

Mission Outreach Zoom Meeting

Feb 20, 2024

Mark Jones, Grover Duling, Scott Kinnick, Dewayne Heck Stafford Frederick, John Collins

Unencumbered Money: \$4,267.44

Opening comments -

Guatemala Trip: Grover Duling

We needed \$16,500 for our projects and we ended up with over \$32,000. We knew when we went down there with that much money, God had a plan for it... and we did for every penny.

We fed children, we gave out Bibles, we did village work, and the dental work was expensive. We went into a village that never had a missionary there before because it was so far back in the mountains. We ended up putting ten stoves in that village. We hauled the stoves back there, in a car and a pickup and these stoves weighed 300lbs each.

We had 120 bags of food, ten stoves, and the Bibles on a pickup and a Tahoe. It was a twenty-hour day but it was worth it. We went into this isolated village with food, giving them Jesus, giving them hope, giving Bibles, giving them dental work, giving them stoves... they were just overwhelmed.

Opening Prayer: Dewayne Heck

Review of the Minutes: Dewayne Heck

Minutes Approved.



Miracle Fishing Church

San Lucas Sacatepéquez, San Lucas Sacatepéquez, Sacatepéquez Department, Guatemala

Minutes Follow-Up: Grover Duling

We voted to give \$1000 for the Miracle Fishing Church building program. That was presented to them and they were very appreciative. They are in process of raising money for this new building/facility.

The facility is not just going to be a church sanctuary, it is going to have classrooms on the second level and it will have multiple stages of programming. Education of young children to eventually a feeding program.

I have some footage that I collected while I was down there, I might be putting across the denomination for folks who might have it laid on their heart to support them either as a church or individuals.

Fulani People: Grover Duling

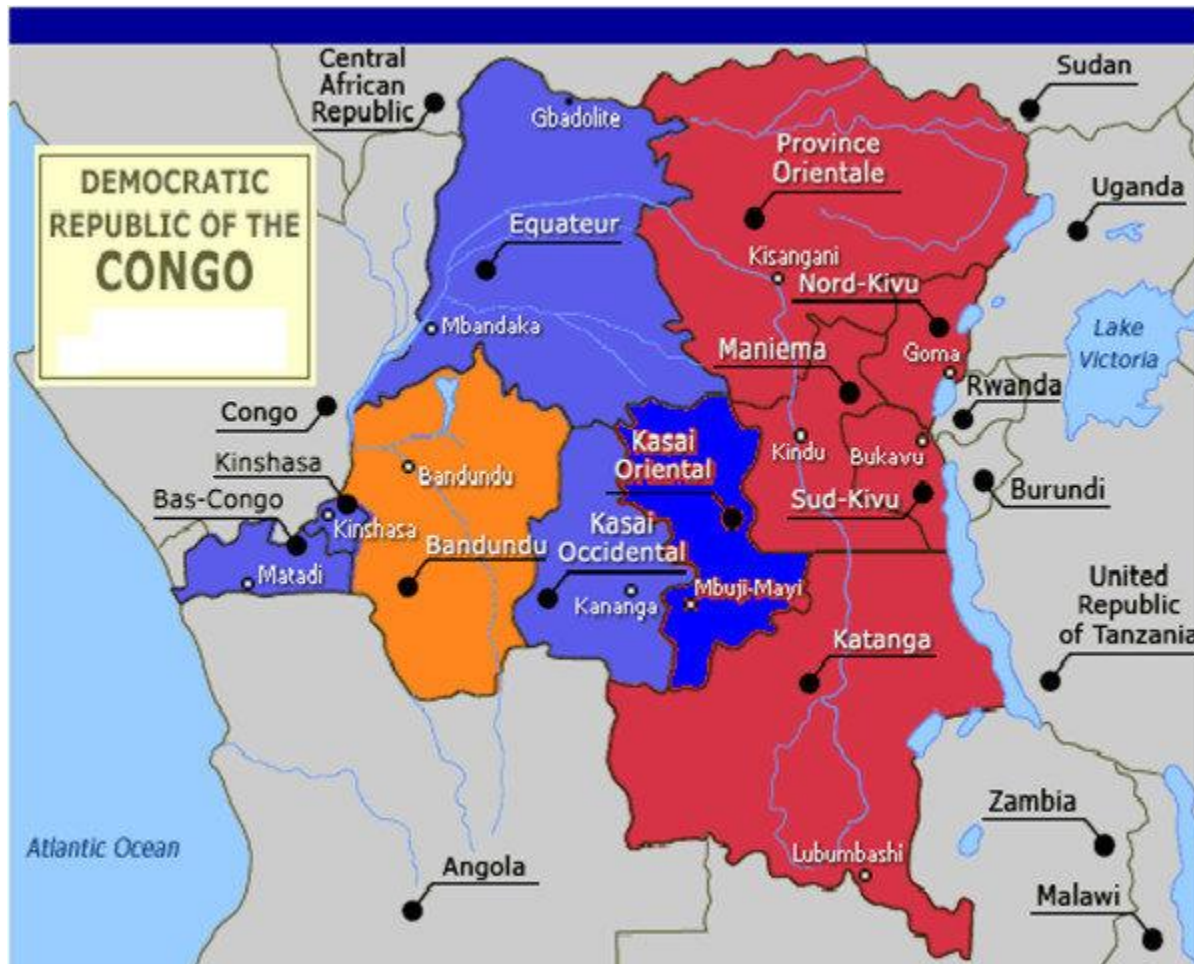
We need to recognize **the approval at the executive level, for the \$1000** for John Collins to be used for the Fulani People.

