

InterAct Ministries JMAC Board Meeting

Country Inn and Suites/Airport, Portland, Oregon
February 5, 2011

Present: Dale Smith (Chairman), David Perry, Andy Baxter, Rick Green, Dave Bedford, Alan McKenzie, Chuck Schaap, Loren Leman, Gerry Breshears, Huron Claus, Doug Prins, Ray Prigodich, Sheldon Penner.

Absent: None

Others Present: Roy Martin (staff), David Joseph (Alaska Field Director), Dan Mayerle (Canada Field Director), Thomas Slawson (Russia Field Director), and Carol Smith (in and out with arrangements).

Call to Order & Welcome

Dale Smith called the JMAC meeting to order at 8:47 am. He ran through several announcements and housekeeping issues that were listed on the agenda and led in prayer.

Devotional and Prayer

Andy Baxter shared from Exodus 6:6-8. God has signed His name to His covenant. It is best for us to focus on who God is. God says, “I am” and “I will,” demonstrating that He knows what He is doing, even when we don’t. So, we need to ask, “Who is God around here?” We keep coming back to God, YHWH, the God of the Bible who wants to make us His special people.

Approval of Minutes

Gerry Breshears moved and Huron seconded the approval of the previous minutes. Without objection they were approved.

Reports

Roy Martin said the voting percentage would be InterAct Canada 32% and InterAct Ministries Inc. (USA) 68%, based on the March 31, 2010 audited financial statement. He talked about the financial health of InterAct Ministries. During the toughest economic times our contributions were up 2% when most other ministries saw sharp declines. Now we are down 1 or 2%, so over two years we have been relatively flat.

Dale Smith’s report had been presented the previous day when Dale hit highlights of his written report distributed to the Board in the meeting packet, including the four “Ps” of prayer, partnership, people and promotion.

Dan Mayerle reported on the Canada Field. During the last six months the Field has gone back to the MAP process—setting goals—and helping people be more intentional. The Canadian ministry is a long-term, long-haul ministry—and is very relational. He believes Canada is two years behind Alaska in Genesis Project training. This will be one more tool in the toolbox for Transformational Development. Some in Canada are wrestling with form versus function regarding doing church. Anchored Warriors Project—Native youth conference—evangelistic weekend addressing things youth face, but they go back to a community that has nothing. How can we help them? They have come up with vision statement/mission statement. Healing Hearts—one of the most vibrant urban church plants in western Canada. The Canada Leadership

Team, with six members on it is growing and developing. Continuing to work toward partnerships. People—grateful for all the missionaries. Some challenges. God has called Dan to love.

Thomas Slawson had reported on the Russia Field the previous day. He talked about Transformational Development and the four areas of poverty. He suggested that we need to get younger people running the people pipeline. He also talked about successes with investments in Russia—and the risk. We need to be about people and processes rather than projects and products. His presentation will be available online.

David Joseph had also reported on the Alaska Field the previous day. In talking about the Genesis Project he referred to Exodus 6:9—the Israelites could not listen because of their bondage. GP is helping people come out of their woundedness, so they can begin to listen. It puts Biblical truth in their foundation so they can change. Addictions, sexual abuse, hopelessness, old belief systems. This is an ongoing process. Those who go through it want to reproduce it in their family's lives. David talked about work on developing transformational living centers to help transition people out of prison life. He also talked about the importance of partnering with churches. He shared about his ministry in Fairbanks, challenges, and his vision for the Alaska Field. We prayed for David and Marcy Joseph.

Break at 10:11 am. Restarted at 10:37 am.

Executive Director Relations Committee Report

Dale Smith, Dan Mayerle, Thomas Slawson, Roy Martin, and David Joseph left the room so JMAC members could discuss the committee's findings in executive session. The committee members had a positive conversation with Dale and Carol.

Dale and Carol are enjoying their new challenge. They enjoy the time they spend together on the road. Their finances are at 80% of recommended support. We stopped the subsidy we gave them last year. They are doing okay now—but do not have a lot of surplus. The Board appreciates Dale and Carol Smith.

Dale returned at 11:03 am. When the meeting resumed, Chairman Perry reported on behalf of the committee. We shared highlights of our discussion and constructive helps. God is doing some good things. Dale is thankful for all three field directors. Loren encouraged Dale to focus in Alaska on the things we are strong at—relationships, properties, Fairbanks Native church model. The JMAC discussed how we can help Dale do his job better and suggested we help with setting up and attending meetings with ministry supporters.

NEW BUSINESS

JMA Budget

Roy Martin presented highlights of the budget. Thomas Slawson requested a \$70k increase for Russia ministry. Thomas has a donor lined up for the capital. We discussed possible options. Dave Perry moved/Sheldon Penner seconded to approve JMAC budget, as presented (revised

with \$70k increase). Discussion. Motion laid on the table to a time certain—when we reconvene after the individual boards meet.

InterAct Development Director's Report

Diane Schoming is enjoying the job and is seeing fruit from it. Board members can network with people we know. Contacts are important--we have been blessed with contributions from Trijicon, a shareholder of this company, Fleetwood Foundation and Naknek Bible Church for more than \$91,000 for Tuvan Bibles. Andy knows a Christian businessman—they met and he pledged \$6,000 for ministries. Let Diane know who we know. Prayer—real prayer—is worth more than dollars. If we don't go out and tell the Story, God won't get the glory for it. It's not the ending that's important, it's the process. Get on a missionary's prayer list. Diane inquired about the Board's availability and desire to be part of development. Several Board members said they would like to do this.

Executive Director Relations Committee appointment

Dave Perry nominated Sheldon Penner to be the third member of this committee. Andy Baxter seconded. Passed, no objections.

Break for Inc and Canada Board meetings at 11:58 am. Dale reconvened at 2:55 pm.

Budget

Discussion on budget with \$70k Russia item. ECFA and IRS requirements. Time constraints in Russia. Motion passed, no objections.

Next meeting

JMAC meeting before August Board meeting? Discussion about cost and benefit. No motion offered. Next meeting February 4, 2012 in Portland.

Adjourned at 2:19 pm.

Chuck Schaap closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loren Leman
Recording Secretary
Anchorage, Alaska
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