# Together for West Africa (aka 2gether4westafrica, 2g4wa, TFWA) Advisory Board of Directors FY23Q3: Tuesday, June 13, 2023

### **Meeting Minutes:**

### **Members present:**

Meeting was held in Zoom Virtual Meeting Room. 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).

## Cindy opened the board meeting with prayer.

#### **Topics of Business**

- 1. Admin/Financial Reports Ric Stewart, Secretary
  - FY23 YTD Revenue: \$17,241; Expenses: \$54,079; Net: -\$36,838
  - HW Bank Checking Account Balance 6/13/2023: \$48,237
    - --Known future expenses: \$9,217 (Lynn/program operations)
    - --\$12,000 (Estimated Shipping Personal Items to US; setup home base)
    - --\$6,000 (Reimbursement to Mike & Lynn/program operations)
  - Current Bank Account minus known expenses: \$21,020
  - On the Table: Two round-trip tickets to Portugal to get started on setting up for field program operations, e.g., rent a place to live in Caldas da Rainha, establish fiscal/bank account, and perform groundwork necessary to get their Portuguese work Visas.
- 2. Discuss the transition plan to move Mike & Lynn from Togo, West Africa to Lisbon, Portugal.
  - Mike will focus on Togo Program/House ministries closure
  - Mike will return to the USA and take care of some projects related to the Long Beach, MS home
  - Lynn will focus on packing up and closing personal rent home in Togo and shipping personal belongings back to the USA
  - Lynn will also focus on several CBF ACMT duties e.g., CBF Annual General Assembly in the USA; several days' trip to Cyprus to assist in setting up new CBF Field Personnel; and CBF Africa/Middle East mission team meeting in England.

- Both Mike and Lynn will travel to Portugal in early July for an approximately five weeks stay in July/August to get setup to live in Portugal and develop partnerships with Christian churches/organizations to do ministry.
- Both Mike and Lynn will return to the USA in early August in preparation for a trip to the Portuguese Consulate in Washington, D.C. to apply/receive their final Portuguese work Visas.
- After work Visas are obtained, Mike and Lynn will return to their rental
  apartment in Portugal. The hope is that will be located in Caldas da Rainha,
  which is a one-hour community bus line ride into Lisbon. The Together for
  West Africa ministry to West Africans in Portugal will mostly occur in
  conjunction with local Christian organizations centered in Lisbon.

Ric closed the meeting with prayer.

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