

MINUTES
ACTI – Jan 7-8, 2013
Comfort Inn and Suites, Virginia Ave., Atlanta, GA

3:30 PM, Jan 7 - Brainstorming session on the future of ACTI

Present: Director Robert Hayes, President John Pickett, Chairman of the Board Henry Krabbendam, Rashid Luswa, John D. Bonner, David Rothbard, Jason and Lisa Croasdale (They traveled with David to Uganda in February.), Pete Anderson, David Baste, Henry Xxxx (David and Henry Majwala with Words of Hope), Randy McMillan, Carolyn Phillips (MTW to Uganda), Bruce Sinclair, Wyatt George.

John introduced the session with general comments about ACTI past activities in church planting, evangelism, seminars and projects.

When Henry K., John Pickett and Randy Nabors first started ACTI, there was one Presbyterian church in the country. Today there are hundreds. We have encouraged it along with our ministries.

Example: In the West the Mbale ministry is transforming the area, the culture, community development, church formation, Bless the Child (Baptistic), etc.

What is the ACTI mission today? How is the landscape changing in Uganda?
Is the money following the Kingdom; is the Kingdom following the money?
How do we relate to The Church of Uganda?

The following words attempt to represent comments made by the members who were present.

Wyatt: We are not initiating in McKono District, the Kampala Presbytery men are. We are supportive of the shots that they call.

JD: Sometimes what is initiated is what we suggest.

Bob: When people want to get a team to go to U., the team members are asked what their gifts are. In U they are plugged in where they can serve.

John: The Tulsa group started with a genuine desire to help but after 8 years they are leading in program formation.

Severai: When we are teaching we need to be respectful of the doctrinal and leadership positions of the host church. What if a Pentecostal Church offers to go to U. to help train, would we accept their help?

Wyatt: Seems that since we are a Reformed group (interdenominational and ecumenical to an extent) we would say to that Pentecostal Church, "You might find another org. to work with instead of with ACTI."

John: If a Ugandan church hears such an offer, it is up to that church to accept them or not.

Pete: We go with intentions, and then we get involved in other things. "I am largely interested in church planting, but that has taken different turns in recent years." Hard to

stay with the focus, for clinics have to be formed, radio stations, etc. This is the first year we will not be planting churches. Whatever we do we ask, “What do you want me to do?” We are short-term, so we have to respect the ability of the long-term people (the Ugandans) to carry on what we do. If what we do sets them up for success, helping the new disciples to become mature, etc. we are doing it right. If we set them up for failure, we are not doing it right. PCU now has an office that looks at what people are teaching, whether they help or not. This is an improvement. So we should ask the PCU what they want us to do. The PCU needs to look at the notion of Calling. Sometime people accept as Calling an Opportunity. Not good. A nice and good church that is planted but finally does not have a pastor is not good. Are we running ahead of the PCU?

Wyatt: Are you saying we are starting things that the PCU cannot follow up on?

Pete: Absolutely. If the church is not self supporting of what we do, then the Church is *dependent* on Americans to show up each year to keep it going. “Once we are gone, are they really there to carry on what we did?”

John: We have good training to offer, and when we join that with what the PCU pastor or local church is doing, we are not the Calebs.

Rashid: He is thankful to be able to come here this year. This is a critical discussion. ACTI is about many things, church planting especially, and it is appealing to short-term missions. Church-planting is a false hope by itself for those who participate in it assume it will grow like a mushroom, automatically. It should be church planting and *development*. That involves training, schools, clinics, etc. So what we do should be redirected.

JD: There is a lot of retired pastors sitting around here who can be mobilized to help with the teaching.

John: The crisis in the East and in the West has radically changed how we think. PCU needs to give us instruction on what to do.

Lisa Croasdale: The structure should have worked into it *accountability*.

John: *Responsibility* is a good word, instead.

Pete: New projects are going through the PCU, which is an improvement.

John: What one thing do you think we should do?

Wyatt: Ask them what they want us to do.

Carolyn Phillips: Have we seen the PCU Strategic Plan?

Pete: I have. It is a good piece of work.

John: Have we been good at implementing “All for One” a part of Dr. K’s teaching as part of our plan?

