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The World Missions Committee met on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 8:00 AM CDT in the Mission House at the ARC. Those present were Paul Handsaker, Wanda Jacobson, Earl Korhonen, Ken Sletten, Kent Sperry, David Nelson & Craig Johnson.

Craig called the meeting to order, and Dave led devotions based on 1 Corinthians 1:4-17. The church at Corinth had its issues, but they got the gospel. They were recipients of God's blessings.

202212 *MSC PH/Ken Sletten to approve the agenda as amended.*

202213 *MSC DN/PH to accept the minutes from our prior meeting.*

Director's report

Earl summarized his report for us, highlighting the major points. Earl graduated with his D. Min. in May.

Administration

The board governance workshop is available to review. All of the missionaries are doing well, in terms of personal support. Giving to the World Missions, in general, has been great. We received word that the coordinating committee will once again be covering our overhead expenses through 2023. We will send a thank you to them.

We discussed covering Jon Nelson's entire family on Journey Missions trips. As his family has grown, so too have costs. Logistics get more difficult as well. In addition, we discussed the fact that, having his kids along, divides his interests on the trip.

Central air conditioning was installed at the Mission house. At this point, two-thirds of the costs have been raised.

Andrew & Alexis Olson

Andrew is in process of leaving Lutheran Bible Translators, and is starting his own ministry. He has incorporated his "We Need the Bible." He is also seeking to be a missionary on loan through AFLC World Missions.

We met, in-person, with Andrew. He is traveling, this week, to Tanzania to pack up their things and to say farewell. We discussed his feelings regarding the direction of Lutheran Bible Translators and their theological stance, as well as the faith statement of his new ministry. David closed our time with Andrew in prayer.

202214 *MSC Kent Sperry/DN to receive Andrew & Alexis Olson as a missionary on loan to They Need the Bible pending his release from Lutheran Bible Translators.*

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Journey Missions

We met with Jon Nelson, who gave us an update on Journey Missions. Two trips have already happened in 2022, with another coming up shortly. FLBC Student Mission Fellowship went very well this year. The cross-cultural class, that Jon taught, also went well.

We visited also with Jon about his hopes and view of his family traveling with him. He said that, for some trips, it doesn't make sense to bring his family. However, where it would be helpful to the ministry, he would like to continue bringing his family along. He did express, however, that he's open to direction.

Ruthie Wagner

We met with Ruthie, in-person. She began by updating us on her ministry, with Lutheran Bible Translators. Rather than working in Sierra Leone, she is now working remotely with the team in Tanzania. Due to where they now live, and as the distance was too much, they are no longer attending an AFLC church. They have been attending an LCMS congregation in Northfield, MN. Ken closed our time with Ruthie in prayer.

Hannah Lee

Hannah was in the States attending a wedding. She reports that house repairs have not yet begun. Home schooling is going well. Language acquisition is coming along. She and John have been attending a Kumon center, which helps in that. Their church is doing well, and is more stable. She feels that the AILLB is doing well, overall. Paul closed our time with Hannah in prayer.

Sonja Dahl

Sonja began by giving us some background on her connection with Brazil. She started on a short-term mission to Brazil in 1990. She then lived in Brazil from 1996-1998, helping as a nurse at the Miriam Home. She's interested in returning to Brazil to work as a nurse with a specialty in cardiology, and to help with a new work. David closed our time in prayer for Sonja.

Corporation meeting

The WMC was updated ahead of the upcoming corporation meetings, where Home and World Missions are expected to divide into two separate corporations.

Michael Rokenbrodt

Michael will be spending his summer conducting drama presentations. Michael will be taking seminary classes in the fall. He's open to returning to Uganda in January, or to take classes for the second semester as well. He's particularly excited about the heart of the Ugandans to take AI virtually anywhere, as missionaries. Although he wants to continue giving five months of the year to AFLC World Missions in Uganda, he may want to give four months of the year to Orality

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Institute, during which he would like to serve as a missionary on loan. Paul closed our time with Michael in prayer.

202215 *MSC Kent Sperry/PH to authorize Michael to travel to Ethiopia this November with Orality Institute.*

Madi Greven

Madi sat down with us and shared with us what she has been doing. She shared how her efforts to promote our work through the website and social media have been growing.

Dave Handsaker

Dave sat down with us to visit ahead of the corporation meeting, where the division of World and Home Missions is expected.

Brazil

We received a request from the field conference for \$60,000 for the replacement of the old Abel home.

202216 *MSC DN/Ken Sletten to make faculty housing for SETELL a special project for Brazil, with a goal of \$120,000.*

Casey McLoughlin

Although she has applied to be a missionary candidate, we would like her to remain as a missionary assistant until she has had some additional time in Brazil.

We recessed our meeting until Friday afternoon, following the corporation meeting.

Meeting resumed June 17

Our meeting resumed on June 17, 2022 following the corporation meeting.

The board elected Paul Handsaker as Vice Chairman, and David Johnson as secretary.

202217 *MSC DN/PH to approve expenses for this meeting.*

202218 *MSC PH/DN to adjourn.*

David Nelson closed our time together in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kent Sperry
Secretary*