



As the Presiding Clerk of Friends United Meeting, I travel to Africa once a year for two weeks to visit churches and preside over the General Board meeting.

This year, I will begin the trip by traveling to two locations in Tanzania that I have not previously visited, departing on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

In 2010, Lloyd Stangeland and I visited southern Tanzania, which is near Malawi and Zambia, in what is called the Kyela area. This is a Friends movement that was begun by planting four churches in the city and out in the bush. Since that time, this same group planted several new churches in a variety of locations, including three in the capital of Dar es Salaam. They have now all joined together with an older group into one Tanzania Yearly Meeting, and in turn, a part of FUM. As of this writing, there are 21 village and monthly meetings gathering weekly.

Iowa Yearly Meeting has had a pivotal role in this new expansion, raising an estimated \$30,000 to help purchase motor bikes for pastors and for the building of their first Monthly Meeting church building since 2010. In Kenya there are 18 Yearly Meetings. We also have Tanzania and Uganda with a group from the inner Congo wanting to join. There is, for the first time ever, a strong drive to raise funds amongst the Kenyan Quakers to help build a second church in the Kyela area. This is a historic event, being spearheaded by the pastors and leaders in Kenya. Speaking of firsts, there is a married couple from Kenya that have moved to Mwanza, Tanzania to become missionaries and church planters.

I do want to ask for your prayers to support all of the airline and road travel in these two countries. I shall return home on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February.

- Ron Bryan

## Following The Good Shepherd John 10:10

**I. This means walking through the \_\_\_\_\_ gate and \_\_\_\_\_ our will to God's will.**

**II. This means recognizing and \_\_\_\_\_ God's voice as the good Shepherd.**

**III. This means believing God \_\_\_\_\_ us so much He has promised to watch over those in His flock and will guard and guide you and me.**

