Global Missions Committee Minutes & First Lutheran Church, Fargo  
July 11, 2019

Present: Tom Espel, Greg Erickson, Russ Wastweet, Brad Keller, Tracy Farmer, Kalah Erickson, Brock Franke, Ann Williams, Marianna Malm, Rollie Johnson

Meeting called to order by Tom Espel. The mission and vision statements were recited.

Guests, Katrina and David Hasbrouck shared the opening devotion and prayer. The devotion reflected on Matthew 13 and the spreading of seeds across different soils. They shared the story of Samir, one of the seeds they planted, who converted 1 ½ years ago and has now, along with his wife, started a home church where they worship with 12 others.

Minutes from June – Marianna Malm moved to approve the minutes from June. Tracy Farmer seconded. Motion approved.

Financials - Russ Wastweet presented the financial reports for May. Brad Keller motioned to approve the financials. Kalah Erickson seconded. Financials approved.

Old Business:

1. Giving Guidelines update – This item was tabled again.

New Business:

1. Dana and Andres Bonilla: – Scholarships. Brad proposed $3,750 from the Lee fund as a match for scholarship. Marianna motioned to approve, Brock seconded, and the motion passed.
2. Alliance Church of Carmen Bajo: - Meal program. Brad proposed $7,200 from the Lee fund to support the meal program in Carmen Bajo which would provide protein. Russ motioned to approve, Ann seconded, and the motion passed.
3. E=Hope: - Scholarships. This is tabled until next month.
4. David and Katrina Hasbrouck: - Shared presentation of their mission work. They are now using social media more than radio broadcast. Their target personas include men aged 25-35 who are nominal Muslims and are married with children. He has some University and runs the family shop. They search for what he is worried about so they can begin a conversation. Their culture encourages revenge over forgiveness, so their message has been that Christ has given them honor so they do not have to fight for their own. They are also working on material for Morocco. Katrina also shared her story of her struggle with food and chemical intolerance which she discovered was rooted in anxiety and people pleasing. This has led her to a ministry of “Comunicando Vida” which uses scripture to free people from the same anxieties that affected Katrina.
5. Katie Johnson: - Ethiopia Mission. Katie shared her team’s experience and featured Talita Rise Up where they were able to sponsor 5 women to begin businesses. They were also able to buy and furnish an apartment for a young woman who was raped and had twins as a result. The group was also able to sponsor Agenu (sp) for a private school for two years with $2,000.
Other Business:

1. Adrian Kacian will be in the States and will possibly visit sometime between October 2nd – 6th.
2. August is the beginning of new fiscal year. Kalah is re-upping for another term. Russ might re-up depending on the interest of new members to serve on the committee.
3. Officers voting will take place at next month’s meeting.

The next meeting will August 8th at 7:00 am in the Adult Education room.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer from Tom Espel

Respectfully submitted by

Greg Erickson