

COMING UP IN FRIENDS CHURCH MID AMERICA

Missional-Incarnational Network Church Planter Training:

November 11-14 in Norman, OK

Youth Pastor's Round Table: November 18-21, Windermere Conference Center in MO

Friends Student Conference: December 28-January 1, Hyatt Regency Wichita, KS

Jr. High Bible Quiz: Friday, December 30th at FSC

Bangladesh Mission Trip: January 19-28, 2012

Jr. High Bible Quiz: Saturday, January 28 at Argonia Friends

SALTSHAKER 2012

Saltshaker 2012 Burundi – Kibimba Hospital is scheduled for June 26—July 11, 2012 in Burundi, Africa. The Friends of Kibimba have partnered with Saltshaker to provide this opportunity for high school, college, adults, and families to serve, as they are aware of many ways that the hospital needs encouragement and help. Application and deposit due December 15th. Info can be found at friendseyouth.com.

FRIENDS OF KIBIMBA HOSPITAL

Friends of Kibimba Hospital (FKH) is pleased to report that they will be shipping another container to the Kibimba Hospital in Burundi, Africa. Our thanks to everyone who has donated funds and especially to the Friends Women for their donations of hundreds of layettes for babies born at the hospital. As of October 1, the container was 99% packed with only a few more details to come together. FKH is still seeking donations to help cover approximately \$5,000 more of the shipping costs for the container. If you would like to contribute, send your check to Friends of Kibimba Hospital, c/o Connie Young, 3220 S. Oak, Wichita, KS 67217.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Kevin Lee (Barclay College) will teach the course, "New Testament Studies" at the November 7 and December 5 Church Leadership Institute for Ministry sessions. The live video session will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. A time of fellowship and refreshments at the sites will begin at 6:30 p.m. Contact Dave Kingrey with questions: dkingrey@efcmaym.org.

Insights loves to celebrate the local church. Please submit news of special activities and reports from your local church to efcmaym@efcmaym.org.

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DEALING IN HOPE

I usually associate Napoleon Bonaparte with his misguided conquests of European countries. I don't often associate him with insightful quotes, but, I found one awhile back that startled me. "Leaders are dealers in hope." Who would have thought that this tyrannical figure of history would have such insight?



As I write this I am planning to travel to Friendswood Texas to celebrate "HGST Founder's Tribute" in honor of the late Delbert Vaughn, his wife, Carol Vaughn and Ron & Barbara Worden who all were "dealers in hope." Their vision of an evangelical seminary in the 4th largest city in the US has inspired me and many others to also become "dealers in hope."

I think of the pastoral leaders in our 62 Friends churches of Mid America. Their visions of congregations getting outside the walls of the building to allow the kingdom to flourish and thrive make them "dealers in hope."

I think of the leaders of our Christian educational institutions, Friends University, Barclay College, and Wichita Friends School who are preparing students in their individual environments to become leaders who will make a difference for Christ's kingdom. They are "dealers in hope."

And I think of parents, who are forming the lives of children, imparting to them a great vision of tomorrow. They are perhaps the greatest of "dealers in hope."

The prophet Jeremiah gave us this word: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (29:11). Richard Kriegbaum says this in his Leadership Prayers: "Even though we have the promise of a grand finale, we need hope along the way. As long as we have hope, there is a future. Because leadership is for the future, leaders are hope dealers."

David J. Robinson,
General Superintendent



FRIENDS STUDENT CONFERENCE

Friends Student Conference 2011 will be held December 28—January 1 at the Hyatt Regency Wichita. This year's theme is "Stop". Cost will be \$270. Register online at friendseyouth.com and pay \$170 deposit by December 1 to avoid a \$40/person late fee. Registration cutoff is December 12.

FRIENDS DISASTER SERVICE

The Friends Disaster Service will be helping a family rebuild their home who was affected by the May 20th Joplin, MO tornado. The project will be underway October 31-November 12, 2011. Volunteers are needed to help with this project.

For further information and more details contact Tom Hoke at 281-808-7393 or email at fdsta@comcast.net. As always donations are needed and can be sent to: Friends Disaster Service, 925 E. Walker St., League City, TX 77573.

