

December 24, 2005

Dear Friends of ACTI,

Attached are the minutes of our ACTI Annual Board meeting held on Friday, December 2, 2005 in Atlanta. With this cover letter let me simply highlight some of the items which came from our meeting.

First on behalf of the Board and all our friends, we wish to thank Jim Sutherland for his years of serving our Board as its secretary. As of this meeting he has stepped down from this position. He has done a fine job for us over the years and we wish him well as he and his ministry continue on in the service of the Lord and remain close friends with ACTI.

Second, Dr. K announced his "retirement" from serving as Professor at Covenant College after 66 semesters of serving the Lord in this capacity! We all salute Dr.K for his impact both academically and personally on the lives of the hundreds of students he has taught. Undoubtedly his full time influence will be greatly missed on the campus. The silver lining in this cloud, however, is that this frees him up to give some more time (is that really possible??!!) to help ACTI with its vision and ministry. He is very desirous of getting into more churches and Presbyteries with his message and challenge.

Another item of note was our recommitment to ACTI speakers being fully committed to Reformed standards such as the Westminster Confession and Catechisms, the Heidelberg Catechism, or the Belgic Confession. We are further committed to making it known that we only come to various places upon the invitation of the host and therefore come as servants of the gospel and those doing the invitation.

One final note of interest is the continued strong ministry of ACTI in Uganda. Rashid reported that there were 10 teams representing a combined total of over 100 participants that ministered in Uganda in 2005 with that many or more expected in 2006. There was also contact made with Rwanda and at this meeting with a visiting brother from Zambia. We look forward to what the Lord may have in expanding ACTI's ministry into other countries in the years to come as we remain available to serve Him in both word and deed for the glory of Christ our King!

Cordially, in Christ,
For the ACTI Board

Bill

Bill Phillips,
Secretary

Africa Christian Training Institute
Minutes of the Board of Directors
December 2, 2005
Zinfandel Room, Comfort Inn and Suites
Atlanta Airport North,
Atlanta, Georgia

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by the President, Bob Hayes. Pete Anderson led us in a devotion from Isaiah 9 and John Pickett followed with our opening prayer.

Attendance

Those present introduced themselves as follows:

John Rollo
Rick Gray
John Pickett
Wyatt George
Don Mountan
Pete Anderson
Andrew Anderson
Bill Phillips
Frank May
Cindy May
Tom Graham
John Jere (Zambia)
Sam Bongole
Rashid Luswa
Henry Krabbendam
Bob Hayes

Chairman's Annual Report

Dr. K then gave us his report for 2005 which was followed by discussion of those present.

Lunch

We recessed for lunch at noon and returned to business at 1:15 p.m. with a slide presentation by Pete Anderson of his church's ministry in Northeast Uganda with PCU.

Field Director's Annual Report

Rashid Luswa, ACTM Field Director, read his annual report (copies available from Bob Hayes upon request) documenting and highlighting the various teams and scope of ministry presented throughout Uganda in 2005.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Tom Graham, Treasurer, gave his annual report (copies available from Bob Hayes upon request). Tom also announced his plans to sell his business due to some health problems. He also requested an assistant to help with his ongoing work as our Treasurer. The Board will work to find an "Associate Treasurer" for Tom by the beginning of 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.

ACTM's Bookkeeper's Annual Report

Sam Bongole, ACTM Bookkeeper, gave his financial report.

Discussion led by John Rolo

John Rolo then led the Board in an open discussion of how we position ourselves with the monies we have to give to ministry in Uganda without encouraging paternalism or creating unnecessary dependence. (We direct

those interested in this most difficult topic to read the papers he made available to us prior to the meeting which were attached to the agenda).

Tentmaker Project Report

Wyatt George gave the Tentmaker Project report and how this ministry lends to the poor, creates responsibility, and does not create dependency. It was a most encouraging report and was an excellent follow-up to our previous discussion with John Rolo.

Dinner

The Board recessed for dinner at 6 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Board Discussion and Recommitment

John Pickett mentioned some individuals who have expressed interest in possibly working with or under the banner of ACTI. After discussion we reiterated our commitment to ACTI speakers being fully committed to Reformed standards such as the Westminster Confession and Catechisms, the Heidelberg Catechism, or the Belgic Confession. We further committed to making it known that we only come to various places upon the invitation of the host and therefore come as servants of the gospel and those doing the invitation.

ACTI Outreach

There was brief discussion on being more proactive in enlisting others to consider ministry with ACTI. Dr. K will consider developing an ACTI brochure we could use to advertise the ACTI vision and short term ministry opportunities. Following his teaching his final semester at Covenant College, Dr. K will also be available to speak in churches and presbyteries with the vision of ACTI and challenge to participation.

Thanks to Jim Sutherland and election of 2006 Officers

The Board noted its appreciation to Jim Sutherland for his years of service as our secretary and accepted his resignation as our secretary. Bill Phillips was then voted to replace Jim as our secretary and the remainder of our officers were elected to serve ACTI through 2006. The 2006 officers for ACTI are as follows:

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- Treasurer, Tom Graham 360-653-5521 Tom.graham@gaacpa.com
- Assistant Treasurer (position approved but not yet filled)
- Field Director, Rashid Luswa 011-256-77-406-118 rashidluswa@yahoo.com
- Dir. of Dev., Peter Anderson 808-625-0614 tcco@hawaii.rr.com

Next Meeting

Our next meeting of the ACTI Board will be Friday, December 1, 2005 at the Comfort Inns and Suites, Atlanta Airport North, Atlanta, Georgia.