Scott Kinnick: Agreed

Grover What we need to do is figure out how to get the money to them. John Collins needs to take the lead on directing those funds.

Closing Comments: Grover Duling

Scott, can you add to any of the up-to-date information in these areas of Africa and the monies etc?



Africa Update: Scott Kennick

The problem is that the fighting (rebels) in the DR Congo has escalated... it's really bad over there. We have the church in Kiwanja, North-Kivu, and that church is right in the middle of that rebel area. The rebels are taking their crops and things like that. We still had some money that people had given for food and we had that sent over there today. I think we have a plan to get the food up there safely without feeding the rebels.



Kiwanja, North-Kivu

Goma: Scott Kennick

We have a second church there.

In that town, people are fleeing as the war is escalating.

East Africa: Scott Kennick

The fighting is creating a lot of tension between the different nations.

South Africa along with other countries is sending troops in to help those in Goma.

We need to keep these nations and folks in our prayers.

South-Kivu: Scott Kennick

Pastor Lewis is in the northern part of South Kivu and we need to keep him in our prayers.

Congo: Scott Kinnick

We have nine churches there

Rwanda: Scott Kennick

Four churches there. Pastor Samson has visited one of the churches just this past week. He held a Love Feast, worship, and held some training. He is trying to encourage the other three churches there in Rwanda.

He is hoping to invite all the East African churches – in March he is hoping to have a Regional Conference with worship. Not sure if all the other churches will make it as he

is hoping because of all this violence. Hopefully, Uganda can participate.

He is asking for some funding (about \$4000) and he was going to put in \$900, but not sure how we can respond to help him there. He has decided to do the training in Rwanda on his own without funding.

Grover suggests we match the \$900 that he is putting in.

I can see the Congolese not coming because of what is happening in their country.

Dewayne Heck:

In the past, we set aside \$1000 each for Pastor Samson and Pastor Lewis ... has that all been given?

Scott Kennick:

Yes, that was last year – they don't ask for money except for only what they need. But the need is great there. One thing we are blessed with is they are both in this for the Lord and not the money and that is not everywhere in Africa... as we are learning. That's what happened in Tanzania and similar in Goma.

Dewayne Heck:

Is Pastor Lewis and Samsom bi-vocational? What is their source of income?

Scott Kennick:

Neither are bi-vocational due to the amount of time they give in their ministry. Both are dedicated to growing the Kingdom of God. Pastor Lewis and his wife do some farming and they try to generate some money that way.

Grover Duling:

What do you all think of matching Pastor Samson's \$900? He has ownership in the event plus we could support him with the \$900. That would be a good gesture.

Stafford Frederick:

I think we should round it off to \$1000, I don't know what the taxes on the money we send would be, but if we round it off to \$1000 he would get about \$900.

