

## **Missions Committee Meeting**

10/18/09

Notes

Attending: Randy & Lisa Hinebauch, Chad & Jennifer Leathermon, Doug & Gayle Jenkins, Jody & Crystal Manuel, Ann Manuel, Tom Bergren

Randy called the meeting to order at 12:20pm

Updates were given for our current missionaries:

### **Dale Mueller**

Dale's travels to the churches in Bicol were delayed due to an untimely death in the church family in Navotas. Pastor Loti's and Doctora Beth's sister passed away. He now plans are traveling out October 18<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> and then he will travel to China on October 31 – November 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Philippines have been hit really hard again with typhoons with more in the forecast. But in the midst of trials, 28 baptisms have taken place in Navotas!

### **Ken & Linda Smyth**

No update

### **Sean & Becky Cox**

Sean's health seems to be doing a lot better. Reports from Sean and Becky have been that the medications seem to be working and Jody shared that at least visually on Skype Sean's face seemed to show very little effects of the Bells Palsy. We will get more information when Darrin returns. Darrin Torgerson will be returning on October 21<sup>st</sup>. He had felt the need to go over and was able to get a quick flight over to encourage Sean and Becky. God was able to use him in more ways than just encouragement and Darrin was apart of 3 baptisms that took place!

Lisa & Liz Hinebauch and Jennifer Leathermon will be traveling over on October 21<sup>st</sup>-November 4<sup>th</sup> to visit Sean and Becky. They will help Sean and Becky move into their new home and help serve wherever needed. They will also begin answering questions for future short term mission teams.

### **Amy McClenahan**

CMF has paid Amy a salary through October. In September we paid Amy directly. Since Amy is currently settled back into life in MT, we will cease financial support. Amy accomplished much in England and we are thankful for her service to the Lord in a much needed area.

### **Emily Hinebauch**

Emily will return to Havre in December. She was able to take one more class in Dallas, TX. When she arrives in Havre, she will be engaged in full time fund raising in order to meet the Spring 2010 departure to Papua New Guinea. Discussion followed concerning our financial support of Emily. \*Tom Bergren made the motion to give \$300 a month to Emily (the amount that was previously going to Amy McClenahan). Doug Jenkins seconded it. Passed.

### **Summit Christian College**

Chad shared that Summit Christian College had briefly shared at Family Camp and has contacted the church about an Ambassadors program for the college. David Parrish is looking to have at least 1 individual from every support church of SCC to sit on a panel that will meet at least one time each year. David shared that they hoped to accomplish a number of things with the Ambassadors including better communication with the supporting churches, input from the churches as to future directions and how the college can better serve the needs of the churches. More information will be coming in 2010.

### **New Business**

#### **November Events**

Daniel Fast – Chad shared that the Daniel fast will begin November 1<sup>st</sup> and we are encouraging the entire congregation to either a 3, 7 or 21 day fast. It is strongly encouraged for all missions committee member to be involved with the fast in some way and to be prepared to answer questions concerning the

fast. Chad shared that the fast comes from the first chapter in the book of Daniel where Daniel and his friends choose to eat vegetables and water instead of the 'royal food.' We will be encouraging the congregation to do the same.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering – November is the next month with 5 Sundays and so on November 31<sup>st</sup> we will be taking up another offering for missions.

There was some discussion concerning how to better communicate the idea of designating of monies. Through consensus it was decided that we will communicate that unless someone designates (either on the memo line of the check or on the envelope) to a specific individual or thing (i.e. Dale Mueller, Emily Hinebauch, New Building, etc.) that the money will go into the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering for missions. Designations to 'missions' will also be included into the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering since it is a general designation and not specific to an individual.

Our current percentages that those monies will be divided into is 65% to current and future supported missions; 20% to missions awareness / short term missions; 15% to previous supported missions. Chad asked about using some of the money that is in the 20% (missions awareness/short term missions) to give to Dale Mueller for flood relief. Discussion followed. Randy Hinebauch made the motion that \$2000, taken from the missions awareness portion, be given to Dale for relief, and will be disbursed by Dale however he decides. Gayle Jenkins seconded it. Passed

Beans & Rice Sunday – November 30<sup>th</sup>-December 4<sup>th</sup> – Chad shared that part of the sermon series that we are currently going through "Revolution of Love" will call our people to see what it is like to live in another person's shoes. Since most of the world's population lives on beans and rice for 3 meals a day, we will challenge the congregation to do the same – eat 3 meals a day of nothing but beans, rice and water, for 5 days. There was some discussion as to how we will accomplish this. Jody and Crystal will check on how much beans and rice will be needed for our congregation size, and cost to see how many days, if any, the church will provide of beans and rice. More information will be given at the next meeting.

EBay Sunday – Following an idea from Ozark Christian College, the idea of having an EBay Sunday – where people would bring items of value to be sold on EBay and all monies going to missions was discussed as a possibility for FACC. It was discussed that the items must be of some value and cost the individual something (as taken from II Samuel where David says he will not make an offering to the Lord that costs him nothing). This would help make this more of an offering instead of a rummage sale. It was also discussed that the selling and exchange of items would not take place in this facility, but could possibly be stored and completed at the Bridge. As for the day, it was decided not to do this on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of November, but possibly in December or beginning of January 2010. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Memorial Cards – Memorial cards were presented to the committee to decide if we should pursue making cards available to the public. They are similar to the Gideon's memorial cards, but the memorials would be given directly to FACC missionaries. By consensus it was decided to pursue them and make the cards available to people.

Pies for Missions – Ginger Hanson has an incredible gift for desserts and pies and has asked the Missions Committee about the possibility to make a number of pies and sell them with all the monies going to FACC missions. Following some discussion it was decided that we should not sell items in the church, but that we will encourage that ministry to take place outside the church building. Ideas were given for the Farmer's Market, various Mall activities, etc. Randy Hinebauch would follow up.

A special thanks to Jody and Crystal Manuel for providing a most excellent lunch for the committee.

With no further business the meeting closed in prayer and was adjourned around 1:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by Chad Leathermon