

Together for West Africa (aka 2gether4westafric, 2g4wa, TFWA)
Advisory Board of Directors FY23Q1: Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Meeting Minutes:

Members present:

Meeting held in-person at home of Allen and Laura Clark, 1133 Feather Farms Road P.O. Box 26, Stoneville, MS 38776, US. The following board members were in attendance: Mike Hutchinson (Field Personnel), Lynn Hutchinson (Field Personnel), Ric Stewart (Secretary), Laura Clark (member), Allen Clark (member), Cindy Stewart (member).

Mike opened the board meeting with prayer.

Topics of Business

1. Financial Reports – Ric Stewart, Secretary

- FY22 IRS 990 form is projected to be mailed to the IRS on/before the deadline of 2/15/2023.
- FY23 YTD Statement of Activities reported on November 8, 2022, shows revenue and expenses to be out of normal order. This is solely due to being early in the fiscal year and a large expense came due the first month of the FY. There was a \$7000 payment to CBF that is necessary to help with Mike and Lynn's expenses that may occur as a result of unforeseen emergency contingencies. This expense and its timing in the first month of FY23 has created a temporary imbalance in revenue and expenses. This imbalance should straighten itself out with normal giving from our donors during Q1FY23.
- Current Statement of Financial Position, 11/9/22, \$69,519 USD liquid assets in the Hancock-Whitney bank (Gulfport, MS) checking account. No fixed assets.

2. Togo Program Ministries Update – Mike & Lynn Hutchinson, Missionaries in Lomé, Togo, West Africa

Mike gave a general report on the activities at Togo House. In general, the Togo House programs continue to help the Togo community with clubs (e.g., English, Bible, sports, etcetera) for the children. Meals are regularly prepared for the kids, and on Sunday, there is always food and Bible Study. Adults (parents) are also included in these activities when appropriate.

The Togo House program also continues to provide financial assistance to families, parents and children, for their school, medical, and living expenses that cannot be paid by their families' meager incomes.

Lynn gave us an explanation of the duties of her ACMT role for the CBF Field Personnel mission team in Africa.

Also, Mike and Lynn both gave us a glimpse into the future, i.e., the next couple of years as Mike and Lynn plan to transition to Portugal to minister to West Africans in Portugal. Mike does plan to retire in 2023, but will assist in ministry to West Africans in Portugal. Although, he will not be employed by CBF, he still plans to be actively involved with ministry to West Africans.

Lynn plans to continue her ACMT role for the CBF African Field Personnel team for a few years, and CBF will provide "presence" for her in Portugal. TFWA will continue to raise funds for the ministries in Portugal to West African immigrants. CBF will require that Lynn spend a percentage of her time ministering to West Africans in Portugal.

Allen closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by: Ric Stewart, Together for West Africa, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ric Stewart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ric" and last name "Stewart" clearly distinguishable.