

## GLOBAL MISSIONS MEETING - March 14, 2013

ATTENDANCE - Larry Wild, Tom Espel, Tom Mausbach, Brad Keller, Russ Wastweet, Marianna Malm, Mary Rasmussen, Magda Fitterer. Guests: Sue Anderson and Carl Wall, Board Members for Wellspring and John Peterson, China Service Ventures

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Brad Keller.

Mission statement was read aloud and a devotion and prayer were offered by Mary Rasmussen.

February Minutes - motion to approve by Tom E., seconded by Tom M. Motion passed.

Financials -

- \$10,000 still earmarked for Slovakia Mission from the Scheels Fund and \$12,000 for the Agape Family Life House, from the Lee Fund.
- All but one donation has been paid up, and that one will be paid this month.
- Motion to approve financials by Marianna, seconded by Larry. Motion approved.

New Business:

- Sue Anderson and Carl Wall of **Wellspring for the World** presented their organization with 3 short videos and a brochure and fact sheet. They explained the origin of the organization and explained the process of building wells. These wells are also maintained - community members have been trained to fix and maintain the wells; they are also asked to contribute to the cost, though minimally, in order to give them a sense of ownership. Wellspring works with World Vision and sends all of the donations to them - 86% goes to actual programs. They consider themselves a trustworthy conduit for people wanting to donate to building these wells. Family Life's Lenten donations are going towards building three wells. Motion to match funds raised by Lenten offering and that we notify the congregation that we are matching their dollars in addition to it being matched by two other sources. Tom E. motioned, Marianna seconded. Motion approved.
- Carmen Bajo, Quito - currently have been supplying a meal for one day to 100 children. The quantity of children needing that meal has increased to 250 at a cost of \$125/day. Motion to fund another year with increased amount of children at a total of \$6000, to be funded by the Lee Fund - Russ, seconded by Tom M. Motion passed. Brad will take care of wiring the funds to them and will cover the wire fee himself.
- Latif Kamara - requested \$4,500 - \$5,000 per year for "Priceless" mission work in Perth, Australia. This mission is a human-trafficking and prostitution prevention ministry. Discussion about what funds would be used if this was approved. Was suggested that he should have someone in the congregation act as his sponsor. Brad proposed to table this until the April meeting so that he can get more information about the actual work that is being done.
- China Service Ventures - John Peterson presented the 5 main programs - mostly with education - in Henan, China. They try to build relationships with the rural poor and youth in the Rooster Mountain District. He gave the history of his and his wife's involvement of CSV - based out of St. Paul. He explained his mission work with the youth camps and how they are not allowed to initiate conversation about Christ but able to create circumstances where the children can ask questions about him and they can supply some answers. This was an informational presentation only.

- Becky Anderson and Sue Wild - Ecuador Mission Trip - handed out a sheet showing the donations and where the money was spent. They taught the women how to sew the quilts and towels and how to keep the machines cleaned. Extra money (\$800) was donated to the building of a house for a family of 5, as their current home was in jeopardy of having a roof collapse. They consider the trip a success. Pictures were passed around and they'll write an article for the newsletter.

Brad Keller will prepare April devotions.

Tom Mausbach requested prayers for his upcoming trip in April.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Magda Fitterer