

New Congregations Companions Report to Regional Board, February 28, 2009

Our work has gone on over email this winter. We canceled our winter meeting, and will just have met the Saturday, February 21st, before the Regional Board meeting. I plan to be at the regional board meeting so I can report any late breaking news you.

Two of our congregations are pursuing purchasing land, Samoan Christian, and Mannam Korean. We understand they are working with Church Extension.

We have learned this winter that Mannam CC is a chartered congregation. It was chartered when Bob was Regional Minister. We will be discussing how our group relates to our older new congregations at our meeting. Becoming an inclusive region that worships in several languages and different styles is an ongoing challenge for all of us.

And along this line, you are all invited to Country Homes CC in Spokane. Rick Morse of Church Extension will be with us the weekend of March 20th-22. Friday evening he will be speaking on Who Moved My Church, the changing dynamics for doing church in a post modern world, and Saturday on Trends for Disciple Congregations and the Mission Challenges of the Future. We will accept a freewill offering.

Karisa is continuing with Journey CC in Rathdrum. Tracia left at Christmas time when she became engaged. We have an ongoing concern for Karisa and the congregation, and have been attempting to help her find a musician for the Sunday morning service. If any of you have connections in north ID we can use some networking help!

Samoan CC has been invited to send up to eight drummers to General Assembly. We are helping them with airfare. We are the only region with a Samoan Church.

Rod Smith recently worshiped with Korean Crystal CC. Pastor Nam and had a very good experience even though the service is in Korean. Pastor Nam was honored by being ask to preach to his peers at the recent NAPAD gathering this past January and was well received. Rod presented Mrs. Nam with a prayer shawl as her father died recently in Korea. Pastor Nam has received his green card and is looking for some other employment. The grant from the region runs out in April. This will be on our agenda at our meeting on the 21st.

Rebecca has been working with Ciudad de Dios on our behalf this winter. Some members of the New Congregations Team are planning to visit the congregation this spring. This also has been delayed because of Too Much Weather!

And finally, please lift up the Pentecost offering in your congregations! It supports mission work in our own NW Region. And this year, again it falls on a three day weekend. Pentecost often falls on Mother's Day or Memorial Day, so we have to make a special effort to provide a continuing funding stream to support new congregations that join with us in continuing the ministry Jesus began.

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