

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2011

of the

WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

of the

EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST



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IN ATTENDANCE: Gene Kissinger, chair, Charles Babb, Kelly Downs, Greg Ehlert, Al Johnson, Don Kearby, Bob Kueski, Cecil Matthews, SM, Chris Smith, Scott Urquhart, and by conference call, Ken Jones

1. We welcomed guest Jesse Dempsen, member of First EPC in Renton, Washington, joining Sacred Road Ministries. Jesse and his wife, Sarah, have been called to minister on the Yakama Indian Reservation, especially in the areas of substance abuse, alcoholism, and parenting. This tribe has about 12,000 enrolled members, and has been generally supportive of this ministry which currently includes several other missionaries. The Dempsens have suitable academic backgrounds and training to engage in this ministry. They are now in the process of raising funding. They are members of the EPC of Issaquah, WA.

2. Team Reports

Engage 2025 – SM and Kelly

- General update: Lots of progress toward their hoped for departure near the end of February. Funding is progressing very positively. Sale/renting of their townhouse remains an uncertainty.
- S3 support team is coming together well. In currently includes representatives from six churches, including Cherry Hills Community Church (Highlands Ranch, CO), Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church (Englewood, CO), FPC-Greeley, CO, FPC-Levelland, TX, and Faith Evangelical Church, Loveland, CO.
- Presentation at February's presbytery meeting: Kelly Downs will attend the Presbytery meeting Feb 4&5 in Fresno, CA to distribute information about this ministry and be available to answer questions. The WOC endorsed Kelly's involvement in this.
- How to handle South Sumatra funds: The Clerk and Treasurer of the Presbytery of the West are very positive about handling the funds associated with S3 and its activities in the presbytery. SM's support funds are currently planned to be handled by the national outreach office, but some details of that remain to be worked out.
- Trip to South Samara: Kelly is planning a fact-finding trip to South Sumatra July 2-16, 2011. Many details remain to be determined and will depend somewhat on participant interests

Current costs estimates are around \$2,000. The WOC passed the following resolution, “The WOC endorses the formation of a TOGO ministry in the Denver area. We are excited about the possibility of a formal or informal partnership between the TOGO/Denver and the WOC.”

- Web site and data base – Scott (Given time limitations, this presentation/discussion was brief.)
 - What ministry opportunities need to be added? Suggestions on content and organization are welcome at any time to nsu@peakpeak.com .
 - What training and information resources need to be added? Same comment as above.
 - Mission Advancement Associate – Al and Don
 - Equipping and Information – Bob
- What more do we know about Webinars and possible “partnership’ with the Mission Exchange?
Bob is still investigating this.

3. New Business

- Possible \$15,000.00 WOC budget for this new ministry year.
 - How do we make decisions re funding? Discussion focused on how we could assure that Don Kearby could be assured in getting \$5,000 for travel expenses in the presbytery from this fund. Gene and Al plan to talk to Marc and others about details.
- New Presbytery of the Pacific: Actively in progress; some sort of action expected at upcoming Presbytery meeting.

4. Adjourn @ 1:30.

5. NEXT MEETING: February 16, 2011
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