

World Missions Team Meeting  
August 8, 2011

Present: Jerry Foote (Pastoral Elder), Betty Fyffe (Team Co-Chair), Larry Bedenbender

Absent: Dave Fyffe (Lay Elder), Dave Carson (Outreach Team Chair), Carrie Meyers (Team Co-Chair), Debbie Imhoff, Nadine Reynolds, Millie Vanacker

Copies also to: Pastor Clark Pantel, Pastor Henry Meyers, Nic Hendriks, Rich Hartsock, Tim Imhoff, Marty Kistler, Rick Nielsen, Don Chapman

Meeting opened in prayer by Larry Bedenbender. Secretary for August is Betty Fyffe.

Review of July minutes includes one amendment. Number 3.i. under Missionary Updates states that Ms. Elsi Peñaranda is losing support of \$1,000. The correct amount is \$700.00 per month, or 25% of her income.

Kent and Jan McKinnon (International Messengers – Poland) have requested prayer for their granddaughter, Bella. Bella is undergoing chemo for a Neuroblastoma, and very aggressive cancer. Kent and Jan are currently making arrangements to join their children in Hawaii to assist.

The World Missions Team is going to miss the leadership and fellowship of Carrie Meyers as she leaves for further ministry with her family in Olivia, MN. We have been blessed by her dedication and service.

Mid-year Review of the World Missions Team Statement of Purpose: We have taken steps forward in meeting our overall Statement of Purpose through helping create a greater awareness of missions. We are giving our church tools to learn and become more involved in missions by utilizing Power Points, Mission Bulletin Boards, the Birthday and Anniversary Card Ministry as well as creating various opportunities for people to be able to get to know several of our missionaries on a personal level. A hands-on mission's project was accomplished through a work-team to provide help and encouragement to one of our supported families. (Power Points are created by Jessica Fyffe, Missions Bulletin Boards by Fredda Cocklin)

We would like consider possible teaching strategies that would further enable our church to pray, encourage, give and champion those we support, identifying with them in a personal way. Ideas to be studied would include 1) a mission's teacher that might travel on a quarterly rotation to each Sunday School class. The church owns a Sunday School Missions Curriculum that will need to be considered. (We will talk to Patty Foor and Lori Dicks to get their input) 2) to utilize Skype capabilities to bring our missionaries into our services, (will need to check with Nic regarding access to internet connection and sound/projection capabilities) and 3) to hold a couple of yearly Sunday evening missions events for children to run concurrent with the Youth Group meeting time, perhaps in the gym or Fellowship Hall with planned interactive missions stories, games, and teaching.

Continuing an on-going study regarding the funding of missions, Pastor Jerry Foote and Larry Bedenbender proposed an experimental one year trial study in utilizing Faith Based Giving Missions Promises. The church body will be invited to attend a presentation, ask questions, and give feedback on how this style of raising support for missions might work at Mulford. A date was set for Saturday, Oct 1,

2011 in Fellowship Hall. A time is yet to be determined. A trial group would be made up of volunteer Mulford families.

Review of meeting with Luis and Susan Martinez: Luis has been invited by the Rosa de Saron church plant that meets in Mulford space to meet with them further. Our time with them helped us to better understand the impact of potential ministry among foreign nationals that are moving into our communities such as Congo and Latin American families.

Conference update: The theme “Bridges of Responsibility (Pray, Encourage, Give and Champion)” was presented by Pastor Jerry and adopted for 2011, This will be communicated to our guest speakers, Scott and Annette Kaczinski. Potential seminars and weekend events that might benefit our church as well as encourage Scott and Annette were discussed. Betty will follow up on the ideas.

John and Ida Ottaviano, retired Mulford missionaries needing financial assistance have received \$1,015.00 in special offerings in the 2011 year according to our treasurer, Don Chapman.

Long Term Planning – Letters of inquiry regarding potential retirement or long-term plans have been prepared and will be mailed this week to our supported missionaries (minus those already retired or having announced upcoming retirement, and ongoing commitments to Fairshare, Trinity, Central District, Awana, and Hidden Acres). Our supported missionaries have been reassured that this is not an effort to encourage them to retire, but only to assist us in potential future planning as we strive to be good stewards.

Mulford has chosen to corporately support Randy and Gin Popham in their service with Wycliffe Associates. A Commissioning Service is being planned for September 25, 2011. A planning idea worksheet was passed out. Betty will follow up, and set a special meeting for the team to work on this together.

A Vision Trip to JAARS Day, October 1, 2011 in Waxhaw, NC, has been given as an idea by Gin Popham. This would allow a delegation from Mulford to learn more about Wycliffe/JAARS ministries, especially since we have several others on our support list with this group. The team believes this is a great idea, but all have scheduling conflicts with the date. Gin shared that JAARS holds four special open house events each year, so it is hoped this might be a trip some of our Mulford family might want to take as individuals when traveling in North Carolina, make a special trip out of it, or do a planned trip for those interested at a later date.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Jerry Foote.

Minutes submitted by Betty Fyffe