

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2023

Attendees: Ron Vandeberg, Wayne Corey, Bonnie Dirks, Pastor Kelli, Mike Catterall, Paul Hundt, Jim Green

Global Mission did not formally meet in November and December, 2022. The main activity during these months was prep and execution of the Dec 10 and 11 bake sale. Notes from the bake sale and other activities are included below.

Devotions by Paul Hundt.

Bake Sale Follow-up

- Bake sale was a joint venture between Global Mission and Youth groups.
- \$1624 raised, half disbursed to McFarland Food Pantry and half to Outreach for World Hope / Guatemala
- \$110 of expenses for baking supplies and lefse making equipment were not covered by the \$250 Thrivent Card. These expenses were covered by Global Mission Budget.
- 2023 bake sale dates - Saturday Dec 9 and Sunday Dec 10
- Notes / feedback from the bake sale were:
 - 38 packages of lefse made, none donated. Sold out 9:30 am. Priced at \$6 per pkg of 3.
 - 4 batches, 43 containers of rommegrot made. Initially priced at \$8 (same as last year). Lowered to \$6 as 10 am approached. 5 left at closing. All sold during free will offering sales.
 - One table of goods left at noon. Moved table to gathering space with a sign requesting a free will offering. After CLM program in the afternoon, goods were gone and \$49 collected. The free will offering method in conjunction with CLM program was much easier than trying to sell left over goods at Wednesday Advent services.
 - Saturday evening sales were a big hit, much appreciated by those who typically attend that service. Sale amount for Sat evening was not counted on, but roughly \$250.
 - We should develop a display at the tables or some other very visible location where we are selling. The display should show where we go and what our congregation does on our "global missions." When sharing funds with the food pantry we also should have some photo or other representation for them. Many people in the congregation know we do "global mission" but the bake sale might give us an opportunity to drive the point home even more emphatically.
 - More krumkake! - we ran out. More cakes and breads for variety?
 - Whole dollar amounts rather than quarters--yes!
 - It went really smoothly. Having everything in even dollar amounts helped the cash box be more efficient.
 - I felt there was too much emphasis placed on Global Mission and not enough sharing in announcements etc. with the Youth. They worked very hard on putting the sale together and were represented during the sale as well.
 - The World Hope name is not well enough known yet to stand by itself. I think it should be coupled with Guatemala and the mission trip there, until it becomes more familiar to everyone.
 - We need to be sure a thank you to the congregation for the support of baked goods and purchase is put into the newsletter and announced in next week's services, if the pastors are willing.
 - Many of the leftovers were the youth plates. Make less. (We didn't count, but there were about 20 - 25 plates left over at noon.)

Puerto Rico Funds

- \$10K for disaster recovery was in a dedicated account since 2020, but not spent due to Covid / no mission trips.
- \$4K sent to Reconciliation Church for use in their food pantry and hurricane repairs being done by the congregation
- \$4K to the camp for repairs. Camp is being used again by the Caribbean Synod.

Stoughton Resettlement Assistance Program (SRAP)

- Sharon-Mason-Boersma and Mary Hanson will present information about the Stoughton Resettlement Assistance Program (SRAP) at 9 am Jan 29 in Rm 113.
- Announcement for event will be in Jan 25 newsletter.

Uganda

- Bonnie visited Uganda in early January. One of her main goals was exploring how the remedial adult education classes she started in 2012 were going. The number of teachers has increased to 14. At a cost of \$80 per month, she needs to find sponsors to support some of the teachers. Teachers are leading classes in the villages, teaching subjects such as beginner English, hygiene, basic finances, and using moringa. Teachers are supported through the organization Hope-4-Women, which is a sister organization to Hope-4-Kids.
- Eric Sabitt is continuing to run the moringa operation, including teaching villagers how to grow and use moringa. He has 70 kids in the Christian development program and they are getting moringa for better nutrition. Their health has noticeably improved.
- Bonnie visited 'our village' Sesera. Some of the metal roof sheets on the church are rusting and leaking. The congregation purchased plastic chairs so they wouldn't have to set on the floor, but unfortunately the chairs were stolen. The land around the church, including a portion of the moringa plantation, was leveled. The moringa drying shed was demolished in the process. Sesera would still like to build a school.

Guatemala / Outreach for World Hope

- Many items previously collected for the 2020 Ugandan mission trip were redirected for the OWH trip. All 18 people from MLC carried 50 lbs of goods to Guatemala.
- Infant formula and water filters were purchased in the USA and taken to Guatemala.
- Presentation to congregation will be at all 3 services the weekend of Jan 28 & 29. Chris L will be coordinating.
- As part of medical outreach, severely malnourished kids were identified and nutrition programs started.
- Participant activities included building stoves and putting them in huts, planting fruit trees, and handing out water filters.
- Dresses and flip-flops taken to the villages were loved by the recipients.

Madison Area Jail Ministry (MAJM)

- Three big carts of winter jackets were recently collected, with MLC being a big contributor.
- MAJM is forming restoration committees consisting of 3 to 6 members. The purpose is to help prisoners reintegrate into society when they are released. Committees meet about once per week to support released prisoner with everything from getting housing to getting a job, transportation, medical care, etc.

Due to multiple members having conflicts, Global Mission regularly scheduled meeting will move to 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for February 20, 2023.