

Good Morning,

It was 100 years ago when Jefferson Ford was heartened that he had been approved to go to a recently established work in Kenya, East Africa, but was discouraged that the predecessor of Friends United Meeting was unable to provide any financial support. He would have to raise funds on his own. Shortly his financial need became known and at a meeting of Westfield Quarterly meeting a member stood pledging a certain amount of money to send Ford on his way. The Spirit prompted others to make similar com-

mitments and by the end of the meeting sufficient funds had been raised to pay for transport to Africa and the first five years of needed support! The groundwork had already been laid by pioneer missionaries, but it was Jefferson Ford who was the church planter, the founder of what is now Friends Theological College, and the one who first translated the Bible into the local dialect. Today there are more Quakers in Kenya than anywhere, and nearly all of them recognize Jefferson Ford as a significant founder of the movement in that land.

At Yearly Meeting Sessions on Saturday, after the future financial needs of the IYM were recognized, one Friend spontaneously stood and pledged to give \$1000. Others followed his lead and as of this writing \$19,000 has been promised by faith with others indicating that there may be even more coming. These powerful moments reminded me of the move of God's Spirit 100 years ago launching the most effective church planting movement Friends have ever known. It looks to me as though God has amazing plans for the future of IYM!  
—Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

8/5 *IYM Trustees Mtg, IYM office, 6:30 pm—*  
**NOTE: this date has been changed from the 6th to the 5th.**  
8/20 *Committee Day, Upland Friends, 6:30 pm*  
8/30-9/2 *Family Camp, Quaker Haven*

**To complete a brief evaluation** for the 2013 IYM Sessions please go to the following web site:  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F6QFRPM>

**Are you looking to upgrade a display unit** for your business? If so, would you be interested in sharing your old display with IYM. If so, please contact Carol Wright.

**Attention all Treasurers and Finance Committee members:** The MEI is offering a workshop Saturday, Oct 26. Mark your calendars now, more details to follow!

**Family Camp  
will be held  
August 30-  
September 2  
at Quaker Haven  
with Dave Phillips  
as speaker.  
Bob and Nancy  
Cline will be the  
directors.**

## Highlights from IYM

\*\*Final details of Reconfiguration were approved including authorization to transfer funds to the New Association of Friends, releasing/setting-off several meetings, and authorizing quit claim deeds for those who are no longer in IYM

\*\*2014 Program budget and missions goals were approved with both the assessment and mission goal remaining at \$75 per adult member

\*\*The call of the General Superintendent was renewed through 2016 and the call of the Director of Youth and Camping Ministries through 2015

\*\*Approval was granted to Friends Fellowship Community's request to become independent from IYM, however their commitment to continue to provide need-based financial assistance for qualifying Friends ministers and missionaries will continue

\*\*An offering of \$455 was collected in gratitude for the Quaker Haven Staff, and \$470 was received for IYM Missions Scholarships

\*\*A moving display of concern for the future of IYM resulted in spontaneous faith promises of (at last count) \$19,000 made by individuals

\*\*We were blessed by the presence of guests from Kenya, Cuba, Belize, New England Yearly Meeting, Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Iowa Yearly Meeting, Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, Independent Friends Churches and the New Association of Friends

\*\*Attendance:

Thursday evening business, 78

Thursday evening worship, 85

Friday business, 110

Friday evening worship, 118

Saturday morning business, 114

USFW/Quaker Men Banquet, 66

Saturday afternoon business, 128

Feast of Faith, 209

Sunday morning worship, 110

**Arba Friends** will hold their 11th Annual Antique Tractor & Car Show, Saturday, August 17, 1-4 pm (rain or shine). Free food and beverages. Pre-registration fee, \$5; day of show, \$7. Awards, prizes, and trophies will be given. Show located ten miles north of Richmond on the Arba Pike. For more information call 765-874-1848.

**Hinkle Creek Friends** invites you to join them for revival services with Gary Wright bringing the messages and the SOS Renewal Band leading in worship, August 25-27, 6:30 pm. The special services also include Sunday morning, the 25th, at 10:30 pm.

**Knights-town Friends** and the Ministerial Association of Knights-town is sponsoring a "Back to School Saturday Night" at the well-known Hoosier Gym in Knightstown (Hoosier Gym is the filming home of "Hoosiers.") on August 10, 7-9 pm. Tab Beechler will bring an enthusiastic Christian message, and there will be plenty of room for all. Tab is well known for his ministry of music with IYM and monthly meetings. There is no charge, however donations of common school supplies will go to good use. Supplies will be given to families in need. Please spread the word.

**Lynn Friends will have "The Church Has Left the Building Day."** Yes, they are closing their church doors on Sunday, August 11, and engaging in outreach in their community. They will go door-to-door praying for people, will have worship at the "four corners" in Lynn at 9 am, will have inflatables for the kids, and will have free hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone.

**Wabash Friends** is partnering with Oakbrook Church in Kokomo to provide a live satellite location for the August 8-9 Global Leadership Summit originating from Willow Creek Church. Call Wabash Friends at 260-563-8452 to register.

**MEI (Ministerial Excellence Initiative) Sunday** will be September 15. We hope your meeting will take part in this day by publicizing the role of the MEI, to promote meeting vitality by caring for the well-being of our pastors. Some meetings may want to take up an offering to support their fund. Be watching for more information about MEI Sunday.

**John Carter of Bethel Friends** recently presented the Quaker Lecture at Western Yearly Meeting.

**Greg Hinshaw and Doug Shoemaker** will speak at Iowa Yearly Meeting this week as this yearly meeting will celebrate their 150th anniversary, having been set off from Indiana Yearly Meeting in 1863.

**IYM/WYM USFW** will hold their 42nd Annual Quaker Haven Retreat, September 9&10. "Showers of Blessing" is the theme for this retreat, and Wanda Baker will be the retreat leader. Cost is \$65 and registrations are due by August 31. Please mail your registration to Judy Taylor 2817 W St Rd 38, New Castle, IN 47362.

**IYM USFW** will hold their "Fall Gathering," Saturday, October 5, at Portland Friends, with registration at 9 am and the meeting at 9:30 am. The program will be provided by Right Sharing of World Resources.

**At the recent USFW/Quaker Men Triennial**, 55 Kenyans and one Cuban attended these sessions.

**We send our sympathy** to the family of Warren Short. Warren passed away June 19 and was a member of Arba Friends. Warren and his wife, Elsie, served for eight years as missionaries in Kaimosi and the Lugari Farmers Training Center for FUM missions in Kenya, 1960-68. Also, Elsie's father and mother, V. Kenneth and Alice Earle Brown, pastored a number of churches in IYM. Elsie's address is 51 N 70 E, Winamac, IN 46996.