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Our Loss

As a true pioneer for Seventh Day Baptists in the Australasia Conference, Pastor Stephan Kube will be missed. He went home to be with our Father last year. He is responsible for the early care of the Australia Association of the Australasia Conference. As the editor of the Link publication he was able to share the work of Seventh Day Baptists in Australia and some from other countries. He and his wife played an important role in the development and working of the Sidney, Australia Seventh Day Baptist Church. I know they miss him as much as we do. If you are interested in the work of this great man he wrote an autobiography and had it published in 2007. Thank you, Brother Stephan and Sister Vicky Kube.

**BOARD OF MANAGERS
SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY
FOURTH QUARTER MEETING
January 24, 2010**

Members present: Calvin Babcock, Helmer Umana, Jr., G. Kirk Looper, Vivian Looper, Joe Samuels, Teresa Johnson, Cindy Nadeau, Sue Camenga, C. Justin Camenga, Gordon Kilts, and Beverly Kilts.
Guests: Dave Stall, Bethany Chroniger, Roy Burdick, and Stephen Kryger.

Opened with prayer led by C. Justin Camenga.

Treasurer's Report presented by Calvin Babcock and accepted with thanks.

Report of Executive Director given by Kirk Looper and accepted by motion with thanks.

Report of National Director of Extension, Ron Elston. Motion to accept as given.

Investment Committee report given by Calvin Babcock and accepted by motion.

Executive Committee report read by Beverly Kilts and accepted by motion.

In regard to the Guyana project, a motion carried directing that at the same time we are advertising for volunteer workers, we promote raising monies (up to \$10,000) for materials needed on a matching funds basis.

Meeting closed with prayer for the various projects we have been discussing this weekend.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Kilts, sec.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FOURTH QUARTER 2009**

During the fourth quarter of the year the weather was unusually warm until shortly before Christmas. This allowed us to get a little more done around the office and church. It is exciting to get this extra time for cleanup and refreshing. This reminds me that the time for our work in the Society still needs some extra attention. We appreciate all of those who support us so well and ask them to continue to do so. We would also request others in our conference to participate in the membership of the Society, to enable us to do more. The experience of donating to the projects, efforts, and budget of the Society means that we do not need to take funds from our permanent assets to cover these activities. We request that you experience the excitement of helping in one of the projects that is sponsored by the Missionary Society. This includes those projects and suggestions on the White Christmas list, as well as the Women's Board Love Gift list.

I began the fourth quarter with a visit to Tulsa, OK, where we attended the Solid Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church. It was good seeing them again and I felt that the church continues to have a very strong foundation plus the congregation is bringing in some new faces. This is in the face of many tragedies that have occurred to the members of the church. Pastor Jim and Opel Rowe lost one of their daughters during the past year. Other deaths and illness has slowed the outreach. However, they continue to move forward.

After visiting in Tulsa, we traveled to Longmont, CO, and attended the Mid-Continent Association meetings being held at the Boulder, CO, church. We enjoyed the fellowship with those we had met before and our son and his family. This time also allowed me to speak with the Missionary Society members that live in that area. It was good to hear their suggestions and compliments to what is being done through our work. We used part of my vacation time to visit with my son and his family.

During Oct. 14 – 16, I attended the Coordinating Leadership Team meetings held in Janesville, WI. We arrived home on Friday to prepare for a busy weekend at church.

I ended the month with a very beneficial visit to Adams Center, NY, where Pastor Murphy and his group have helped this church to continue. It was delightful to meet those in the church now and acquaint ourselves with Bea Maltby and the former members. I am praising God for the work that is being done by the church and look forward to hearing more from them. I hope to visit them sometime this spring. A trip report is available through the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society office.

November 7 – 9 is spent in Anchorage, AK. We were there to visit the new Sudanese church that was starting in Anchorage and we were in hopes that we could visit the church in Tok. It was to our disappointment that we were not able to visit Tok. This was due to illness and poor weather. However, we did spend some quality time with the folk in Anchorage and met many wonderful people that will make up

the new church. Pastor Mading Bol has moved from Omaha, NE, to help start the church there. We will be discussing a project proposal that was developed by him and Ron Elston during the January meeting. We are excited about this new church and look forward to its organization and development.

On November 21, Vivian and I visited the church in Enfield, CT. This church was formerly located in Springfield, MA. We spent time after lunch to lead them through the beliefs and polity of Seventh Day Baptists, as well as the process of filing for admission to the fellowship of Seventh Day Baptist Conference of the USA and Canada. It was a good meeting and I look forward to another meeting with them where we can sit down together and discuss what they have done and what steps are next.

