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Minutes of LHI Meeting

Lord's Harvest International Board of Directors September 12-14, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Present were Board Members Judy Myers, Rebekah Martin, Tom New, Warren Sorenson, and David Krogh. Warren presented devotions on God's control of our life. He read Phil. 4:13. There was a season of prayer.

Minutes—Warren moved and Rebekah Martin seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 20-22, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Reports—Warren moved and Rebekah seconded a motion to approve the financial reports as of August 31, 2011. Motion carried.

Reports of Fields and Activities

Malawi/Mozambique – Rebekah had previously provided a written report of the summer trip to Malawi and Mozambique. Rebekah provided some updates that were not included in the written report.

Kenya – James Nyangute is an evangelist we are working with. He was a contact through Robin Todd. Joe and Rebekah met with him and several other pastors for several days of intensive Bible study. Isaiah Owak is another Kenyan contact.

Tanzania – there are 60 people attending services every week. Another building is being built near the church. This will be a home for the pastor, and administrative office and toilets for the church. There will also be a day care facility because the government requires the church to provide some community service.

India – both churches are doing well. The churches are using guest speakers since they do not currently have pastors.

Mexico – Rachel Carr continues to keep in touch by phone with Lupe in Labor Vieja. There will be no trip this summer to put on a Bible School because of security concerns in Labor Vieja as well as along the route across Mexico from the United States.

Joe Martin met with the Board to thank the Board for their service. He reminded us of the vision: Joining God—Going Global. The mission statement of the General Conference is: to serve church and individuals in the ministry of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God.

Pakistan – reports are received at least twice a month from Pastor Vaster Saajan. There are 10 churches in the Pakistan Conference. The pastors have plans to reach out with seminars in other locations.

Andy Cisneros called to report on the Up Program. They had 34 adults and students who were involved last summer. UP:lift is a new mission organization that is an off shoot of the Up Program. UP:lift is a youth run division to raise awareness of Church of God missions and to raise money for missions. The UP:lift Board consists of: Jeff McClain, Pres.; Kaitlyn Walters, Vice President; Dan Cain (logistics); Andy Cisneros, Julie Driskill, Graysen Pack, Jennie Montgomery (communications – liaison with LHI); Amber McClain (in charge of fliers), Levi Walters (in charge of blog).

Jeff McClain and Kim Raper came into the meeting to share additional information about UP:lift.

Peru - We have received positive reports of the work including several baptisms. We need to identify Spanish speaking people to help with our work in Peru and Mexico.

Uruguay – Bible studies are being conducted by Mauro Gonzalez. He also has an extensive correspondence with others in South America.

Action Items:

Proposed Trips:

Africa – proposed May 24 to June 26 taking 6 people. Joe and Rebekah will be team leaders; Mitch and Kim Raper will also be on the team. Two other team members will be sought. They will go to Malawi, Mozambique, and Kenya. This will be a preaching- teaching trip. Moved by Warren and David to approve this trip. Motion carried.



LHI Board (left to right): David Krogh, Rebekah Martin, Tom New, Judy Myers, and Warren Sorenson.

Haiti – January/February – date will be set later for a trip. The team would primarily consist of the same people who went last year. The purpose will be to help with construction of an

additional building. Tom moved and David seconded a motion to approve this trip. Motion carried.

Peru – October 21-25 John and Rachel Carr, Doug Todd, and David Krogh are planning to make this trip. Tom moved and Rebekah seconded a motion to approve this trip. Motion carried.

Report of Haiti – we called Syd Kirkpatrick on the phone – he answered questions about the school and church building. Rebekah moved and Tom seconded a motion for there to be a trip to Haiti with Syd Kirkpatrick as team leader in January/February 2012. Syd will contact possible team members. Motion carried.

Projects for Discussion/Approval:

Haiti – Warren moved and David seconded a motion to attempt to raise about \$16,000 to construct one building in Haiti in January/February. (There is currently \$8,000 in a building fund toward this project). Motion carried.

David moved to apply for Church Builders on behalf of the Haiti construction project. Rebekah seconded. Motion carried.