Closing Prayer

Rashid closed the meeting in prayer at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Phillips

Secretary, Pro Tem

Africa Christian Training Ministries Rashid's 2005 Field Report

Intro:

I am are thankful to the Lord for bringing us to the end of a productive and eventful year. December in Atlanta is symbolic. It is the time we are reminded of the beauty of Christianity, how God can move in the lives of His people and how much can be accomplished when people, albeit from different continents come together.

Coverage:

All the 5 corners of the country have been reached i.e. North, East, Central, South, and West.

In the North a team worked with Anglican pastors in Adjumani and Kajo-Keji (Sudan). In the East, teams worked with Pentecostals pastors in Soroti, with Anglican pastors and youths in Mbale, and with Presbyterians pastors and evangelism in Kapchorwa. In the Central teams worked with Anglican pastors in W.Buganda and evangelism in Mukono (Islands), and with Presbyterians in Kampala and Luwero. In the South teams worked with Anglicans in Kinkizi, and with Presbyterians in Kigali. In the West teams worked with Anglicans in W.Ankole and Masindi, and with Presbyterians in Fort Portal and Hoima.

Teams:

A 2 man team came on Dec 28th thru Jan 7th. Dr Krabbendam worked on the house and on government relations while Dr Creel worked at ranches in Ankole.

During April & May a TMP team of 4 worked to appraise the projects as well as with the visually impaired in Kampala. They also visited Fort Portal.

During May, a team of 7 from Las Cruces and Seattle celebrated 10 years with Kinkizi diocese, visited with Presbyterians in Kigali, worked with Presbyterians in Hoima and Kampala, and also participated in the pressure-cooker of evangelism, preaching and diaconal services.

During May, EPI team of 5 worked to equip in Soroti among Pentecostal pastors, in Masaka, Bushenyi and Masindi among the Anglican Communion.

The largest team had 45 people mainly from Covenant College. The team spent half of the time in instruction on evangelism, preaching and diaconal services. For the rest half, sections of the team worked in the various areas of ministry in Kampala and Hoima, among churches, orphanages and schools.

During May & June, a team of 12 from Hawaii and the Chec Rep evangelized and helped to plant a church in the Kapchorwa area, trained pastors of the sub region and did medical work at the clinic there.

During late May, a 6 man team from Embers to a Flame worked among mainly Anglican pastors and a youth conference in Mbale. The venue was organized under the auspice of the Most Rev Henry Orombi.

During late June / early July, a 12 man team from Sumter worked with pastors, youth and evangelism in schools in Fort Portal and Kampala. For those who might recall, it was a historical return of the 2 heroes who salvaged a BA Boeing 747 from a Kenyan hijacker 5 years earlier.

During July, a team of 7 from Chattanooga worked with the Anglicans to evangelize the islands, and also evangelized and trained pastors in the war torn North and Kajo-Keji, New Sudan.

The last team of 5 was from Panama City. The team worked in Evangelism, school ministry and leadership training in Fort Portal, Kampala and Luwero.

In Summery:

We have successfully hosted 105 people in 10 teams, without any incidents. An average of 10 people is the most ideal number. Huge areas are being impacted by the ministry. By the very nature of Africa it is difficult to measure the impact with exactness, but impact in some areas can be seen and measured i.e. Kapchorwa, Kajansi, Luwero, Fort Portal & Hoima. There is need to emphasis more the beautiful trend toward self sustenance among the churches i.e. build and support more schools, build and support more clinics. In a nutshell, more support for church development.

Issues:

The ACTM has finally established a home. A lot of progress has been done so far, though the house still needs some fine tuning. The compound also needs to be leveled. Remuneration of the 2 men at the house needs to be sanctioned in this meeting.

There is need to unleash a discussion of how successful the reformed faith is being received in Uganda (Africa). The founding fathers maintained that to be Presbyterian was to be reformed,. and to be Reformed was to be Presbyterian. In here lies the very strength and weakness of Presbyterianism, especially in the African setting. Africa is a mystical, almost magical situation where a man at the top is revered. This is exhibited almost in all areas of life. In the past we had the idea of chieftains, clan lords and kingships. Its not a surprise that the western type democracy is taking long to be fabricated in Africa. There is need to revise an easy system of teaching the mind boggling reformed doctrines to the massively uneducated African folk!

In light of the above, my last point comes most as a prayer request. Let's pray for Uganda's elections which are slated for the 12th March 2006. Already there has been violence and bloodshed.

2006 invitations:

Emmanuel Kwizera has just visited with us in Kampala. He was very thrilled by our style of operation. He has left a written invitation for us to go to Rwanda. He has extensive contacts with the Presbyterian Church there.

We've had meetings with the Archbishop, and indeed many bishops and venues are open to us working with them.

Conclusion:

For many years the Africa Christian Training Ministries has played a key role as a facilitator of a wide range of Christian ministry. The fields are very ripe. So far, 5 teams i.e. from Sumter, Panama City, Phoenix, Ashville, and Covenant College are signed up for 2006. We are praying for more teams and people to be recruited.