JD: Our medical project has a 5 year plan.

John: How can ACTI help with that?

(Secretary’s later note: Is John’s question about the PCU Strategic Plan? Our discussion has featured the idea of doing what our hosts want us to do. Yet when Carolyn mentioned the PCU Strategic Plan it is clear that we gave no space as to what that plan is.

JD: The Bob Hayes directorship has been a terrific help.

David Rothbard: Is the ACTI infra-structure such that other leaders are mentored? He mentioned the value of Rashid and Edward on the ground for leadership and mentoring.

John: Rashid is training 4 or 5 guys. Others, Frances, Titus, Sam Kasule, are trainers too. How can we encourage this process?

Bob: Whatever we do we have done the best in training leaders.

Henry: Reflected on the difficulties we have encountered with the following: Church has always been a mess. Storms come. If built on the Word, won't be blown down, if on the Holy Spirit. H has urged us to go our own way to do what we can do under His leading. This is a team of leaders, not a leadership team. 2nd, we need a model of church planting that comes out of the Word of God, which H would like to write about – three areas of ministry: evangelize, teaching and serving. Three-fold Gospel: regeneration, justification, sanctification. Certification is needed in each. This takes time, work, people who are doing it.

7 PM, Opening Main Session

Rev. Tom Cheeley joined us.

Devotional by Pete Anderson on I Timothy 2:1-13. Pete drew analogies to our ACTI work from these verses, made personal and family historical applications and challenged us to faithfulness, hard work and endurance. He led in prayer.

President asked Wyatt to take notes and he mentioned that Secretary Bill Phillips was home to serve his wife in a valuable treatment routine.

Introductions

J. Wyatt George

First went to U in '97 and TMP started in '99 because of what came out of the trip in '97. 10 trips to U. Has finished pastoral ministry in Carbondale, IL and now doing The TentMaker Project (TMP) with most of his time. Two trips to U in 2012. He will try to develop personal financial backing for TMP services.

Rashid Luswa

Converted from Islam 1983. Since 1987 youth leader in First Pres. And a deacon in '94, and about then started with ACTI. 2007 called to work with Dr. Kefa in the sub-region, a very rewarding ministry at Ntenjeru. 2010 Keeyola the church started – Rashid now has experience in church-planting and development, and the church is now particularized (Oct, 2012). God has been faithful. The vision of ACTI: Rashid called attention to how Jesus trained his disciples and for ACTI to have a long-term strategy.

J.D.Bonner, MD

1998 went to U. with a Picket team, 2002 with Dr. K, started in 2007 the ministry of ophthalmology that dove-tails with church plants. With the last trip he took with him Pastor Hayes to help with ministry amid the medical service.

David Rothbard

Public policy development in Christian environmental issues with CFACT. 2003 the Lord directed David and his team onto Genesis 1:28. 2006 was his first trip to Uganda. This year God added Gen 1:27 which came home in its force with the 20th Anniversary of the Earth Conference in Rio. In 2012 David's seventh trip to Uganda, where he sees that the op for the world to see the power of the Gospel in Churches and Villages Together (CVT) and TMP work with the poor.

Henry Krabbendam

Schools of Evangelism, how they have spread, the importance of daily exhortation. The teams are smaller, but real fruit has developed. The Three-fold Gospel (see above) Henry is writing into a booklet and tract. We can help by (1) sending people who will learn for 3 weeks that they take home to apply there, and (2) his report later.

Jason and Lisa Croasdale

A hike and dehydration taught him and Lisa the importance of water. Jason and Lisa got counsel from the church and circumstances seemed to point to Uganda, and a reference to David Rothbard. Now they are called to punch a well where there is a new church. We have helped with our fellowship.

Pete Anderson

Encouraged by the people who have gone to other places around the world and the fruit that have come out of Uganda experiences. We can help by helping to put together a workable manual (curriculum) in church development.

Henry

This gentleman is of the Church of Uganda. He said we work in isolation. The Church needs to work together, to unite in training, a strong leadership team that can teach others. The Church has leaders that are not trained.

Randy McMillan

Worked with John in the West. There have been problems, but some of them are behind us. Still there are needs in water (wells), micro-lending, his heart is in discipleship.

