

***Together for West Africa (aka: 2gether4westafrica, 2g4wa)***  
***Advisory Board of Directors FY21Q1 meeting: Friday, December 12, 2020***

***Meeting Minutes:***

**Members present:**

Meeting held virtually via the Internet by exchanging emails among the board members – Mike Hutchinson (Field Personnel), Lynn Hutchinson (Field Personnel), Ric Stewart (Secretary), Laura Clark (member), Allen Clark (member), Cindy Stewart (member)

**Michael Hutchinson, CBF Field Personnel to Togo, West Africa, called the meeting to order by sending his quarterly activity report to the “present” board members.**

**Topics of Business**

***1. Field Personnel Report, Tome, Togo, West Africa – Mike and Lynn Hutchinson***

As you know we have had a good response to our Together for West Africa 501(c)(3) [2gether4westafrica] launch. At the same time, we continued to have good giving to our CBF account.

We have also received \$5K grant from the Texas Christian Hunger Offering (through the Baptist General Convention of Texas) and funds for Bibles from a special account set up for us by the CBF office. We have put in another request for TCHO this calendar year for \$10K. We will know in January if we have been accepted.

We have been charging all Togo House Program activities to the CBF Program financial account before we go into our 2gether4westafrica 501(c)(3) program bank account.

At present we have about \$50K in the CBF program account...so 18 months of program operations expenses in general.

As a result, you'll see virtually no charges against the 2gether4westafrica Hancock Whitney checking account. Also \$10K of the 2gether4westafrica account we have mentally put aside to buy property for a community agricultural project in the future.

However, you will see spending coming out now in December 2020 and January 2021 from the restricted funds collected in the fundraising campaign to help Bruno's family get reestablished after his death.

Bruno's wife, Fafa, has had a setback this week. Ultimately, now all of the family has come down with malaria. Roro, Bruno's son, has done fine and is recovered but his little sister Yayra did not. In running all the tests they found out that she like her father has sickle cell anemia which makes malaria much more dangerous. She has had several blood transfusions and is now on the road to recovery. Fafa has found a site for her beauty salon business. She has rented the property for a year (\$120 US dollars) and has had a 'container' store built to be moved on to it. She has put screens on her house to keep the mosquitoes out. She is hoping

to get open before Christmas as every woman (potential customers) gets her hair braided and extended.

We will not come back to the United States in March 2021 as travel will be restricted still from Togo as a result of the Covid19 pandemic. We may come back in October as that seems a time when more people in the US are home and we can make visits. Maybe by then enough people in the US will have received vaccinations and group meetings can be held.

Our garden project was a mixed bag. Big success as it started but we have had to move the garden one basket at a time due to moving our residence and this has not worked well. We did show that most plants will grow in our baskets and we have several families in the community (including Fafa's) with veggies growing well. Insects decimated our corn crop. But we have now hired a new guy named Beaugare to live at Togo House. One of his top priorities is our garden program. So, we will start over with the seeds we have left and give it another go.

**2. Secretary Report, USA Administrative Office, Biloxi, MS – Ric Stewart**

- Hancock Whitney checking account current balance is \$36,122.37
- "Help Bruno's Wife & Children Reestablish" fundraising campaign: \$3,093
- FY20 (ended September 30) Donations: \$34,974.90 FY20 Expenses: \$3,570.94
- 2020 IRS Form 990 is scheduled to be completed/submitted February 15, 2021

**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.