

MMAB
Nov. 12, 2005

Pastor Dan Vellinga opened in prayer.

Dave McCoy moved to accept minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Pastor Dave Hawk reported that starting in September the NA has been sending all monies sent to the NA for Mission Mazahua to Pastor Dave. This means that all money going to the Mission is going thru MMAB.

On the treasurer's report there is a new category - #65 Disaster Aid \$3,000 came from the NA to help with Hurricane Stan.

Pastor Dan moved to accept the Treasurers report. Motion carried

Pastor Dave continued with the following reports regarding the mission:

- There are villages that do not have accessible water supplies. They may have to walk two miles to get water. A cistern that stands above ground is not assessable to the local people. The new plan is to dig a hole and put the cistern in the ground so the top is 18" above ground. Building 5 to 8 of these cisterns for a village of 400 would change their life dramatically. The mission has bought molds so they can pour the cisterns. This speeds up the process. The villages have to pay half the cost of the cistern of \$250. Kingston Church in New Hampshire put in \$4,500 to buy the molds and plan to build up to 22 cisterns at the \$250 each.
- At Las Rosas the ceramics have been moved to a room on the bottom floor.

- Plaza Comunitaria program is a government sponsored program to put a satellite downlink in to offer education for adults ages 15 years and up. They still need regulators to get the computers to function properly. The government is developing specific software for this program. The students have been lined up and there are people to teach. There will be general education to start with and can go up to High School education and college prep.
- There is a need of about \$2,000 to finish each bath and shower and \$1,000 to finish each dorm room. There is an urgency to get these done. Eight students will live there.
- A new project is making granola that has Amaranth (corn replacement) in it. You will not find it in American products. They are also making Mole which is a sauce with 21 different ingredients. They deliver both to a restaurant chain. Belem Villegas is the name of the food products division and they run the granola and mole operations.
- There is a flyer about Judith Gonzales to be given out at the Michigan conference of Congregational Churches. Judith has a place to stay when she goes to Olivet College.
- The sewing project takes 4 – 5 machines to a village and gathers a group together and teaches them to sew.
- Pastoral Teaching is held once a month and there are 75 pastors and wives coming for a conference. They have been meeting for 1 year.
- Samuel is one of two people to be involved in reviving the Jesus film project. About 10 years ago the film was made in Mazahua.

- The melino (the mill where Lisa & Norberto lived for awhile) is now a mini dorm and meeting room. It needs to become the center for International short term mission teams. There is a need to finish the 2nd floor. The cost is \$50,000 to finish the whole project. They are doing a little at a time.
- There might be a bus leaving Chicago for Mexico the day after Thanksgiving. It will be loaded with wheelchairs.

Dave Hawk did not get the part time teaching job as expected leaving his funding lower than hoped. Norberto insists that there be some arrangements made to pay Dave something out of missions. Pastor Dan could write the checks.

Dave Hawk is trying to encourage Norberto to organize a staff retreat. Dave feels this is important.

The next meeting will be held February 25th so Pastor Dave can be there.

Those in attendance were Pastor Dan Vellinga, Pastor Dave Hawk, Dave & Linda McCoy.

Submitted by
Secretary
Linda McCoy