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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2018

Meeting location: Columbus, GA - Via Conference Call

Board members in attendance: T. Alford, L. Aultman, R. Austin, D. Banner, D. Byrd, R. Chandler, D. Cheek, J. Cornelison, J. Holland, J. Nolan, J. Struecker and Tommy Middleton

Board members absent: P. Fleming, W. Greer, C. Holdorf

P. Fleming and C. Holdorf gave their approval of items contained in the Board book.

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

J. Cornelison gave the welcome. He recently attended the graduation in Kota and said one of the highlights of the event was the tumultuous singing. It reminded him of the following scripture which he shared before he opened the meeting in prayer.

*Psalm 27:5-7*

*“For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.”*

T. Middleton gave the devotion from Mark 5:35 which reads

*Mark 5:36 King James Version (KJV)*

*“As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, **Be not afraid, only believe.**”*

This latter part of this passage is present imperative which literally means: Stop being afraid, and continue to believe. Don't trust fear - trust God.

R. Austin (at the absence of D. Cheek, Secretary) noted the previous board minutes were included in the board book and asked for questions. J. Cornelison moved that they be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by T. Alford and all were in favor.

R. Chandler, Treasurer gave the financial report noting that our financial statements are better than last year's. Dr. Sam addressed the question about our accounts in India. After a time for questions, L. Aultman moved that the reports be approved as presented. J. Holland seconded and all were in favor.

S. Thomas shared his President's Report. He mentioned a very good Pastor's Conference in February and appreciated the three board members R. Austin, J. Cornelison and L. Aultman who attended. He asked for prayer for the graduates.

S. Thomas noted that we have more faith to overcome our fear. Heaven has a gate because the Word tell us the Christ is the Way to enter. He is the Way. The gates are made of pearl, which represents suffering. The suffering and life of Christ allows us to walk through the gate.

S. Thomas thanked the Board for their friendship and their faithfulness to this ministry.

D. Cheek gave a report on Haiti, and invited the Board members to come along on any of the mission trips. He said they enjoyed having S. Thomas visit with them, and J. Cornelison and his family came at Christmas to share with them. He asked the group to pray for Pastor Carlos and Christina as they welcome a baby girl soon.

They recently have a meeting with the leadership in Haiti. Ken Forrester helped with the meeting and it was rich and special tie for the church to step up.

T. Middleton mentioned that he would be in Haiti and July and would like to see the work there. He will connect with D. Cheek.

S. Thomas thanked D. Cheek and his wife for their tremendous job with the nationals in Haiti, and said he was thrilled to see how God is using them to win Haiti for Christ.

COO gave a report noting the staffing changes, donor relations, marketing/social media, church relations/along with important date and mission trips.

Several noted upcoming mission trips planned in India:

- J. Struecker in October
- R. Chandler, L. Aultman and J. Holland in December

J. Strucker moved that the Board affirm T. Middleton as a Board Member. The motion was seconded by J. Cornelison and all were in favor.

S. Thomas noted he was thankful that R. Austin had introduced B. Morgan to Hopegivers and we expect a great relationship to evolve. He also thanked L. Aultman for introducing us to J. Cornelison.

P. Ward noted that we exceeded our goal of \$55,000 for Hope Chest by bringing in \$67,347.90  
Praise God!

We are currently collecting funds for our Hope Pack. Our goal is \$35,000 and we currently have  
\$4,721.46.

P. Ward noted that we can give gift in MEMORY or HONOR and have a special card sent from  
Hopegivers. R. Austin suggested that we put a copy of that on our website.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer by D. Byrd.

Respectfully submitted,

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D. Cheek, Secretary

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