Dave Baste

Minister in the RCA, in the radio ministry, and was introduced to African preaching in Uganda. "Words of Hope" is now in Uganda. Uganda is a radio (oral) culture. ACTI can help by the networking for "Words of Hope."

Tom Cheeley,

Missions Pastor at Briarwood PC. He stressed how we are already helping one another, and that we can and are reaching out to utilize what is there to assist our ministry. As an example Tom spoke about how the cell phone is being used in Gospel proclamation from Paris to other parts of the world.

Carolyn Phillips

She is with Mission to the World in Uganda and works with the PCU in development. We can help her by being a conduit of the supply of provisions that the PCU needs: labors, etc.

President Pickett summarized the introductions with his observations.

John introduced a time of prayer, which ended at 9:15 PM, with plans to reconvene at 8:30 AM tomorrow, Jan 8.

January 8, 2013

Devotions

...were led by Bob Hayes on Romans 15:8-9. He reflected on the temptation to not do missions when it cannot be done perfectly, or to do missions for purposes of the flesh. Thus the motivation for missions is God's glory, with hearts to serve - not to fix - with the truth as our tools. Bob led in prayer.

www.ugandamission.net/acti has the minutes of 2012.

Financial Reports

Sam Bongole sent the financial ACTM (Uganda side) reports that are on the web site. Very few contributions are given to the general fund. We are a 501-3(C) and we file an annual form 990 with the federal government.

On the US side (ACTI) the financial report was distributed to the Board (attached). Bob noted that the interest income was an estimate before those funds from the bank were figured.

Uganda Director Oral Report – Rashid Luswa,

- Thanksgiving for being able to visit here and fellowship with the ACTI Board.
- 15 teams to U in 2012 and he noted the ministries of the teams.
- Rashid spoke of the troubles in the churches, which seem to be diminishing except in the West where the division continues, despite that which God has purposed for the good and accepted by faith.
- Needs of leadership training at WTC/S, support for new church plants, education sponsorship and the need for well drilling at Mpunge and other places.
- ACTM staffing comments.
- The future: Followup. Followup. Followup! Teams going to new places each year is not biblical.

Director Rev. Robert Hayes Report

- Use me more!
- He has spent a lot of time raising support.
- Made 4 trips to Uganda in '12. He went with other teams, such as with Dr. JD Bonner's team, to do pastoral things.
- Bob handles the ACTI funds, the books, the 990 form, etc.
- Issues mentioned: Insurance question for Ugandans who travel here; we are an aging group and the younger somethings are not many who are coming along, do not have a promotions strategy; clarify our role in church-planting and development in Uganda; support of Westminster Bible College and Seminary. Discussion ensued of the possibilities and the needs.
- Carolyn Phillips reported on the PCU traveling course teaching – Mobile School Faculty (attached distribution) - around the country which is led by David Kabaale. Her hand-out shows when and what the teaching needs are.

President's observations:

Robert Hayes has laid out for us a sense of direction. John added that several of us should be teaching the schools of evangelism. Bob Hayes has implied that we need to find a way to raise funding for ACTI. Discussion took off on the need for (1) someone to write script for the promotion needs, (2) design work, and (3) production. "Design for Good" (mentioned by Lisa) and other resources (Bruce knows someone, John knows a resource at Covenant College). David Rothbard mentioned the value of us taking people

with us to Uganda as our main promotion that is so effectual. Rashid mentioned the value of a Newsletter that tells what is going on.

Networking needs, a huge issue, was vigorously discussed. Could MTW do it? Could ACTI do it in a purposeful way? Wyatt: that is what we already do. Pete presented the need for people in Uganda with the Call rather than just an opportunity for education or for a job. Bob and others concluded that the students at WBC who have scholarships (11 students are represented by members of ACTI!) need to be screened and tested so that our students at the college are valuable to church planting and church development potentials. Bruce spoke of the value of the Mobile School Faculty and MINT

President pressed us to decide on fund-raising, that if we are a part of ACTI we should contribute to ACTI. Randy McMillan asked if Robert could produce a letter to help us in raising funds. Robert will work with John on this.

Reports.

