

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2011

of the

WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

of the

EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST



IN ATTENDANCE: Gene Kissinger, chair, Barry Amsler, Kelly Downs, Al Johnson, Don Kearby, Bob Kueski, Cecil Matthews, Pete Menconi, Jim Murphy, Arlen Nordhagen, Chris Smith, Scott Urquhart and David Van Valkenberg.

Meeting opened with prayer and lunch.

1. Update from Al Johnson

- Went to China with English Language Institute - China (ELIC) - great experience
- ELIC is a great partner
- Korean church wants to host a Korean language Perspectives course.
 - Funding is needed to bring in out of state speakers.

2. Update from Jim Murphy

- Jim will soon visit the Near East to pursue his member care responsibilities. Specifically he will visit
 - Tim North - Amman Jordan
 - Robbie and Joyce Hamnd - Beirut, Lebanon
 - An unspecified person near Dhab

3. Update from Scott Urquhart

- He and wife Lois led a group of 11 to visit schools and churches in Tanzania; Tanzania School Mission Team (TSMT - 2011), September 19 - October 4, 2011
- TSMT visited one pre school/kindergarten in Maasai country, six primary schools and two secondary schools, all but one rural, and attended church services with two congregations.
- Provided school supplies - exercise book, pencil, pencil sharpener and eraser to more than 5,000 students
- Soccer balls and musical instruments where appropriate, and clothing to two schools.
 - One school has 150 AIDS orphans out of a student body of 800!
- Scott stayed another week to evaluate potential projects and work on a project: completing two classrooms

which have stood unfinished for three years, and a latrine at another school. These have subsequently been costed out, funded, and are now under construction. An internet connection was installed for the computer lab at the Youth Center at Nshupu Lutheran Church.

4. Update from Kelly Downs

- Short-term trip to S. Sumatra has been rescheduled for June 19 - July 3, 2012; cost = \$2,200
 - Currently this trip has six participants
 - Activities
 - Vision building & prayer walking
 - Visit SM and family, and language school where they are studying
 - Visit LegoLand
- S3 meets regularly with SM usually participating via Skype
- SM now has a car, and is still investigating business opportunities.

5. Update from Don Kearby

- No proposals for the \$1,000 seed money have been received.
 - Where do we go from here?
- Don will coordinate a meeting between Nepalese workers and members of the Presbytery at the February meeting

6. Gene reported on likely additions to the presbytery, and raised the question of following up on Pete's presentation at the October meeting. Specifically, consider contacting congregations in the presbytery to ask questions such as:

- How can we increase our outreach to both believers and nonbelievers? How can WOC assist? A questionnaire probably should address questions such as:
 - What is your congregation doing to reach and minister to unbelievers locally and globally?
 - What obstacles has your church experienced in doing this?
 - Who are your major ministry partners?
 - Successes are? Willing to share?
 - Who are you cooperating with?
- Thing about such questions for the next meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING: January 18, 2012: 11:30 - 1:00

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