

# THE IOWA FRIEND

Iowa Yearly Meeting

June 2014

Words from our General Superintendent

Ron Bryan

I suspect it could be easily said that the people we have followed in our churches did not see themselves as giants. Nor did the witnesses for God as described in Hebrews 12:1-3 **“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart”** NIV. We can finish our race and look forward to worshipping among the cloud of witnesses. However, these men and women who planted and nurtured our churches did so with hope for a future. Every generation or two, people have sat



down and considered their past and contemplated their future. This has always required a discussion that embraced the idea of change from what used to be to what we hope will be. Together we can have an expectation and we need each other to accurately discern what that future can be.

As we approach our Annual Meeting July 30-August 2 of 2014 we want to urge all who can to come, join in, and share their hopes for the future. We are going to do something's differently, but with the unity of our planning it seems like it is meant to be. We want to hold some intentional discussions about the future of Iowa Yearly Meeting, while also highlighting the works of our churches and missions throughout our nation and beyond. We plan to bring everyone together to fill bags with food for the hungry that can be shared not just in Tanzania but Iowa as well. There are always needs for those who have less than others. Not one of us should ever assume that someday we may not also be in need of a gesture of love and support during a tough time. This Annual Meeting holds promise for some exciting times of worship, prayers and fellowship, please mark your calendars and make plans to join with the community F/friends at Iowa Yearly Meeting .

## *Standing on the Shoulder of GIANTS*

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

Hebrews 12:1-3

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## MISSION UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Iowa Yearly Meeting has some wonderful opportunities coming up this summer. The Missions Board hopes you will want to be a part of all of them.

**July 22-29:** Dr. Robert Wafula, the newly appointed Principal for Friends Theological College (FTC) in Kenya, will be traveling in Iowa and available to speak at your meetings. These can be informal coffee conversations, meetings with USFW groups, joining in your prayer groups, or speaking at a time appropriate for your church. He is from Kenya, a graduate of FTC, St. Paul's United Theological College, Earlham School of Religion and Ohio University. He has pastoral experience. Sufficient funds must be committed before he can begin this new task which he looks forward to as a way to give back to his community. FUM would like us to make commitments for regular payments for the next three years to cover his expenses. This is an opportunity for us to be involved in developing strong pastoral leadership to strengthen and nurture the churches in Kenya. We encourage you as individuals or as churches to be generous in your support. Contact Ann Lee Nichols [nichols33@gmail.com](mailto:nichols33@gmail.com) or by phone at 641 485-2948

**REMINDER:** We would like very much to get a broader understanding of the breadth of IAYM's involvement in missions. You have been invited to help us see that by doing two things.

Sending no more than six pictures depicting some mission involvement your meeting has done to [Kdberry9@gmail.com](mailto:Kdberry9@gmail.com) or mail them to her at 150 N. Chestnut Ave., Earlham, IA 50072 by June 9th. She is preparing a continuous powerpoint to be seen at the Missions display table at yearly meeting.

Preparing a poster that shows either by words, pictures, or places how you are involved in missions which will be displayed at the yearly meeting sessions. Hopefully these will visualize how active IAYM churches are in missions. Remember that if you bring a poster your church will be rewarded with a special mission resource book for your church. It is helpful if you let Mary Glenn Hadley know you are bringing a poster so we have an idea how many rewards to get. You can contact her through [Hmariglenn@aol.com](mailto:Hmariglenn@aol.com). At yearly meeting time, please leave your poster at the registration desk or give to Mary Glenn Hadley.

Missions is all about sharing the love of God with others, helping them meet Jesus and discipling them to carry out God's plans and purposes.

## IAYM

### Missions Workshop

You will be blessed to meet missionaries and be challenged to catch a greater vision for sharing the Gospel message throughout the world. On Friday afternoon,

Come and meet **Samuel Letoole**, the new director for the Samburu mission in Kenya. Sammy graduated from FTC last fall and has accepted God's appointment to this important ministry started under the pastoral care of Isaiah Bikokwa.

