

## **GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**May 9, 2016**

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

Opening devotions by Bonnie.

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

- Ron check with Chris Landerud whether bulletin board is needed for Puerto Rican mission trip display. If not, Bonnie will update. [Post meeting note: bulletin board not needed for PR display].
- Bulletin board will display before and after pictures of projects completed over last few years; namely well for water, new church, Moringa trees, dresses, and piggery.

### **Puerto Rico**

- Between Culver's fund raiser and donations given by our church members, \$1163.53 was sent to Reconciliation Church in Puerto Rico for their food pantry.

### **Liberia / Pastor Palmer**

- Nothing new to report. No information whether Pastor Palmer will be able to visit our congregation this summer.

### **Tanzania / Bishop Begonza**

- Dennis and Janet Knutson visited Frieda Begonza (wife of Bishop Begonza) in Minneapolis to reconnect with the Tanzanian ministry. Frieda is currently attending St. Teresa College in St. Paul to get a master's degree in accounting or finance.
- Frieda may need some help to pay tuition or living expenses. Dennis and Janet are exploring.

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

- Pastor Kelli will contact Pastor Kirsten Fryer from StARS to find out dates when Kirsten will be in this area.

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

- Covenant Lutheran in Stoughton is coordinator for refugee resettlement.
- Kits of household goods (for example bathroom supplies, cleaning supplies, kitchen ware, etc.) are needed. A member of Covenant will be sending list of needed items to Ron in the near future.

- Financial donations for mattresses are always needed. Money for mattresses should be sent to South Central Synod of Wisconsin with memo stating funds are for Refugee Resettlement Mattresses.
- Health and Wellness committee is open to supporting collection of items for household kits. The committee's next meeting is June 6.
- Pastor Kelli will ask Pastor Tim when we can do a collection for household kits. We don't want to interfere with other efforts happening in our church.
- Funds for mattresses could possibly be collected when items for household kits are gathered.
- An idea: Could we make collection of items part of the kids sermon – perhaps have kids bring items to the front when they come up for the kids sermon,

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

- Synod LUAD coordinator made a request for volunteers to help a family whose home was destroyed by fire. Huldah spread the word to the members of our congregation who attended the training.

### **Annual Report**

- Ron will write draft report and send it to committee members for comment.

### **Next Meeting:**

Regularly scheduled meeting planned for June 13.

Devotions for next meeting by Tom.