Scott Kennick:

It does cost to send money over there. The Executive Board has agreed to cover that cost for us. If we say \$1000, it will cost about \$30 to get the \$1000 over there. That is a big help the Ex. The board is giving us. Fred sends a lot of money to Africa with the school & individuals; it costs money to send money.

Pastor Samson thinks he's going to spend \$5000. It's for travel, food for people, rooms for people, and then to hold the conference. Some of that \$5000 he took care of himself, by visiting one of the other Rwanda churches. That was part of it as well. He has \$900 towards this so that left \$4100.

His vision is that he wants to have an Annual Meeting, he wants to bring in all the East African churches in. But they are not going to come because of what is happening over there, people are afraid.

Dewayne Heck:

I agree with the motion.

Motion made for a \$1000 to be sent to support this conference for Pastor Samson?

Stafford Frederick So moved **Mark Jones's** Second

Motioned Approved To send a \$1000 to support this conference for Pastor Samson?

Fulani People: Grover Duling

John Collins - **We have voted to and approved by the Ex. Board to have a \$1000** sent for the Fulani work, for those people.

Brother John... what I am going to ask you to do is to determine the timing and at what point you want to get with Brother Fred, and where you want that money sent, and where you want that money distributed.

John Collins:

The last time I spoke with Brother Peter, he has mentioned something about the "Discipleship Training Center" in Chad... there is a leader there, Ndottihoddi (?) and he was robbed, he went into his house and basically, he has four walls. At least at that time. Even with nothing, he is still reaching out to the Fulani People. That mission is where Brother Peter would like to use the money.

It has been a while since I have been in contact with Brother Peter – so I will get with him to verify if that is where he wants the money to be used. If it is I will type up something and get it back to the committee for their review.

Grover Duling:

That's fine. Go ahead and get with Brother Fred as this \$1000 has been approved.



San Juan, Bayamon

Bethlehem School, Bayamon Puerto Rico: Scott Kinnick

I would like to talk about a church, though I am not talking about any money, I want you to be aware of something I saw. The other week that we were in Puerto Rico, there is one church there, and it was next to San Juan, Bayamon. We have a church in Bayamon Puerto Rico. Pastor Lilian and her husband Raffiel had a vision several years ago for a school. I want you to be aware of the school and what they are doing there. They work with a lot of children there in the city, it is a very populated area and they see a lot of problems with education. Just like here in America. They see a lot of liberal teachers coming in, the acceptance of LGBT; all those things.

They were really concerned about children being expose to homosexuality, children being bullied, and other things like that. They have actually put together a Christian school. They found a school nearby that had closed. The community gave them the building at a very low rent, with a promise that they would clean it up so it would look good. And they got maybe 32-33 children enrolled in this school. John Swonger and I visited that school and I was so impressed with what they were doing there. It goes 1-12 grades, and these kids after they graduate end up in the university. They had one boy who graduated from that school and he was our translator that day. I was impressed

with him and the level of education that he had. He talked how the school benefited him so much, and he was grounded in good Christian teachings. They charge students about \$4000 per year to attend. They also take donations from the community. It seems that God gives them just enough to keep the school going.

I got to go around and talk to some of the kids, the teachers, and it was very impressive. I don't know how we could help but I would to look a little more into how we might be able to help them. This would not just be a one-time gift, but something like long-term support. Anything would help.

I appreciated how they are changing lives and giving these kids real opportunities. I would like to see more schools like this in the states. The school's name in English is "Bethlehem"

Mark Jones:

This school is the whole package? This would replace the public school. This would be an alternative school.

Scott Kinnick:

Yes.

Mark Jones: Do they have a full curriculum?

Scott Kinnick:

Yes.

Mark Jones

What ages or classes do they have?

Scott Kinnick

They are in three class groups. K-3rd – 4th-6th – 7 -12th grade
11 -12 kids in each group.

Mark Jones:

Is there an administrator?

Scott Kinnick:

Yes, Pastor Lilian's husband (Raffiel) is the administrator. He operates the school and he is there helping.

They have a principal, three teachers, a janitor, and a cook. The teachers' pay there is much less than that of public schools.

Mark Jones:

Is this a credited school?

Scott Kinnick:

Yes, this is a credited school.

It is very similar to Christian schools here but smaller.

Next Meeting Date:
Thursday March 14th 8:30