RUN FOR MISSIONS

The fourth annual Run for Missions 100 mile fundraiser took place on October 29-30, 2011. The fundraising goal for 2011 is to raise \$25,000 to support the EFC-MAYM Missions Scholarship Fund. Would you and/or your church be willing to sponsor \$1.00/mile or more for Missions Scholarships? See details, race reports when available, and information about how to sponsor at www.runformissions.org.

Please contact Adam Monaghan adam@efcmaym.org to make your pledge. You can make your tax-deductible donation by sending a check to "EFC-MAYM", memo: "Run for Missions" to the Ministry Center by November 15th.



CHURCH PLANTING NEWS

The Grand Opening of Friendly Grounds, a new missional ministry outreach center, in Oyster Creek, TX was held on October 1, 2011. Led by Eddy and Andrea Rape, their aim is to take the gospel outside the reach of those of the conventional church.

New planting candidates, Paul & Amie Wainright, are beginning the planting journey. They have a heart for a new, unconventional church in Angleton, Texas, called "The Refuge". Led by Friends Community Church in Angleton, a Partner Advisory Team is mobilizing.

Alfred & Mable Lugalia were assessed in September as lead church planters for a new multi-cultural church in the Wichita Area. They have plans to be a missionary sending church, and have already rallied support from several partner churches. A team is planning to attend church planter training in January 2012.

EFC-MAYM recently welcomed a new affiliation by an ethnic Sudanese church in Omaha, NE. This young, growing congregation, led by Pastor Lazarus & Veronica John, will be introduced and highlighted at the upcoming Northeast Area Rally.

Gerald & Deloras Mendenhall have relocated to Dodge City, KS, and are glad to be on the ground as the planting pastors for the church restart there. A team from Dodge City is planning to attend Church Planter Training in January.

Tara Healy, Barclay College and Azusa Pacific graduate, has relocated to the Wichita area and has plans to plant a new church (a missional-incarnational network). Tara will be assessed as a lead church planter, but is praying for a team to join her to live among and reach out to a marginalized people group in inner-city Wichita. She will attend the Missional Church Planter Training, led by Bob Logan, in November.

Three missional communities (small groups sent on mission) have launched as a part of the new church plant in Wichita that started in summer 2011 as several families gathered to begin a Missional-Incarnational Network. A Partner Advisory Team has been mobilizing to offer support and encouragement to this project's lead point people, which includes Alan/Carrie Corliss and Brian/Suzan Hickey. In addition to gathering for Bible Study and much prayer, Life Transformation Groups, neighborhood parties, and service projects, the missional communities of this church network are finding creative ways to be the church as they serve, bless and reflect God and the work of the Gospel. One is beginning English classes, another is starting a community garden, and the third includes Jr. Highers adopting a local park where they spend time playing with and serving others who come to the park, and present Bible stories. (continued on next page)

CHURCH PLANTING NEWS CONT'D

A team from this church will attend the Missional-Incarnational Church Planter Training in November.

Filiberto & Pillar Dominguez were assessed as lead church planters this month. After finishing school in San Antonio, TX this fall, they plan to return to Oklahoma City in early 2012 to plant a new Spanish-speaking church. The Central Oklahoma Area is currently organizing a Partner Advisory Team to support this project.

Planters for the new Spanish-speaking church plant in San Antonio, TX, Runy & Noemi Moscoso, were also assessed this month. They are gathering people and building momentum. With the closest Friends Churches hours away, mobilizing a Partner Advisory Team for this project is more difficult. However, it is possible for churches to partner with a new plant, even when geographically removed.

Please pray for all church plants and the many details that make them effective and well-conceived. If you'd like more information about how you can partner with any one of these new works, please contact the EFC-MAYM office or the Church Planting Director, Randy Littlefield, at 913-683-3831 or newchurches@efcmaym.org.

OTHER NEWS:

- University Friends Church is helping sponsor a "Leadership & Clerk Workshop" at their church on November 4-5, 2011. The speaker/facilitator will be Arthur Larrabee. Contact Cliff Loesch at University Friends for more info.
- The bi-annual Quaker Women's Conference on Faith & Spirituality, that some EFC-MAYM women participate in, will meet November 10-13 near Tahlequah, Oklahoma.
- Lighthouse Fellowship of Friends in League City, TX celebrated 100 years on the weekend of October 29-30th with special services and festivities.
- You are invited to join a team from EFC-MAYM on a short term missions trip to the EFM field in Bangladesh, January 19-28, 2012. Contact the Ministry Center for more information.

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