years on this earth Dorothy was an excellent seamstress and made many baby gowns, receiving blankets and quilts to be sent to the missions in Kenya. She also made many large quilts and provided a monthly 'treat' to the lucky USFW winner who put their dollar in the book fund and had their name drawn. Dorothy's goal in life was taking care of her family and helping her friends and neighbors and her empty pew in the front of the Meeting House will always be a reminder of a life lived to serve others.

Kenneth "Kenny" Holveck (1916-2012)

Kenny, the son of John G. and Clara (Cox) Holveck, was a faithful member of Bangor Liberty Friends Church. He served as an usher for many years and derived a great deal of satisfaction from serving in that capacity. He and his wife, Bess, served as youth leaders for several years. In his seventies and early eighties, Kenny, enjoyed performing as "Dimples the Clown" in the troupe "Willie and Friends". His quiet, fun-loving character greatly contributed to this group of three Christian entertainers that performed for church and civic groups. He also served as an assistant leader for the local 4H club. Kenny always placed the welfare of others before his own and denied himself many things for the benefit of his family. He attempted to treat others as he wanted to be treated and always tried to say something that would make whomever he was talking to feel better. Kenny is survived by his sons, Jack (Andrea) Holveck of Des Moines, Iowa and Dr. Robert (Karla) Holveck of Newberg, Oregon. There are many grandchildren and extended family.

Audrey Lou Norman (1925-2012)

Audrey, the daughter of Cecil and Brantley Jones, was attending the Illinois Grove Friends Church when she began singing with her sisters for church events and became known as one of the "Jones girls". During this time she met and married Carl Norman and they moved to the Liberty Friends Church community where Carl grew up. She was active on many church committees, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and continued to sing. She helped organize and plan the annual "Concert Under the Stars" which started in the 1950's at Liberty Friends Church and continues to this day at Bangor Liberty Friends Church. She was a member of the Liberty USFW and was very active with mission projects, the reading course and hospitality. Her most treasured job of all was caring for her family and working towards her goal of doing good to everyone and serving her Lord. Left to cherish her memory are children: Janice, Carla, Stan and David. Also numerous grandchildren and extended family and friends.

From Honey Creek—New Providence Friends

Elise Minear, Mother of Mark Minear April 12, 2013

Noma Hadley, Mother of Neil Hadley May 6, 2013

Quaker Women Make a Difference

I heard a "weighty" Friend say right before the sequestration went into effect, "I think they are exaggerating the effects of sequestration. I don't think it will be as bad as they say." The immediate effects do not seem to be too great for most people. However, the long term results will unfairly target those who are the most vulnerable and powerless in our society.

As some of you know, I am a Family Advocate with Drake University Head Start and therefore I am on the front lines of working with the poor. This is what I know is scheduled to happen in the coming year because of sequestration:

WIC, a program that serves pregnant women, infants, and children will lose monies to serve 600,000 to 775,000 people. WIC is a sister agency to Head Start. I refer families to their services, do recruitment at their clinics and they refer people to us. They give important nutrition counseling, monitor weight and growth of children, provide monies to help with formula, milk and other healthy foods. Since their mission is to help keep the children healthy, there is no citizenship requirement. Therefore, many of the immigrant families can benefit from WIC that do not qualify for other programs. It provides an important safety net that soon will sustain a substantial hole.

Public Housing will lose the ability to provide for 100,000 families that need housing. This is at a time when there was already a two year waiting list for public housing.

Unemployment will be cut to 3.8 million people at a time when 12 million are unemployed.

Money to Head Start is being cut by 5%. It has been estimated that this will cut highly important early education for 70,000 children. This is already affecting Head Start agencies in Iowa who are on a calendar year rather than an academic year. At a meeting this last week of Head Start leaders, some directors were reporting that they had to cut their school year short and lay off workers.

Money to mental health care will be cut at a time that everyone agrees that we desperately need it. All we have to do is remember the mentally ill young men who have gone on devastating shooting sprees in the last year, and we all know that is not a time when we should be cutting funds to mental health programs.

Sequester has been compared to a slow, steady destructive process that will end up cooking our goose.

How did this happen to us? How did we allow children's health and education to be put at risk? How did we once again remove help for the mentally ill, and housing for the poorest of the poor? It is because we as a nation are a house divided that can not get past our differences to work for the good of all.

Quaker women have since the beginning of the Friends movement movers and shakers. They were active in prison reform, women's rights, protection of children and the mentally ill. They were passionate about the testimonies of simplicity, truth, integrity, equality, and peace.

This is a time when we need Quaker women to rise again and make a difference. Please prayerfully consider and talk together about how you can influence your governmental representatives to start doing their jobs and work together for the good of everyone. Write letter, sign petitions, be peacemakers and stand up for those who have no voice or vote. Also network with the care givers in your communities – Heads Starts, WIC clinics, food pantries, housing shelters and see how they are doing and how you might give them help and support.

Submitted by: Karen Mendenhall, P&CS of USFW of Iowa



FUM SUMMER MISSION PROJECT 2013

TEACHER for TEACHERS

As you may know, Friends around the world joined together to pray for peaceful elections in Kenya. Those prayers, alongside the faithful presence and witness of Friends in the country, helped minimize violence and promoted peace and reconciliation in many places. As a result, hopeful signs of change are emerging. Can continual peacemaking efforts strengthen and expand the influence of the next generation of Friends?