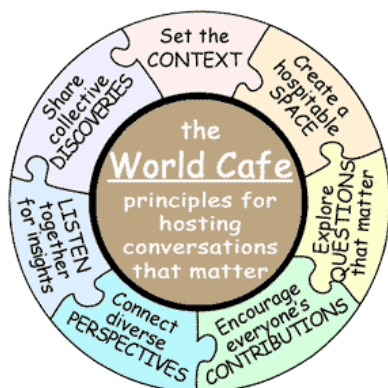
**Robert Wafula**, also beginning a new assignment in Kenya as the Principal of FTC will present his anticipation for ministry among his own people in preparing spiritual leadership to strengthen the churches and their impact in their communities.

**Nathan and Brianna Martin** will share with us about their experiences in Cambodia and their plan to return to Cambodia soon after spending a year here in the States.

The **IAYM Missions Board** will challenge us to grasp a broader perspective of our world and its need for meeting Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

## Quotes Regarding what to expect from our CAFÉ

"Welcome to our Café on Questions. Everyone here has been part of other World Café conversations but let me just share again how we'll be working together. We'll have three rounds of conversation. ....One person will stay at the table as a host to welcome guests who have been a part of other conversations. They'll be bringing seed ideas from their tables into the next round."



"The question has to catch people where they are, meet them where there is the most interest and relevance, and then use that collective energy to create forward movement. Actionable knowledge flows naturally from that."

"To me, the most energizing questions are those that engage people's values, hopes, and ideals—questions that relate to something that's larger than themselves, to which they can connect and contribute. People don't have a lot of energy around questions that are about removing pain or fixing problems."

*The World Café' pages 80-81*

## the WorldCafe™

### Adrian Halverstadt—Facilitator

I'm been married to Lisa (Rea) for 34 years. I am a recorded Friends pastor with more than 30 years of pastoral ministry and mission experience. I have served on several different boards at Malone University and as part-time faculty as well. I had the privilege of developing the undergraduate online Bible and Christian Leadership program and the new online Master of Arts in Transformational Leadership – Professional Studies program (MATL-PS) for Barclay College. From 2010-2012 I served as Academic Dean and Provost of Barclay College. I now serve as Chancellor of Barclay College and as Superintendent of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting. I love the Friends Church and enjoy encouraging pastors, consulting with local church leadership and working internationally with Evangelical Friends Missions (EFM) to expand the influence of the Friends Church for the glory of God. I feel honored to be a part of IAYM's annual sessions once again!



# IAYM Ministries Workshop

**Thursday (July 31st)**

This year we are separating these larger works of our yearly meeting into a workshop session rather than having them present during the General Body of Representatives meeting. This workshop will feature:

- ◇ **Camp Quaker Heights**
- ◇ **Mesquakie Friends Center**
- ◇ **Quakerdale**
- ◇ **WPU Campus Ministries**

**"Standing  
on the  
Shoulders  
of Giants"  
Hebrews 12:1-3**



**Iowa Yearly Meeting  
2014  
Student Track**

**July 30-August 2**

**\$165 covers your lodging at the  
Twin Towers, meals,  
and activities**

The Student Track is designed for youth 7th grade (just finished) through seniors. Housing will be at the Twin Towers at William Penn University. Youth need to bring their own bedding (twin beds).

Manny Garcia and Scott Biddle will be leading this event!

