

MISSIONS, Board of

Harvest Church, Billings, MT – November 5, 2012

In Attendance: Bruce Moyer, Glenn Ewert, Dave Collins, Paul Hansen

The general discussion went along the following lines...

A review of the Spring Boards meeting set the direction for the agenda which focused on how the Board of Missions can move forward in becoming an asset and a tool to conference pastors and churches as they engage in missions, and be a part of transforming people mobilized on the mission of Christ.

Bruce Moyer gave an update on EC Missions and mission fields: Fiji, India, Brazil, Bolivia, and a new “partnership” with a church in Liberia, Africa. That partnership was approved as an official denominational affiliation and has been established through a connection with a church in Twin Cities of Liberian immigrants.

Bruce also mentioned a need for further support for the Guerrero’s as they prepare to go back to Bolivia in June 2013. They plan on planting a new church focused on reaching youth/young adults. Bolivia is an “old field” but God is doing lots of “new” work ... church planting, missionary training of bolivian missionaries, tutoring center, etc.

WHEREAS the Church Missions Surveys are currently being received **BE IT RESOLVED** the Board will review and assess them in the coming months on how the Board of Missions can best offer support to Western Conference churches.

Further pursuit of partnering with Matthew Ellison of Sixteen:Fifteen Church Missions Coaching is planned for 2013, and the hope is to offer this service to churches in the Western Conference.

Putting together a pastor’s vision trip is of high priority in 2013 to get pastors who have never been on a mission trip on one together. Plans are underway for that to happen in the Philippines to offer church leadership development as well as biblical peacemaking training. Date is TBD.

WHEREAS Arrowhead Bible College has developed a partnership with a ministry in Costa Rica, and is taking its students for 2 weeks in January 2013, **BE IT RESOLVED** the funds established for “a scholarship of arrowhead student” be released to be used to help fund this trip. Discussion will occur at Spring Boards on whether we will continue to offer this support in coming years, as it will also be included in student tuition (but was not for this year as the opportunity arose after tuition and registration was established).

REQUESTED Budget for 2013

(6010) National Travel to USA	\$2500
(6180) Pastor Vision Trip	\$2000
(6010) Worry Free Deputation	\$1000
(6080) Scholarships to Arrowhead Bible College	\$2000
(6010) Conference Missionary Support	\$2500

(6180) Education / Awareness / Resources	<u>\$2000</u>
Total Budget	\$12000

6010 Church & Mission Support	\$6000
6180 Training/Education	6000

Meeting was concluded with discussion of what is “missions” and how has the changing landscape locally created a need for us to address missions locally dealing with cross-cultural and cross-economic opportunities not just overseas, but also in our communities. Is that ministry part of “missions” as we know it now, or should a new board be established to lead in that? There is much discussion about this happening on a conference and also denominational level. Stay tuned.

Submitted by,
Paul Hansen