- Jim Southerland and South Sudan. Jim is needing people to visit South Sudan and help him in ministry.
- David Rothbard reported on the growth in agriculture at Kesega with the modified Coop plan with some private enterprises worked in, Southern Baptist missions contacts, Rwanda and an ag demonstrations farm, four wells, and one needed at Kesega, Hoima, Mpunge, and youth involvement.
- Words of Hope Uganda. The hope is to develop specific messages on Christian topics with their several radio stations. The former Archbishop wants to develop ministry programs for Words of Hope.
- Pete Anderson. Report about Serere, in the East, a wonderful church plant that is in the PCU. Went back to the churches with mobile clinics, encouraging. What to do when churches on their own start daughter churches? Women's conferences! Need of materials for discipleship, of more pastors, to go back and minister in churches we already have instead of forming new ones now. Most of the churches are operational and doing pretty good.
- Henry Krabbendam. Rev 5. John weeps that no one in the world could form the Church. Only the Lamb! ACTI is not ecclesiastical or para-Church. We as an org. are neither sent nor invited, but as individuals we are invited by the Church. Carolyn is sent. We need to be revival pray-ers. The Church is central! There is a 3-Fold ministry that flow from the 3 Officers of the Church: Elders, Deacons and Evangelists. These three evangelize, teach and serve, the 3-Fold ministry. All the members must be certified until the gift pops out. But nearly everywhere the gifts have gone out. The need for more than classroom instruction, including the modeling, the observing, and the doing. To get there we need the preach the 3 aspects of the Gospel: regeneration, justification and sanctification, fullness of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit the Church becomes self-sustaining, self-governing, and self-propagating! Three clinical courses, or we cannot do the Biblical task. No seminary does it. Give Henry people three weeks. They will hear the full Gospel in the school of evangelism.
- JD Bonner. (I was eating while JD presented and did not take notes. WG)

- Wyatt George. Presented a power point on Mpunge and Village Lift-Up and the role of TMP/CVT.
- Bruce Sinclair, Dean at WBC. Other than Westminster schools, now branching out to mobile teaching, mercy work.

Director and other Elections

R. McMillan moved to leave all positions as they are. Seconded. Passed without opposition.

Budget

McMillan moved to authorize \$5,000 for the GA booth, travel and brochure production, if the funds come in. The motion passed unanimously.

Salary

\$9,000 is in the budget for salaries. But \$2,250 for Sam Bongole and \$4,500 for Rashid Luswa, a 9 month salary for each, is proposed by Sam and Rashid. Motion to accept their proposal and ask Director Hayes to explore with them how to use the difference between the 9,000 and the total of $\$2,250 + \$4,500 = \$6,750$. $\$9,000 - \$6,750 = \$2,250$.

Adjournment and Prayer

We adjourned and stood to pray for a season which ended at 3 PM.

J. Wyatt George
Secretary Pro Tem

Observations – The meeting hit on a lot of important topics without many conclusions. I propose that next year we start settling these or similar questions:

Strategic Planning

1. What is the PCU Strategic Plan and how do we related to it? When we are asked by isolated PCU ministers to serve in specific ways, do we have an obligation to fit what we do into the PCU Strategic Plan?
2. How do we relate to The Church of Uganda?
3. When we carry on our separate ministries in Uganda, how should we relate them to our ACTI leadership and to one another? Sometimes we do things that Bob has not even heard about.
4. Does ACTI have a role in Dr. Krabbendam's ministry to Ugandan civil and military leadership beyond our prayer? What about his ministry to other nations?

Teaching

5. How do we engage in the Schools of Evangelism and carry them on?
6. What manuals of ministry are under development and yet needed?
7. What is Church Development and how should ACTI help with it?
8. Teaching and disciple making was repeatedly raised as needed. I thought that was what we do best. What is lacking? What should we do?

Networking

9. What is our role in Networking? This was the issue John Pickett raised.

10. Is our informal relations with MTW adequate? Other organizations?

Promotion and Administration

11. What progress have we made and should make in ACTI promotion and finance?

12. Should we be looking for an Associate to Rashid to help with ACTM?

13. Does any of this suggest modification of our Mission statement, or does our Mission statement already satisfy the above questions?