



## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2017

Meeting location: Powder Springs, GA

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

Board members absent: C. Holdorf, J. Nolan and S. Thomas

Emeritus board members in attendance: J. Stallings and W. Belt

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

A time of prayer preceded the official board meeting.

S. Thomas made introductions of new members present: J. Cornelison who is a new board member and J. Holland who is under consideration of becoming a board member.

R. Austin, Chairman, welcomed the group and thanked the Cheek family for hosting the meeting. He also thanked the new board members for being present, along with the current board members. He noted that the older board members are his hero's and are the spiritual warriors of the ministry.

R. Austin opened the meeting with prayer and L. Aultman gave the devotion (copy attached to original minutes).

A brief presentation was given to the board by P. Walker, of Advance International regarding educational opportunities in India. He fielded questions about the educational process.

W. Greer proposed that we consider this educational opportunity. L. Aultman seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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 J. Cornelison and all were in favor.

R. Chandler gave the Treasurer's Report.

P. Fleming asked if we should look at two levels of promoting our orphans. For example, \$35 level for food, \$44 for orphans and Hope Pack or Hope Chest. S. Thomas noted that we would need to communicate to everyone in a different way if we changed it. D. Byrd noted that the basic need to be reminded. When we reach out to them and ask for a Hope Pack or Hope Chest they respond. We need to create opportunities to interact with our donors.

J. Cornelison asked that we consider updating churches regarding the churches they have planted. We need to encourage them by letting them know the churches are still winning souls every Sunday.

W. Greer noted that they would like to pull together a gathering of local churches next year in his area instead of having S. Thomas go from church to church. R. Chandler said we need to find a way to engage our board members in this type of process.

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

J. Struecker noted that Compassion International had 400 locations in India that they are shutting down and they were spending \$2.5 million. God has been uncommonly good to Hopegivers.

S. Thomas noted a contribution from Calvary Ministries that the church requested go directly to the contractor in India working on the Girl's Dorm.

S. Thomas shared his President's Report which noted that we have served 57,318 churches that have been established, 7,092 baptisms, serve 6,000 orphans, 458 graduates, and 593 burned women.

S. Thomas discussed the recent and upcoming court case in India. (President's report in included in board book).

D. Cheek gave a report on Haiti. He thanked P. Fleming for going to do a VBS for the children. Several will be spending Christmas in Haiti this year and they will be sharing the Hope Chests. He noted it was interesting to see God opening doors and expanding our influence in the area. (copy of report found in board book).

J. Cornelison moved that the report be approved as presented. L. Aultman 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 Missions staff and what that would involve.

J. Holland was presented as a potential board member. T. Alford moved that we accept his membership and the motion was seconded by P. Fleming. All were in favor.

R. Austin presented a proposal on behalf of the Executive Committee made up of R. Chandler, D. Cheek and himself. They proposed that the board adopt a new CEO Compensation policy. The committee suggested the compensation stay at the current rate. The motion was made by J. Cornelison and seconded by L. Aultman. The motion carried.

S. Thomas noted that the Hope Homes are now called "Chatravas" or hostels. The education is subsidized by our ministry.

The purchase of a school was discussed at the last meeting. After declining the price of \$1.1 million, we countered with \$400,000 over 10 years and our offer was accepted. Once the transition takes place, we will have a school with the capacity of 1,600 students. There are 75 believers there and we will soon have a Hope Home and be able to fund over 50 new churches.

The board reviewed a plan to relocate the administrative office in Columbus. S. Thomas noted that Calvary Ministries is interested in obtaining our location for their future growth. S. Thomas suggested that we obtain an independent appraisal and give first right of refusal to Calvary Ministries. R. Chandler suggested we research our options and sell the office and help eliminate debt. D. Cheek moved that we move forward with these plans. P. Fleming seconded the motion and all were in favor.

S. Thomas acknowledged the two emeritus members in attendance, W. Belt and Jim Stallings and asked Jim to close with a devotion (attached to minutes).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

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D. Cheek, Secretary

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