

## **GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**April 11, 2016**

Present: Ron Vandeberg, Pastor Kelli Schmit, Bonnie Dirks, Jane Blank, Mike Catterall, Janet Knutson, Chris Preston

Opening devotions by Jane

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

- Bonnie is still waiting for pictures from Uganda for bulletin board.
- Bonnie is thinking of going on a trip to Uganda in spring 2017.

### **Puerto Rico**

- Several adults and kids that went on the Puerto Rico mission trip delivered the message during last weekend worship services. Message was well received.
- Cost of trip is still being determined as final receipts are still coming in. It appears that funds raised will be about the same as funds spent.
- Culver's held a fund raiser on March 29 where 10% of sales will be donated to us for Puerto Rico mission support.

### **Liberia / Pastor Palmer**

- Pastor Palmer has provided us a status update on his work in Liberia.
- Pastor Palmer will be visiting the USA this summer and may be able to visit McFarland. He will keep us informed as his summer schedule firms up.

### **Tanzania / Bishop Begonza**

- Frieda Begonza (wife of Bishop Begonza) contacted Janet Knutson. Frieda is currently attending St. Teresa College in St. Paul to get a master's degree in accounting or finance. Tanzania government, for whom she works, provided a loan for tuition. It is not clear how cost of living is being paid.
- Vision Begonza (daughter of Bishop Begonza) is also going to school in St. Paul at Augsburg.
- Janet will have more contact with Frieda to try to get a better idea whether any support is needed.

### **St. Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS) in Cairo**

- Pastor Kirsten Fryer from StARS will be visiting USA this summer. She will be in this area the same week as Vacation Bible School, which presents a challenge if we try to have a visit from Pastor Kirsten while VBS is in session.
- We can possibly visit with Pastor Kirsten as she visits and presents at another location, possibly Hope Lutheran. Stay tuned as plans firm up.
- Our donation of \$500 will be designated to be used for area with greatest need.

### **Refugee Resettlement in our area**

- Covenant Lutheran in Stoughton is coordinator for refugee resettlement.
- Currently most refugees coming into our area are from Iraq or Afghanistan. 54 have been relocated so far this fiscal year (Oct. 1 – Sep. 31), with a goal of settling 100.
- Entire apartments with furnishings and household goods need to be setup. Our church does not have room to store furnishings at this time, but we may be able to do so after basement remodeling is complete.
- Ron will contact Covenant Lutheran to see if any kits of household goods (for example bathroom supplies, cleaning supplies, kitchen ware, etc.) are needed. Also to see if any financial donations are needed, and if there are any other specific requests that we can help fulfill.

### **Lutheran's United Assisting after Disasters (LUAD)**

- 11 people from our congregation attended training on April 10.
- Spending for lunch from Global Mission budget was \$42.31.

### **Other**

- Temple talk by Tom about Global Mission has been cancelled due to conflicts.

### **Next Meeting:**

Regularly scheduled meeting planned for May 9.

Devotions for next meeting by Bonnie.