Rebekah moved and Warren seconded that we decrease support to Haiti in October to \$2000 with the prospects of continued decreases in the future since contributions for this need have slowed down considerably. Motion carried. We will solicit additional funds for this need.

Mexico – we will continue to provide \$300 per month to Lupe for her living expenses as long as funds are available.

Tom and Rebekah moved that in all commitments we make for projects, they need to be limited to one year with a reevaluation and a new decision on the amount provided. Motion carried.

Africa - the amount needed to finish Lomos' church building is about \$1,000. We will ask Malawi Africa Mission for the money to finish this building. Moyo needs a new church. We will use \$2,000 of the remaining Church Builders money to build this church.

Pakistan – David moved and Tom seconded motion to reduce the amount of money being sent to the family of Pastor Rashid to \$375 per month (from \$400) and to send \$150 per month for Bibles. Motion carried.

Peru – David will have discretion about leaving money for travel expenses for Gaston to visit villages for Bible studies when he is in Lima in October.

Tanzania – though no official action apparently has been taken, it has certainly been our intent that they have been accept into the General Conference.

It was moved by David and seconded by Rebekah to ask the Board of Directors to officially approve membership of the Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, Peru, and Mexico, churches into the Church of God General Conference at their October meeting.

Issue of Recognition of Churches in Other Countries

There has been some confusion about the process of mission groups or established churches overseas becoming a part of the General Conference. LHI will present a recommendation to the General Conference Board of Directors to help clarify the process.

Anthony Buzzard met with the Board to report on the One God Conference in Germany last fall and his visit to Indonesia this spring. 100 people met near Frankfurt. There were about 30 who met in Indonesia.

James Nyangute in Kenya – Rebekah moved and Warren seconded to enroll James in an ABC Distance Learning course. Motion carried.

Marching for Missions – we will ask Marcia Railton if she would be willing to produce a CD for us. Judy suggested that we emphasize both home and foreign missions. We will send a write-up with the CD to explain the emphases through the month.

Korea – Steve An called to report on the Korean Conference work as a followup to his written report. We are working with three small Bible Colleges in South Korea. We have a connection with one church in South Korea and three in the United States: Campus, Logos, and Marietta, all in the Atlanta area. There is a church in Garden Grove, CA in candidate status. Next May another trip will be made to South Korea by Steve and Young An.

Shoe box ministry – Warren moved and Rebekah seconded a motion to gather information during the next year about how many children, ages, etc. in each field so that this could be accomplished in the fall of 2012. Motion carried.

Advertising project – we will ask ABC UP:lift students to prepare poster boards of our fields as a service ministry project. Rebekah will purchase boards and will contact students about working on this. Each of us will provide photos and information about the various fields.

Linda Limbe wants to go through training and receive a certificate from us to show that she is certified to provide training to the women. We will ask her to take the Systematic Theology Bible Study Course. We can give her a certificate authorizing her to teach Church of God doctrine.

The next meeting will be held September 10-12, 2012.

Tom moved and Warren seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was closed with prayer by Judy.

Respectfully submitted, David Krogh, Secretary

Projects Needing Support

We are grateful for the generous support of individuals, churches, and mission groups to many mission projects. Funds are currently running low for the following projects:

1. Haiti—we have been sending \$2,500 per month to help feed children in orphanages as well as others in our churches who are unemployed and who have no housing. We are cutting this amount back to \$2,000 per month since the Haiti fund is being rapidly depleted.
2. The family of Pastor Rashid has asked if we can provide support until June of 2012. We have been sending \$400 per month to help with lodging in another city away from Faisalabad, the location of the murders of Pastor Rashid and his brother. The family is also having to spend funds to travel back to Faisalabad for court hearings and they must pay attorney fees. The family believes that these issues should be resolved by next summer.
3. Additional funding is needed for those traveling to Peru later this month. John and Rachel Carr and David Krogh are raising \$1,600 per person to cover the cost of this trip.
4. Approximately \$16,000 is needed to help construct another building in Haiti to replace those destroyed in the earthquake in January 2010.

Gifts can be sent to: LHI, PO Box 2950, McDonough, GA 30253.