

Missions Committee Meeting

11/15/09

Notes

Attending: Neil Larson, Randy & Lisa Hinebauch, Jim & Sharon Dolph, Ila McClenahan, Amy McClenahan, Mike & Darcy Zook, Chad Leathermon, Doug & Gayle Jenkins, Jody & Crystal Manuel, Hugh & Charlotte Gwynn

Chad called the meeting to order at 12:30pm with Doug Jenkins opening in prayer

Finances

-Gayle presented the monthly financial picture for the mission's budget.

Updates were given for our current missionaries:

Dale Mueller

Dale is back in Navotas after a very good trip to China. He is working on a video that will be used on the 5th Sunday of November as part of the 5th Sunday Offering. Dale was very excited about the monies that were sent to him concerning the typhoon relief. It will give him some funds at his immediate disposal instead of having to wait for IDES.

Ken & Linda Smyth

Ila shared that Linda's mother passed away and has been hard on the family. Linda's father is not a believer and it has hit him very hard. The family has really been in prayer for him.

Currently both Ken and Linda are back in Hong Kong. Linda is back teaching at the elementary school and Ken continues with the Discipleship Training. It was mentioned to keep Ken's mother in prayer as she isn't doing well. She lives in St. Ignatius, MT.

It was shared that December 2009 marks 30 years of ministry for Ken and Linda Smyth. The office will post this in the Sunday Bulletin sometime during the month of December and we will get a card for the missions committee to send to the Smyth family for their faithfulness and dedication to missions for 30 years.

Sean & Becky Cox

Sean is mainly back to health. Lisa shared that the girls are doing well at the Bingham Academy. The Cox family has moved into their new home, though there has been some issues with the new house (i.e. water/plumbing issues).

Lisa shared how her and Jen were able to go on house visits and see the work that Becky is doing within the Kore community. Both Sean and Becky are doing well with building various relationships and with their ministries. Becky continues doing well with language, and Hannah is also picking up the language quickly.

Financial support has grown some. Neil shared that \$250 a month has been added to their support from another church and a family.

Christmas gifts were discussed as to what we could do for the family. It was decided that Tom Jund will be the point person for Christmas gifts to the Cox family. Lisa Hinebauch will also help. We will need to get gifts and/or monies to Tom Jund by December 1st in order to get things to Ethiopia in time.

Chad will also contact Dale Mueller concerning gifts and will send out a list of different ideas to the missions committee.

Emily Hinebauch

Emily Hinebauch has finished up classes in Dallas and will be attending the National Missionary Convention prior to returning to Havre. She will be here to serve wherever needed.

Following the updates, time was spent in prayer for all of the missionaries with Jody Manuel and Mike Zook praying.

Old Business

Daniel Fast – Chad shared that the Daniel fast was a huge success with a number of new people participating. Discussion followed with testimonies of different people that have grown because of participating in the fast.

Beans & Rice – Discussion for the beans and rice began concerning how to distribute the beans and rice and how the best explain cooking of the items. In the midst of the discussion it was mentioned that it might be better to postpone the beans and rice. Due to our people just coming off the Daniel fast, all the Thanksgiving and church scheduled events, and trying to explain cooking techniques, it just seems too much for this season. So the beans and rice will be postponed until the next 5th Sunday which will take place in January 2010. It was also discussed of the possibility of having a beans and rice dinner on that Sunday which would allow for more discussion and allow for better teaching.

Memorial Cards – Chad shared that following the last meeting in which it was discussed to pursue the memorial cards, that FACC has printed up a number of the cards and will be sending them out in the next newsletter. There will also be more at the church building for future needs.

New Business

Church Plant in Laramie, WY – Ila shared about the need for church planting in Wyoming and specifically the work taking place in Laramie, WY with the Northern Plains Evangelistic Association. It was brought up concerning the possibility of transferring our monthly financial support that we currently give to the church plant in Moscow, ID to the Northern Plains Evangelistic Association. Discussion followed. It was shared that our commitment to the Moscow, ID church plant was for 2 years and is just about complete. It was decided that we will spend the next month in prayer and seek God's direction concerning this decision. We will also contact the NPEA and/or Mike Zoika about the possibility to come and share more information concerning the work there.

Orphanage in Africa – Chad share that a young man, Eli Denison from the Montana Wilderness School of the Bible, has been in contact with FACC concerning an orphanage in Africa. The orphanage was destroyed while the country was at war, with most of the children being displaced because there was not place to house them. The director of the orphanage has since, with his own funds, rented a facility to house as many as he can. Eli visited and saw the need to help restore the orphanage and is currently trying to raise funds for the rebuilding of the orphanage. Discussion followed. It was decided that due to possible doctrinal differences and our financial budget full, we would not be able to pursue this as a group, but make it available to individuals. Chad will contact Eli to follow-up.

A special thanks was given to Darrin & Krissy Torgerson who provided the committee meeting with food.

With no further business, the meeting closed in a prayer by Hugh Gwynn at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by Chad Leathermon