

Africa Christian Training Institute
Minutes of the Board of Directors
December 3, 2004
Ramada Plaza, Atlanta. Georgia

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m. by Bob Hayes.

Those present introduced themselves as follows: Jack & Carol Arnold (Equipping Pastor's International), Bob Gad (ACTM - Uganda), Wyatt George, Tom Graham, Rick Gray (MTW), Bob Hayes, Henry Krabbendam, Rashid Luswa, Field Director; John Pickett, John Rollo (MTW), Bruce Sinclair (MTW), Nate Wilson (TentMakers)

John Pickett presented a devotional from Hebrews 11 which was followed by a season of prayer.

At 9:50 Dr. Krabbendam began his report for 2004 and there followed a general discussion of the issue of finances in mission work.

There followed a report from Dr. Jack Arnold on the 2004 work of Equipping Pastor's International, and especially in Uganda. Dr. Arnold concluded his remarks with a plea for some suggestions on how he might get his materials, developed over years of ministry, into print that could be placed in the hands of pastors in the third world.

At 12:15 we recessed for lunch and then resumed the meeting at 1:20 with prayer by Tom Graham.

Rashid Luswa then presented his field report for 2004 which is reproduced at the end of these minutes.

Tom Graham, ACTI Treasurer, presented the financial report which reflected that ACTI and ACTM are both financial sound and no changes in financial policy are needed this year.

Wyatt George then shared with the group a report on the TentMaker project which has three purposes:

1. To help build individual responsibility
2. To help families to supply their own needs
3. To help build up the church in Uganda

These goals are realized by the following three tools:

1. Micro Loans - to business that have already demonstrated the ability of success
2. Five Loaves - serving meals to the needy through First Presbyterian Church, Kampala
3. Educational Assistance - Limited to a few families who are unable to meet needs otherwise

The group then spent some time in general sharing about various works in Uganda and specifically the work of Dale & Kathy Hollenbeck (MTW), and John Basingwire with the church of Uganda.

Upon the recommendation of the nominating committee, the only official action of the day was the approval of the following ACTI Officers through the 2005 ACTI meeting.

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The convenience and cost of meeting here at the Ramada Plaza Hotel was agreed by all to be acceptable and the Board tentatively scheduled its next meeting here again on December 2, 2005.

Wyatt George closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Attachment:

Africa Christian Training Ministries 2004 Field Report, Rashid Luswa

Welcome to Atlanta 2004. Our gathering today is a very special one.., a celebration! It is exactly 1 year since we gathered at Simpsonwood. It is exactly 10 years since I took on the responsibility as Field Director of this organization, back in 1994, the office has since expanded to 4 men over the years. Also, it is just over 20 years since the ministry was started in Uganda, then known as the Africa Christian Training, Devt and Service Trust, by Dr Krabbendam, Clarence Den Dulk (RIP) and their associates.

Looking back, close to 50 churches have been established over the years with ACTI facilitation, both directly and or indirectly (2 churches were planted this year alone, one with the help of pastor Pete Anderson in the Kapchorwa area, and another one in Nkokonjeru town, Mukono district. Our programs have covered areas like leadership training, evangelism and discipleship, youth and women work, projects like schools and church development.

Our endeavors have extended as far south as Kabale, Kinkizi, Kisoro and Kigali; as far west as Kasese, Fort-portal, Bundibugyo and Hoima, as far North as Gulu, Kitgum, West Nile and the Sudan, and as far East as Karamoja, Soroti, Mbale, Kapchorwa, Tororo and eastern Kenya. Hundreds of short-term missionaries have gone through us., as well as dozens of medium and long-term missionaries. We can look back to a job well done.

This year alone, more than 10 teams came over, for a total of 93 people., with team leaders including Dr Krabbendam, Dr Chuck Roost, Wyatt George, Dr Jack Arnold, Rev Bob Hayes, Rev Pete Anderson, Brian Cross, Camille Halstrome and Dale Dieleman, among others. Today we have in country a young man by the names Samuel Brown working on a 4 months assignment, from Augusta, GA.

Active participation was registered in the Kinkizi area, where Rotary LasCruces was involved in face-lifting Kinkizi High School with a girl's dorm. We could only afford to condense the details on a list (attached) as the works were so many!

ACTI came into Uganda just about the dawning of a new era. Its been an interesting road seeing our organization grow along side a country that emerged from the doldrums: 7 coup de tats, 1 foreign invasion, and a 5 year civil bush war that saw Museveni and his men shot to power in 1986. 20 years of net fighting in the lash "Pearl of Africa".., war in 'paradise'!

One of the tangible works of the ACTI has been the building of a home, a fine state of the art

structure that stands out on a ridge overlooking giant L.Victoria. It is a symbol of permanency. "Akeezimbira", goes the African saying, meaning building is a sign of growth and maturity. Now we have an address: 11 miles, Kampala Entebbe road! It is a multi-purpose build that is conducive for small and medium size gatherings, in addition to accommodations!

Needful to mention, on the ground our work has not flourished as we would have wanted in some areas of country, such as Kasese and the North., due to the insurgency in those sections.

Here in the USA, there is been grounds lost, too! Many of the leaders who had joined the trail were 'lost'. Notably people like Rev Barry Henning, Rev Jim Pickett, Rev Randy Nabors & Joan Nabors, Rev Rodney King, Rev Rodney Stalz, Mr. John Duffy, Rev Walt Shepherd, Rev BJ Gorell. the list is endless!! For a while, there seems to be a lapse in the 'campaign trail'! This organization has got a lot of untapped potential, let alone the huge work that has already been done. Could it be that we need to re-instate the position of US coordinator!

Conclusive:

I would like to thank you all for being part of such a great work. You have prayed for us., supported the work., and traveled in person. We will eternally be grateful for your contribution in the various ways. I also would like to thank the men that I work with in the field: Patrick Bukenya, Bob Gad Kalyowa and Sam Kibuuka., this list also includes the drivers and the other faithful people who work with us from time to time.

There is need to furbish our taxi company. The super normal profits that we enjoyed during the early days are now history. We'll need an underwriting to add to the close to \$5000 that we have. Our recommendation is to secure 1 4wd van or a station wagon land-cruiser that will be packed at the compound, awaiting the teams. That way the vans that are already there would be used when the numbers go over and above.

There are many calls for us to go back to the traditional venues. That obviously depends on the teams that will be available. Kinkizi diocese will be of particular attention. They are celebrating 10 years of immense growth as a diocese., and we've been with them through all these years, and their prayer is that we'll be able to support a conference for all their clergy and a youth conference, all this between May 3rd and 8th, 2005.

Finally, please pray for the political environ under which we serve. The constitution is being amended to remove term limits for the presidency. I believe this is for the good of the country, as things stand now. But it could also be used as an excuse to wreck havoc and bring back memories that many of us dread.

Rashid Luswa