



# Why Bother?

## **The past six months in my life have been a whirlwind.**

There are many new experiences and the learning curve is steep, but I have had a great deal of assistance from staff and teachers. While it is difficult to find words that express how I feel about Freeman Academy, I am pleased to return to my alma mater and promote quality, Christian education for students in the Freeman community and beyond. Students at FA continue to experience the Spirit in all aspects of education and develop their gifts as they learn and grow.

Freeman Academy was founded to educate students for a life of service, with an Anabaptist emphasis. There are a significant number of alumni who carry out service assignments, church responsibilities, and are leaders in their communities and in their jobs. When we challenge students to incorporate these principles in their academics and social lives, we raise the bar to another level. Service examples shared with students during Chapel this year include: Alyssa Graber (AC'2006) spoke on her three-week summer service experience in South America; Daniel Armindo (current IVEP participant at FA) shared about his life and church in Mozambique; and Dennis and Connie Byler talked about their life with Mennonite Missions Network in Spain, and the Seeds of the Kingdom (a group of young adults associated with Central Plains Mennonite Conference) shared about how to live a peace-filled life.

Freeman Academy provides a unique setting for students to prepare for college and a life of service beyond our community. The skills absorbed while attending Freeman Academy are most likely the same ones retained by many of you who have been a part of FJC and FA. The service of past, present and future graduates has positively impacted this community and the world.

During this Christmas season, we are especially reminded that our world needs people who have knowledge of peace and service, and who are willing and able to share it. We pray that the seeds planted in our classrooms take root.

Why bother? The skills and gifts developed at Freeman Academy require financial support. As 2008 draws to a close, we invite you to invest in this important mission of growing the seeds.

Blessings this Christmas season!

*Pam Tieszen, President*

# Giving

## Limited Time Charitable Giving Opportunity

If you own an IRA and are at least 70 ½ years old, you have a significant opportunity to avoid paying taxes on your IRA and make a charitable donation to Freeman Academy.

The U.S. Congress recently extended through 2009 a provision that allows you to donate to charity up to \$100,000 per calendar year from a regular or Roth IRA without paying taxes on the earnings. You may donate all or a portion of your IRA or even a "Required Minimum Distribution."

If you are interested in contributing to the mission at Freeman Academy and would like to know more about how to donate from your IRA, contact Vernetta Waltner, Development Director, at 605-925-4237, ext. 235 or [vwaltner@freemanacademy.org](mailto:vwaltner@freemanacademy.org). We will be happy to provide more information and answer questions.

—Vernetta Waltner

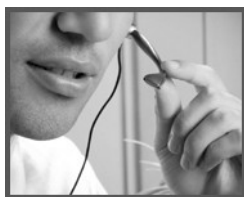
## Specific Giving Opportunities

Many constituents are interested in donating to special projects on campus. Here are a few items that could use assistance! Contact Pam Tieszen at 605-925-4237, ext. 228 or [ptieszen@freemanacademy.org](mailto:ptieszen@freemanacademy.org) for more information.



### Air conditioner for west wing, Frontier Hall

\$3000



### Spanish Level 3 (2 licenses) and Level 4 (1 license)

\$ 1200



### Replace Music Hall windows

\$15,000 (\$7860 donated)



### Administration Building roof repair (8/1/08 estimate)

\$ 49,000.00



### Tuck pointing for the Administration Building

\$36,500.00 (2007 est.)



### New carpet for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade room

\$3000



### Landscaping between Pioneer Hall, Administration and Sterling Hall – plan in the making!