



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2017

Meeting location: Columbus, GA

Board members in attendance: T. Alford, L. Aultman, R. Austin, D. Banner, D. Cheek, J. Cornelison, P. Fleming, W. Greer, C. Holdorf, J. Holland, J. Struecker

Board members absent: D. Byrd, R. Chandler, J. Nolan

S. Thomas, President & CEO and P. Ward, COO attended.

W. Greer gave the welcome and opened the meeting with prayer.

P. Flemming gave the devotion from Mark 2.

D. Cheek noted the previous board minutes were included in the board book and moved that they be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by L. Aultman and all were in favor.

In the absence of R. Chandler, the financial report was noted with S. Thomas asking C. Holdorf to speak to any questions. The following issues were discussed:

- Grant writing opportunities. J. Holland and C. Holdorf will provide information.
- Focus in the future should be general fund, Hope Chests and Hope Packs.
- J. Holland shared his success with the Full Quiver Project. A Hope Home has been funded for a year.

J. Struecker moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. J. Cornelison seconded the motion. All were in favor.

S. Thomas shared his President's Report. He referenced II Samuel 23:10 which says "He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the Lord wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil." S. Thomas noted that wants the sword to be molded to his hand so that he will not give up. God will bring victory if we do not give up.

S. Thomas said he did not know what the future holds; but he knows Who holds the future.

In a section of North India that was visited recently, 85% of the people consider themselves Christian. They have 20,000 orphans. Why not take children of the Christians and bring them

back to God. A lot of these children are involved in drugs. We can rescue them and have them become missionaries for India and the world.

D. Cheek gave a report on Haiti. They are planting a new church and God is stirring the next generation of believers. We want to go to where the children are, disciple them and give birth to a church. We want to have 8 guys and girls who are investing in them. When we reach 5-10 children's families, then we can plant a church and start a discipleship program.

D. Cheek will be meeting with a team in November and December and would love to hear thoughts and ideas. The need is for a place to have an orphanage and to disciple children. To do this, we need land, teachers and textbooks.

S. Thomas noted he was thankful to P. Flemming for getting D. Cheek involved in Haiti.

J. Holland moved that the report be approved as presented. C. Holdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor.

COO gave a report noting the staffing changes along with future goals for improvements in administrative policy. Special note was on the new Church Relations and Marketing/Social Media.

Issues suggested to the COO were:

- Check with Wells Fargo giving program.
- Look at information from J. Holland on the grant writer.
- Follow up with J. Struecker about office in Columbus.

J. Struecker talked about the great need to complete the hostel in Kota. He suggested that the Board take on this project. A portion of the property will be given in memory of L. Lombardi. The goal is \$350,000 and the current balance is \$87,394.31.

The goal for Hope Chests is \$55,000 and the current balance is \$12,862.50.

A presentation will be put together for the Board to use.

S. Thomas asked the Board to pray for C. Alford, J. Greer and for the Pastor's Conference in Kota.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer by T. Alford.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Cheek, Secretary

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