

## **GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**January 11, 2016**

Present: Ron Vandeberg, Pastor Kelli Schmit, Bonnie Dirks, Chris Preston, Mike Catterall, Tom Blau

Devotions by Chris.

### **Uganda / Hope-4-Kids**

- Sesera church
  - Bonnie received email from Pastor Alex with photos of church that is progressing towards completion. Doors and fascia are now installed.
- Moringa
  - Pastor Eric sent update on Moringa project. Use of Moringa as a food additive has been started at Vision Primary school. Education about benefits of Moringa are getting started. The plan is to get the kids familiar with Moringa and then get the kids to promote use of Moringa in their villages. Also Moringa seeds will be given to children for them to plant in their villages.
- Bulletin board
  - Update with a combination of all things that have been done in Uganda with our help – well, church construction, piggery move and expansion, dresses, Moringa.
  - Bonnie will try to get update on how much has been gained by the larger pig area that our donations helped procure.

### **Presentations for 'Our Neighbor's Faith'**

- Planned date for Buddhism is now Apr 3. Ron coordinating.
- Pastor Tim planning to present Eastern Orthodox on Apr 10 and 17.

### **Puerto Rico**

- Dates are Tuesday 3/22 through Monday 3/28. 24 people are signed up, making this a full trip. About half of people are first timers. 9 youth are signed up.
- There will be church services at on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.
- Potential projects are either at the Synod Camp where we stay or service work in the neighborhood. Another possibility is serving breakfast to homeless people on Good Friday.
- As P.R. team building events, serving at the Community Shared Table on Feb. 11 and a fundraiser breakfast on Feb. 28 are coming up.

### **Liberia / Pastor Palmer**

- We have not heard anything from Pastor Palmer since June when he returned to Liberia.
- Ron will try contact again, and if still no response try to find out through the Missionary coordinating group what his status is.

### **Middle East refugees**

- Held wide ranging discussion whether we should do something to support refugees from Middle East. No final decision made. Some of the ideas discussed are listed below.
  1. Donation to refugee support organizations, either from Global Mission budget or low key fund raising by congregation, or both.
  2. Support for Pastor Kerstan in Cairo, since she is doing or supporting education and teaching in refugee camps. Pastor Kelli will contact her to get ideas.
  3. We have previously supported setup of housing for refugees that come to the Madison area. Covenant Lutheran in Stoughton is collecting goods to setup, and we should find out if they need additional support or goods. Ron to contact.
  4. Also should consider support for flooding in Missouri and Illinois, either by funding or sending volunteers.
- Discuss further at next meeting, after we get more information. After determining project(s), we can decide whether to do something big or small and how to proceed.

### **Other**

- As Tom's term on council ends, Tom will do a short temple talk / slide show on accomplishments.
- Pastor Kelli will look for potential dates for this temple talk.

### **Next Meeting:**

Ron will not be here at our regularly scheduled meeting. We will tentatively plan for Feb 15, but several people may have conflicts. Reevaluate when committee members know more about their schedule.

Devotions for next meeting by Ron.