

## **Ethiopian Partnership Mission Team**

We meet on May 7, 2016 by conference call.

Minutes are attached.

We are proud to say that we have wired \$9000 of budgeted funds and \$75 of designated funds to WWBS April 27<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Lynn Reeves and I attended the Ethiopian Mission Network Conference on April 21 – 23, 2016 in Lincoln Nebraska. This conference brought together representatives and people who are interested in mission with EEMCY, Ethiopian Evangeline Mekane Yesus in Western Ethiopia.

Representatives consisted of folks from all corners of the country and world, Ques Ding was from Western Gambella, one of the synods in BSCO (Bethel Synods Coordination Office). He was the only one to have received a visa to come to the US. Also there were Mission workers, Pastors, and PCUSA representatives. Our special guest of honor was a young lady, Telile Fikru who told her Ethiopian roots. She works with the Light of Hope, which is doing evangelism through Schools among the Arssi Oromo and Muslim people in Ethiopia. She is musically gifted and has written many praise songs in Arssi style. To be a woman in a country where there is so much unrest and turmoil between people groups, and primarily in a man's world was very difficult, and her testimony tugged at your heart.

We heard from an associate Director of Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship, whose passion is to see the Muslim world have access to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Imagine a Christian-Muslim study group in Chicago. Well this has happened and he started it. Can you imagine that happening here? Well it can.

One of most amazing representatives were John and Gwen Haspels former Mission –Coworkers PCUSA. You have heard about this couple because last October t 1<sup>st</sup> they were shot by a thief as they were driving. A bullet went through Gwen's mouth and glanced off John before hitting the roof of their car. Pieces of Gwen's teeth and jaw bone lodged in John's right eye. John cannot see in that eye. But has been back to the Suri. And declared to them that he and Gwen have forgiven the man who shot them and because of this the act of forgiveness there has been a wave of coming together and coming to Christ.

We have just completed 20 years of being in partnership with WWBS. Can you believe it? We are now writing a new covenant agreement with WWBS and SVP that will continue for another 20years.

I encourage anyone who wants to get involved with the partnership just come to a meeting. We are a small team and we need many voices to get to all and to do all we want to do. Just maybe you will fall in love with this wonderful Mission. And I would like to thank you for the designated funds that come to the partnership from indivial and Churches. Any time that anyone would like to hear about this deep passionate mission that does for our Brothers and sisters in Ethiopia invite us and help your church fall in love as we have.

Ethiopian partnership Team

Junietta Brooks

## EPMT Minutes

May 7 2016 10:00

Conference call

Attendance: Diane Vredenburg, Emrys Tyler, Lynn Reeves, Junieta Brooks, Cindy Keller, Jodi Wormuth, Janet Adair-Hanson, Courtney Lewis

Open with prayer: Lynn

Approval of minutes: will review at next meeting

Thank you for contributions were sent to:

4-7 \$75.00 Ross Memorial

4-15 \$50.00 Owego

Wires and Communications:

Juni sent a notice to all chair heads in WWBS that funds were sent but we have not received notification that they have been received and distributed

Juni Received a note from Gidada that they got the mattress money.

Treasurer's Emrys: reviewed variably

Questions about money for EthMisNet. Lynn will check on at the next EthMisNet conference call.

Emrys and Janet will be getting together to train her for taking over the Treasurer's Job

Health & Healing: David Johnson said that we did not send in our 2016 budget request. Emrys explained that we have 2 budgets - one for Finance & Presby of \$10,000 and one 'in house' that covers all our programs and WWBS support.

Budget 2017: Need to look at the Presbyteries Budget and see if we can increase our budget because of the increasing demands we have on our budget. Need to think about that for next meeting

Eth Mis Net:

Lynn is the new convener for the network.

Rev.(?) Ding, a visitor from Ethiopia, spent a troubling 2 hours at customs regarding his getting to Nebraska

Juni and Lynn learned about the different people groups trying to get along with historical conflicts, as well with the Muslims. Ding gave a good presentation about things in the Presbyterian Church in Ethiopia. Heard inspiring talks from representatives to the conference.

Talked about having John & Gwen Haspell's visit us. Juni will ask cabinet to have them come to Sept or Nov Presbytery Meeting.

The Weller's will not be able to come here but maybe they can join us by conference call. Juni will talk to them about joining us on a conference call.

Next year's meeting of EthMisNet is on May 4-6 2017 in Monongahela,PA

Owego asking about the Partnership: Juni is trying to get ahold of them.

Presbytery Meeting:

Lynn sent 2 flyers from EthMisnet be placed in Presb. Packet. Juni & Lynn will put together a ½ page report ea. on the Eth Miss Net conference.

Lynn, and Emrys will be at the Presbytery meeting

Diane moved that we send a special gift of \$1400 for teacher Training directly to BESS. Emrys 2nds passed and carried

Emrys thinks that we should consider in July sending delegates to Ethiopia in 2017, have a delegation come here in 2018 and think about sending delegates to the big celebration in 2019.

Writing new Partnership must do: reviewed the corrections and suggestions in the new agreement, we should make things general, and not include dollar amounts. The agreement is being tweaked and will be reviewed.

Next meeting: Conference call on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4PM

Closed with Lord's Prayer  
Respectfully Lynn Reeves