The 2013 Summer Mission Project pursues peacemaking by supporting the 1200+ Quaker schools in Kenya. Through this endeavor, FUM hopes to nurture a new generation of young people committed to peace and Friends values through the work of Zadock Malesi, a specialist in the field of education who serves as a liaison between FUM and all of the Quaker schools in Kenya.

Zadock's primary focus is leadership development, training of administrators and teachers in order to promote Quaker faith and testimonies in the school curriculum. He desires to see the development and implementation of the peace curriculum in all the schools of Kenya as he feels

it will make a direct and vital impact on many lives.

Imagine the impact of biblical peacemaking, practical tools and training for conflict resolution taught to thousands of children across Kenya! What differences might peace-making skills create in the classroom, in the lives of families, in neighborhoods and across tribal lines? Imagine Christian-Quaker values formed into the lives of the next generation of leaders, business people and community members. As one Kenyan Friend said at an FUM event, "This is one of the most important projects FUM is doing in our country right now!"

FUM's Summer Mission goal is to raise \$20,000 to support Zadock's work in these schools. Last year we built classrooms. This year let's build the future!



CASH FOR CLASSROOMS CONSTRUCTION AT LOLTULELEI, SAMBURU, KENYA

Monitoring and evaluation is an essential part of the Loltulelei infrastructure committee. It is important to understand how the money is spent and to monitor the quality of work being done during construction. Several reports and many pictures have been sent to the FUM office and we are excited!

The Summer Mission Project brought in enough money to build two new classrooms and remodel to others. The construction crew plans to complete the work by the end of April.

NEW LOWER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL FOR RAMALLAH



Ramallah Friends School Board of Trustees and Friends United Meeting appointed Dr. Kenneth Hulslander to serve as FGS Principal.

Ken shared, "I am thrilled to be joining your community and to be able to contribute to the continued advancement of education at the Ramallah Friends School through its great Quaker tradition."

NEW GLOBAL MINISTRIES DIRECTOR FOR FUM

Current FUM Field Staff member, Eden Grace, will soon be serving as the FUM Global Ministries Director. Along with her ministry experience and service abroad, Eden possesses a deep love for Jesus and a relentless conviction that Christ seeks to use FUM to both proclaim and demonstrate his good news to the entire world. She has tremendous organizational and administrative gifts and a passion to help translate ministry ideas into effective programming.





Summer Ideas to “Live Love”

Genuine love and compassion for God and others
is what attracts people to the Gospel and thus to our church family.

Passing this along with our love and prayers . . . IAYM Christian Education, 2013

- Celebrate National Ice Cream Month by visiting a Dairy Queen (or similar restaurant) and offering to pay for the order of guests behind you. Or purchase a \$10 gift card and hand it to someone as you leave. Tell them you are sharing God's love with them in a practical way.
- Cheer up the Lonely Day is July 11. Lonely people usually live alone and have few friends. They may be elderly. Cheering up lonely people is easy to do. When you visit, bring happy things to talk about, a child's drawing or cookies to share. Keep the conversation upbeat. Play a game together. When you leave, give a hug. Cards and calls are okay but what a lonely person needs is face-to-face time with other people.
- Tell a veteran you appreciate what they have done for our country.
- Keep an ice chest filled with bottles of water in your car while you shop this summer. Pray, then pass them out to whomever you feel is in need: construction workers, police, fire fighters, sanitation workers, gardeners, joggers or people walking their dog. Be sure to let them know it is given freely and that you are sharing God's love with them is a practical way.
- Leave diapers & wipes on a changing table in a public bathroom or deliver to a woman's shelter.

“Sharing God's love Makes your Heart Glow”

Ways that Kids and Teens Can LIVE LOVE this Summer

- Create cheery cards with encouraging words and drop them by a nursing home, veteran's home, homeless or domestic abuse shelter, etc.
- Bake cookies and leave with a thank you note for the mail carrier, church pastor or custodian.
- Plant flowers or a tree in a local park, after getting permission of course.
- Clean and organize your church nursery. Clean the toys and fix or replace those that are broken.

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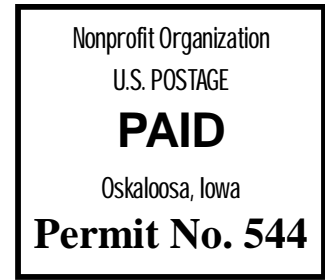
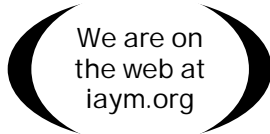
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Schedule**

July 31-August 3, 2013

150th Yearly Meeting and Celebration
At William Penn University

September

- 9/16-18 Superintendent & Secretary Meeting
In Wichita KS
- 9/19-20 Ron Speaking at Barclay Chapel and class
- 9/13-15 Team Camp (formally Family Camp)
At Camp Quaker Heights

October

- 10/5 USFW Fall Fling at Lynnville Friends
- 10/6-8 Pastors Retreat at Camp Quaker Heights
- 10/9-12 FUM General Board Meetings
- 10/16-27 Ron Bryan to Kenya & Tanzania, Africa

November

- 11/1-2 All Boards Retreat at Camp Quaker Heights
- 11/8-9 Quaker Leadership Training in Iowa for
Clerks, Treasurers, and M&C

**150th Anniversary of Iowa Yearly
Meeting
July 31st- August 3rd @ WPU**

