

## **GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**June 13, 2016**

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

Opening devotions by Tom.

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

- Bulletin board has been updated with before and after pictures of projects completed in Uganda over last few years; namely well for water, new church, Moringa trees, dresses, and piggery.
- Bonnie and Jane are planning to visit Uganda, probably near end of March 2017. Others from congregation are invited. Whether this will tie into a Hope-4-Kids trip or be independent is still being decided.
- A box of pillowcase dresses that someone made has been delivered to Huldah's office.

### **Exploring Expansion of Puerto Rico ministry**

- Bethel Lutheran is not sponsoring Puerto Rican kids to attend Bethel Horizons this summer. As Bethel's participation with Puerto Rico goes down, there may be an opportunity for our congregation to expand the Puerto Rican ministry. Perhaps do something every year rather than every other year.
- One idea is supporting Puerto Rican youth to attend Pine Lake Bible Camp with our youth.
- Before proceeding, we need to understand what Reconciliation Church in P.R. would want from an expanded relationship. Chris Landerud will discuss this with Hafet, the youth director at Reconciliation Church.

### **Liberia / Pastor Palmer**

- No new info to report regarding whether Pastor Palmer will be able to visit our congregation this summer.

### **Tanzania / Bishop Begonza**

- Frieda Begonza (wife of Bishop Begonza) is currently attending St. Teresa College in St. Paul to get a master's degree in accounting or finance. She may need some help to pay her tuition and / or living expenses. Stay tuned for future discussions.

### **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. Any presentations will be at other congregations, since timing of her visit to this area is during our VBS.

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

- Covenant Lutheran in Stoughton is coordinator for refugee resettlement. Kits of household goods, particularly kitchen supplies, are needed.
- Health and Social Wellness committee will run most of a campaign to gather 2 kits each of the 4 types of kitchen boxes, for a total of 8. Dates of campaign will be Aug 1 to Aug 21.
- Since 'box 2 – kitchen with flatware' is most desperately needed, we agreed to double the number of 'box 2', for a total of 4.
- Since a similar drive for kits has been conducted in the past, Pastor Kelli will update the letter from past drive to announce / explain this campaign.
- Sheets with little tabs to pull off will be used for congregation members to pick an item(s) they wish to donate. A sign-up sheet will also be used so we know who signed up for what.
- Since money for mattresses or gift cards is also needed, this will be mentioned in the announcement letter. To gather funds, Kris will provide envelopes with orange dots that can be used to donate. The orange-dot-on-envelope method was used to collect funds for Sesera church, and this worked quite well to differentiate these funds from others.
- Jane will provide (4?) boxes (plastic bins rather than cardboard) in which to collect and distribute the kits. Kris will also provide 3 plastic bins.
- Jane will provide 1 and Mike will provide 2 trash cans for the kits.
- Kristen from Health and Social Wellness will print inventory sheets of items that go in each kit.

### **Annual Report**

- Draft report has been sent to committee members for comment. Ron will update the final report with comments received and submit to Shelley.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Since Tom is leaving council, he will no longer our council rep. He may continue as a member of our committee. Keeps him on the mailing list.

### **Next Meeting:**

No meeting in July. Next meeting will be August 8.

Devotions for next meeting by Pastor Kelli.