

PT BOARD AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Present: Three Board members, one staff and five regional coordinators. With apology, two board members and one regional coordinator were absent.

MINUTE 1/12/09: OPENING PRAYER

Commencing the agenda, opening prayer was led by Mr. Peter Asiimwe.

MINUTE 2/12/09: COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairman gave thanks to God for the office facility. He acknowledged that it is easily accessible by all who are associated with the ministry of PT.

MINUTE 3/12/09: PT / BEREHA OFFICE PREMISES

On an administrative note, the National Director said that it had become increasingly necessary that we coordinate the ministry of Bereha and PT from a central and more public place.

MINUTE 4/12/09: MINISTRY REPORT FOR 2009

a. Regional Training

Three regional trainings were held. A pastor-training event was held in Tanzania and one Regional Leaders' Consultation Meeting

b. National Training: The Uganda Pastors' Conferences

In a joint effort with Bethel Seminary San Diego (BSSD), PT organized two pastor-training events in which 550 church leaders received training and a Book Set. 2500 books were distributed to 500 of the participating church leaders, including 500 copies of the African Bible Commentary.

c. International travels

The ND made three trips to USA one to UK, one to Tanzania and one to Kenya. He reiterated the purpose for these travels he had made.

d. Visiting PT Partners

The Urquharts visited and spent some weeks in Uganda to acquaint themselves with the PT. Mr. Roddy Urquhart is PT's point person in the UK.

e. PT Model Church and peripheral ministry

Bereha ministry progresses well. The two-year old church-plant is growing steadily, and demanding more of his attention too. Bereha reached out in the Bukoto community with evangelism during the month of November to mark Bereha's second anniversary, leading 19 people to Christ.

MINUTE 5/12/09: NOTED CHALLENGES

a. Budgetary Challenge

In view of PT annual budget, there remains a challenge to raise the needed support. Fiscal estimates are at \$35,000 of which between 48-55% has been available, mainly from partners in USA.

b. Workforce / Staffing Challenge

Partly because of meager financial resources, but also because we have not come across a devoted person to assist in helping to assist Julius in coordinating this work, we are without the necessary support staff.

c. Contextual Challenge of training in oral culture

A discussion ensued, regarding the oral challenge in training Uganda Christian leaders; The question posed was: As propagated by some missionaries among illiterate pastors, would story-telling satisfy our training agenda? In short, the answer was "no".

MINUTE 6/12/09: PT's REMEDIAL APPROACH

a. What is PT's unique strength in training?

Members recognized that the tendency of “memorizing, remembering, recalling and reproducing” lacks the needed analysis and objectivity and is very weak on internalization, personalization and application – the aspects required for true biblical discipleship. Emphasis on process and analysis will enhance objectivity and confidence in ministry, in order to remedy a stance that has elevated nominalism (faith claim without practice) in Uganda’s church today.

b. The training structure

The entire PT training could begin with “Creating Understanding” as a preliminary departure. Here, the core mission of UEMA would be energized and facilitated by the WLGC which is already a partner in this ministry. True biblical discipleship is lined up if what we know forms our convictions and affections to guide our ethical living in implementing ministry.

MINUTE 7/12/09: MINISTRY PROJECTIONS

a. Readjustments to PT Plans for Formal Training

Julius’ time at KEST was to build a partnership through which he would direct the work of extension programs congruent to PT hoping to introduce formal training among PT trainees. At least for now, KEST cannot be the launching pad for this venture.

b. PT Ministry Desire

The current desire and plan is to keep abreast on regional training especially in new areas, while enlisting prospective trainees for formal training.

c. The Plan

There is an envisaged establishment of Training Centers for Biblical Ministry, through which the philosophy and practice of PT’s 10 years can be smoothly carried forward.

d. Building Project

In order to enroll, we will need to build a preliminary structure to house the training program at the PT Center site.

e. Curriculum Development, Enlisting of Instructors, Biblical Ministry Prospectus, Prospective students

The initial purpose is to do the “training of trainers” in order to increase the training workforce both at regional and national level.

f. Formal Training

If formal enrollment is about one year away, then there is need to develop the curriculum and work out details of effective implementation. The consultation meetings will be held in April, July and October 2010.

g. Diversify and decentralize pastoral training

A vision to branch out and establish Centers for Biblical Ministry

h. Forecasts

There are six pioneering PT Centers for Biblical Ministry (PT-CBM) on various development stages.

i. Activity schedule for 2010

There will be three PT-CBM Consultation meetings with key national promoters and five regional training trips.

j. Giving the needed attention 2010-15

In seeking to give the necessary attention to priority ministries under his leadership, there has been increasing need for the National Director to reduce on his other errands and focus on this phase of PT growth.

MINUTE 8/12/09: BUDGET 2010

Of our planned financial expenditure amounting to \$34,300, a budget of \$34,380 has been drawn for the year 2010.

MINUTE 9/12/09 CLOSING

The meeting was closed at 12:30 noon with prayer by Pastor Moses Elebu.