# QUAKER KIDS UNIVERSITY

**Ages 4—6th Grade (just completed)**

**\*\*Lunch is provided for children on Thursday and Friday (included in registration prices)**

**\*\*Children ages 4 and up will participate in the Meals From the Heartland event on Saturday morning!**



**The schedule and cost will be:**

**Wednesday 1:00-4:30 and will be \$5**

**Thursday and Friday 8:45-5:00 and will be \$15 each day**

**Saturday 12:00-4:45 and will be \$10**

**Cost all four days is \$30 per child or a max of \$60 per family**

**Other information for parents:**

**-Drop off and pick children up at CAF basement unless directed otherwise.**

**-Plan to send a towel and change of clothes/swim suit with your children as outdoor and water games will be played at the park.**

**-When you drop off your children for the first time you will be asked to fill out a notecard with contact information during and after Yearly Meeting and any health/allergy information we may need to know.**

**-Please remember to leave the contact number you have given us for during Yearly Meeting turn on/vibrate and not off/silent during meetings. We need to be able to get a hold of you in the unlikely event of an emergency.**





Since our start, Meals from the Heartland has packaged and distributed over 38 million meals. We have heard first-hand from people who would not have eaten every day if not for the meals our volunteers provided. Together, we are making a difference!



## About Our Food:

Meals from the Heartland food packages are nutritionally balanced meals – containing soy protein, vitamins and minerals. The meals were formulated to be accepted by many cultures around the world along with local distribution. Meals are prepared by cooking in boiling water as instructed on each package. The macaroni and cheese dinner will also need butter (margarine) and milk in the preparation.



## EVENT INFORMATION




Saturday, August 2nd 9 am—11:30 am

Located at the PAC Center at William Penn in the basketball court area.

Individuals ages 4—adult will be able to participate in this event!

We will be package 20,000 meals at this event!

Meal packages that we will be preparing are : **Macaroni & Cheese** (each package has 6 servings—stays in the U.S. and at our local food banks) and the **Rice & Soy** (also has 6 servings per package).

Wednesday July 30th	Thursday July 31st	Friday August 1st	Saturday August 2nd
CAF - College Avenue Friends WPU-William Penn University MTC-Musco Technology Center	7:15 - 8 am Breakfast served @ MTC Atrium area	Continental Breakfast at CAF will offering	Free- 7:15 - 8 am Breakfast served @ MTC Atrium area
9:00 am Board on Coordination	8:15 am Devotions -MTC Rm 103 Jason Nightingale	8:15 am Devotions - CAF Library - Jason Nightingale	8:15 am Devotions -MTC Rm 103 Jason Nightingale
10:00 am IAYM Board Meetings (see schedule at registration table)	9:00 am - 10:15 am General Body of Representatives @ MTC	9:00 am Memorial Service @ CAF	9 am - 11:30 at PAC center at the basketball court area
Lunch on your own	10:30 am Worship @ MTC Speaker - Mark Porter	10:00 am Worship @ CAF Speaker: Tim Hadley	
1:00 pm M&C Body of Representatives @ MTC	12:00 pm Lunch served @ MTC Atrium area	1:15 pm Large Group Session	12:00 pm Mission Banquet @ MTC
2:15 pm General Body of Representatives @ MTC	1:15 pm Large Group Session IAYM Ministries Camp Quaker Heights, Mesquakie, Quakerdale, WPU Campus Ministry	1:15 pm Large Group Session IAYM Missions Board The Martins-Cambodia; Dr. Robert Wafula-Friends Theological College; Samuel Letoole-Samburu Mission	Speaker: Colin Saxton, Robert Wafula, and Samuel Letoole
	Break	Break	2:30 pm USFW Celebration of Service and QuakerMen/FDS meetings @ MTC
	3:15 PM  at the MTC conference room	3:15 PM  at the MTC conference room	4:30 pm Recording Service @ CAF
			Chuck Weesner - Stuart Friends Marlene Smith - New Sharon Friends
	5:30 pm Dinner Served @ MTC Atrium area		6:00 pm BBQ & Dessert Reception at CAF/Yearly Meeting Park
7:00 pm Worship @ College Avenue Friends			
Speaker: Ron Bryan	Speaker: Manny Garcia	Speaker: Scott Biddle	Registration Opens at 8:30am. Wed USFW Bookstore and displays on 2nd level of MTC Atrium Area Christian Education Curriculum Exchange at the MTC Building
Music by Jared Haley	Music by Jared Haley	Music by Jared Haley	
		Young Adults Coffee House At Smokey Row following service	