

World Missions Team Meeting  
May 9, 2011

Present: Jerry Foote (Pastoral Elder), Betty Fyffe (Team Chair), Larry Bedenbender, Debbie Imhoff, Carrie Meyers

Absent: Dave Fyffe (Lay Elder), Dave Carson (Outreach Team Chair), 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

Debbie opened the meeting in prayer.

Carrie gave an update on the Gerber Project, planned for June 20-24. The funds raised to date for the project are \$588. Carrie will contact Diane Hancock to see if she and the women's ministry team are still planning to conduct a fundraising auction toward the project. Larry is going to contact Tom Vandygriff of the deacon board to see whether there might be any benevolent funds available to put toward the project. The total estimated need is just over \$3000 to purchase the cabinets for the Gerbers.

Betty gave a review of the upcoming weekend plans for the visit from Al and Edie Lewis. The schedule for the weekend has been presented in the bulletin, in a power-point presentation during the morning service, as well as in an announcement made to the congregation during the morning service. Last minute details discussed include: Jerry will speak to the custodian about having a white board available for Al's teaching time on Sunday morning; Betty will make sure that a sound tech is scheduled for the weekend's activities; Carrie will contact Carrie Behrens regarding the involvement of the hostess committee, both for Saturday night's dessert time, and Sunday morning's brunch; Jerry and Laura Foote will pay for lunch for the Lewis' on Saturday at Pizza Ranch, and Larry Bedenbender will provide lunch for the Lewis' on Sunday following the morning service. Betty informed the team that Sheila had volunteered to mail flyers to various churches in the area, informing them of the Lewis' visit, and inviting them to participate in the weekend.

Larry shared information on faith-based missions, and the team discussed pros and cons to adopting a faith-based approach to missions giving. The discussion concluded by saying that the team would continue studying and learning, and that should a decision be made in the future to adopt such an approach, it would need to be done with gradual implementation.

Debbie reported on upcoming birthdays, anniversaries, and other needs for the card encouragement ministry. There are many dates to remember coming in the next month, so she intends to spread the cards out over several Sundays, so as not to overwhelm the congregation with too many cards to sign on any given Sunday.

Betty reported that the Kaczinski's have confirmed with us that they will plan on participating as our featured missionaries for the fall missionary conference, being planned for Nov. 5-6. Also, Shirley Amos has agreed to prepare the parade of nations flag ceremony for the weekend prior to the Kaczinski visit.

Pastor Jerry announced that the financial shortfall for John and Ida Ottaviano's needs is identified to be \$500-700. A couple of individuals have requested information on becoming monthly supporters to help meet this increased need, and others have come forward with a one-time gift. Another announcement will be made to the congregation sharing this specific need. Gifts are to be directed to the Golden Years Assistance Society.

A card was sent to Marilyn Noyes following a recent surgery, and a letter has been sent requesting information about her financial needs in retirement.

Pastor Jerry confirmed that Luis Martinez, from the Central District EFCA, is planning to visit Mulford the last weekend in June. He has volunteered to preach and share information about church planting with the Rosa de Saron church, which is currently meeting in the Mulford facility, as well as be available to speak at Mulford's morning service, and give an update from the Central District.

The meeting was closed in joint prayer by the entire team, specifically lifting up to the Lord: Mark Doss and the increased responsibilities in church planting in the Central District; the Ottaviano family and their financial and health needs; Al and Edie Lewis and their upcoming visit to Mulford; Richard and Pam Schumacher and a prayer for healing, as well as God to raise up workers to further the task of church planting in their region; and Earl Taylor and the Hidden Acres staff as they begin the summer camp season.