

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2008**  
**of the**  
**WORLD OUTREACH (MISSIONS) COMMITTEE**  
**of the**  
**EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST**



Reported by Gene Kissinger, September 8, 2008.

IN ATTENDANCE: Marty Martin, Scott Urquhart, Sean McKelvey, Cecil Matthews, Wes Tucker, Jim Hill, Bob Kuseski, Chris Smith, Gene Kissinger

Wes gave an update on his ministry in Ft. Collins and the front range. He has a personal ministry with Muslims as well as a mobilizing ministry to churches along the front range, helping Christians understand who Muslims are, and what Islam teaches and how to build bridges of relationships with Muslims. He does this through one day training seminars and a good outcome is that a Muslim Focus Team evolves from a seminar.

**ACTION POINT** - We will work on having Wes do some portion of his training at a pre-presbytery meeting in February.

Sean McKelvey reported on the status of the presbytery church planting team strategy. Due to Sean's illness this summer, we haven't made much progress on this. The strategy is:

- 1) Start with a prayer team (first meeting was on 8/26)
- 2) Raise up a short term team to visit a potential field in spring '09 as a mobilizing effort.
- 3) Follow that team up with several more teams.
- 4) Begin recruiting for long term workers.
- 5) Engage a team of long term candidates in training and preparation with the help of the

home office staff and perhaps a partnering sending organization.

ACTION POINT - We'd like to present this plan to the presbytery, perhaps in February. Sean would like for all of us to help him begin to meet with the key folks in our churches who could green light this project in their respective churches.

Gene reported on a plan to engage our congregations in ministry to internationals. The original plan was to put together a training and awareness program that would be available to all the churches in the presbytery and to partner with several organizations working with internationals in the Denver area, Denver Rescue Missions, Lutheran Family Services. International Student's Inc, etc to provide places of ministry for our members.

ACTION POINT - We would like to get Pete Menconi's input on this and then develop a team to move this project forward.

*One more action item sent by Bob Kuseski, September 9, 2008*

*Sean had reported on the progress of connecting with communication tools – probably web based – for the POW-WOC and even the whole Presbytery and that the initial ideas have not materialized.*

*I was tasked with the action item to follow up with Dave Imboden (old ACMC peer) and his Go Connect ministry to see what he has come up with for web based regional communication tools.*

*I will have a report and some ideas at our next meeting – if not before.*