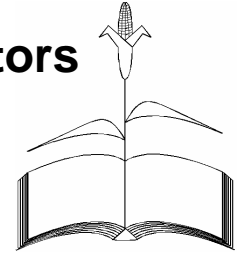


S.E.E.D. Ministries U.S. Board of Directors

Annual Meeting Newsletter

May 2009



2 Corinthians 9:10

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Meeting Called to Order

The annual meeting of the U.S. Board of Directors of S.E.E.D. Ministries, Inc. was called to order on May 22, 2009 at 9:00 AM in the home of Bob and Sue Beebe in Bremen, Ind. Members present at the meeting were Robert Beebe, Frantz and Doris Clotaire, Joe Kopec, Karen Kopec, Doug Moore, and Bill Stoller. Opening remarks by board president, Joe Kopec, included the reading of Luke 11:9-10. The first item on the board agenda was the approval of the 2008 U.S. Board of Directors' Meeting minutes. After a short discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Field Director's Report

Frantz Clotaire, SEED Ministries, Inc. Program Director, presented the annual Field Director's Report. The report included information about the following programs:
SEED Institute,
SEED Farm,
SEED Extension,
SEED Vet/Animal Husbandry,
SEED Research,
SEED Agroforestry, and
SEED Evangelization/Outreach.
Frantz offered information regarding program development and vision in each area. Doris offered a report relevant to the Extension Program.

In addition to this report, Frantz reviewed the **SEED Agricultural Division Strategic Plan Summary** by Arsene Smilien-Assistant Director for SEED. A copy of this summary is posted on the SEED Ministries, Inc. website.

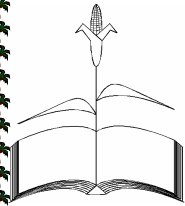
Budget Discussion and Approval

After pausing for lunch, the members proceeded with the discussion of the FY2009 operating budget. Frantz presented a proposed budget that included expenses for the Institute, the Extension, and the Vet/Animal Husbandry programs. Part of this discussion included a review of the S.E.E.D. Ministries, Inc. *Profit and Loss Report* which covered May 2008-April 2009.

While the budget requirements will not change from the FY2008, the board members discussed and approved payment of the Clotaire's annual rent on their personal home, and an additional 10% salary increase for all SEED staff members. At the conclusion of this discussion, the board members unanimously approved the proposed FY2009 operating budget.

Summary Report on Donations

Joe Kopec submitted a report regarding ministry donations. This report included a comparison of 2007, 2008, and 2009 (January-May). This report revealed that donations fell 50% in 2009 as compared to 2007 and 2008. Karen presented a financial report for the investments in the Evangelical Christian Ministries for Haiti Trust Fund. While the income has declined, the board members trust in God to continue to provide for the ministry needs.



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Old Business

Board members continued with a discussion of Old Business. The discussion proceeded as the members reviewed the action points from the 2008 meeting. Some of these items included the following:

- Arsene Smilien completed his Master's Degree in May 2009. The board members offer their congratulations to Arsene, and their thanks to Dr. Dennis Shannon for his support and mentorship of Arsene during his time at Auburn University.
- Sale of the land at Platon
- Contacting Corn Production Companies for funding to support trial projects at S.E.E.D.
- Acquisition of foraging equipment
- Annual fund raising efforts
- Review and possible realignment of the Vision and Mission statements



Members of the U.S. Board of Directors

The Members of the Board want to thank Bob and Sue Beebe for hosting the board meeting and for sharing their home with the Clotaire family.



Presentation of Arsene's Thesis to Joe and Karen

New Business

Discussion items under New Business included new projects and needs for the ministry-these included the following:

- Due to the serious food shortage in Haiti, S.E.E.D has joined with the Apostolic Christian Church in the implementation of the *Operation 100 Fold Project*.
- Board members received an updated copy of the contact information list.
- The ministry is in need of a new motorcycle.
- The ministry is in need of an electronic sound system.
- There is a need for construction of a silo, a farm building, fencing and drainage of farm entrance, and a farm penetration road.
- There is a need for student development in spiritual character and discipleship skills.
- The development of a ministry emergency contingency plan.
- The 2010 board meeting was set for May 21, 2010 in Austin, Texas.

Meeting Conclusion

Board President, Joe Kopec, asked Bill Stoller to offer the closing prayer and the meeting concluded at 5:21 PM. The Board members would like to thank Bob and Sue Beebe and the members of the Apostolic Christian Church for their kindness, care, and hospitality during the visit in Bremen.

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Operation 100 Fold Project

Multiple hurricanes in 2008 and the changing world economy hit the people of Haiti hard. The price of rice skyrocketed, and as a result, deadly food riots broke out in Les Cayes near the S.E.E.D. campus. Frantz Clotaire stated that as a native to Les Cayes, he has never seen the population rioting over the price of food before last year. During the 2008 Board Meeting, the members voted to accept a proposal from the World Relief Fund of the Apostolic Christian Church (ACC) to sponsor the development and implementation of *Operation 100 Fold*. The primary goal of this project is to increase the knowledge, skills, and understanding of the local population regarding crop production for human and animal consumption. The objectives of this project are (1) to provide rough grain for high quality protein for the Haitian population in and near S.E.E.D. Ministries, Inc.; (2) to train and support students in farm production techniques within the cultural habits and beliefs of the local community; (3) to establish test crops on the S.E.E.D. campus for instructional and demonstration purposes; (4) to train students and members of the local populace in the techniques required for properly using and maintaining large farm equipment.

Before the board members departed from Bremen, Indiana, in May 2009, they were treated to a meal and presentation by members of the Apostolic Christian Church. The presentation included a narrative and photos of the events of visits by this group to S.E.E.D. in the Spring of 2009, as well as, a report of the implementation status of the *Operation 100 Fold Project*.



S.E.E.D. Ministries, Inc. has been greatly blessed by this partnership with ACC. The S.E.E.D. campus now has two tractors, a field cultivator with shutters, a plow and wagon, and a seed planter. The campus has also received a new power generator that is large enough to provide electricity to the entire campus. ACC members Brent Hodel and Roger Ackerman have made a number of trips to S.E.E.D. this spring to unload this equipment, and to demonstrate the proper use and maintenance required for safe usage.

The members of the U.S. Board of S.E.E.D. Ministries, Inc. wish to offer their prayers of gratitude to God for the members of ACC and their generous contributions to the people of southern Haiti.



The Clotaire Family-Daniel, Doris, Frantz, and Manuel send you greetings and God's blessings from Haiti.

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Donations to S.E.E.D. Ministries, Inc. may be sent to:

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Austin, Texas 78749 USA

For additional ministry information check the website at seedministriesinhaiti.org