On December 16 – 22, I visited the Andhra Pradesh conference in India. I was met at the airport by Rev. B. Kishor Kumar and his associates. From the airport we traveled to a hotel in Guntur, India. We used the hotel as a base from which we traveled to seven different churches over the next four days. We cut our visit in that area short because of the possibility of trouble from the striking transportation employees. Already there had been several incidents of buses being burned and trucks vandalized. However, the visits to the churches were very beneficial and the worship was exciting.

Leaving India on December 22, I traveled to Cebu City, The Philippines. I was taken to the hotel and got settled. The next day we discussed the work that was being done there and the Training in Ministry and Evangelism (TIME) program.

We have supported the TIME program since Rod Henry, former missionary to The Philippines, established it. We are pleased to be a part of this ministry and try to help when possible. Al Paypa explained that they need a photocopier to enable them to print the booklets that are used in the program. This cost will be a little over \$2,000. Also, he is in need of a new computer as his is close to ten years old.

I worshiped on Sabbath at two of the churches in Cebu City. In the morning, worship was hosted by the congregation led by Al Paypa. I spoke to the congregation about the outreach and support of the individuals making up the congregation. Also, I reminded them of the responsibility of the individuals in the development of their congregation, as well as the congregations around them. The worship service was exciting and the members of the congregation were attentive and responsive. I appreciate their drive and desire for success.

During the late afternoon I was hosted by Bernard Agudera's church. This church was very different because those in attendance were more toward the youth age. Ages ranged from toddlers to forty. They were also excited about the work they were doing. Children were abundant. They sang songs and prayed along with the adults and sat attentively while I discussed salvation. It is exciting to see the future of the church sitting before me with so much interest at such a young age.

The quarter ended with a 36 hour trip back home where I was able to settle and rest. I appreciate the support of our membership and others. We feel that the work we do is important to the spread of Seventh Day Baptists and look forward to further growth. I have contacts with churches in countries such as Sudan, Ethiopia, Romania, and Italy. I continue to get contacts from many of the countries with organized conferences. Sometimes our help is needed for the "pulling together" of two or more segments within one country. Conflicts within established conferences also take up some of our time. We are always happy to get the groups together and work through the General Secretaries of the conferences to solve many of the problems. One of the concepts we need to continue to remember is: when in a country overseas, continually work under the General Secretary of that country, he knows his country and its needs. With God's help we will continue to be able to get the work done and move forward in His Kingdom.

Future Schedule:

Jan. 24	4 th Qt. MS Bd. Of Managers meeting – Ashaway, RI
Feb. 17 - 22	CLT and General Council – Daytona Beach, FL
Feb. 23 – 28	West Palm Beach and Bradenton, FL
Mar. 21	Annual Missionary Society Meeting – Ashaway, RI
Apr. 24 - 25	1 st Quarter MS Bd. Of Managers meeting – Ashaway, RI
July 11	2 nd Quarter MS Bd. Of Managers meeting – Ashaway, RI

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Kirk Looper

NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION FOURTH QUARTER 2009

The activities of the 4th quarter of 2009 included a trip to the East Coast to attend the Missionary Board meeting in October. I arrived early on Friday morning and meetings were held with Executive

Director G. Kirk Looper and Bro. Bill Burks. Sabbath afternoon I presented the Safe Church Seminar Part 2, "How to set up a Security team." This was held at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, in Ashaway. A question/answer session followed the presentation. I met with the Executive Committee on Saturday evening to review the work on the National Field.

On Sunday morning, I worked in my office and during the afternoon met with the Board of Managers and made my missions presentation. I also attended the Executive Committee meeting with Pastor Bill Burks.

On the return trip, I visited with Pastor Brian Smith in Hardinsburg, IN, to discuss his new church plant there.

This quarter, Kirk and I made a trip to Alaska to meet with the new Sudanese Seventh Day Baptist Church in Anchorage. We attended their Sabbath Outreach Fellowship meeting where about 150 people were present from four denominations. It was a great time of fellowship. Meetings were held each day with the local leadership. We made contact with our Church in Tok. Mrs. Weaver was very ill and the weather prevented a trip to that area. I also followed up on contacts from that area, and turned the list over to the local leadership. Pastor Mading Bol is doing a great job in that area with outreach ministry. A trip to the Sudan was also discussed.

Much time has been spent in the National Missions office contacting new groups and individuals. I also set up trips to assist established churches with their Conference paperwork.

The New Year will start with trips to Arkansas, Indiana, and Texas. I desire your support and prayers as we start a new decade.

In His Service,
Rev. Ronald J. Elston Sr.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 24, 2010

Members present: Calvin Babcock, Gordon Kilts, Beverly Kilts, Joe Samuels, Kirk Looper, and Helmer Umana, Jr.

Guests: Bethany Chroniger and David Stall.

Opened with prayer offered by Gordon Kilts.

Motion carried to confirm e-mail vote to move funds from 2009 budget to Gifts for Special Purposes.

Motion carried to adopt proposed budget for 2011.

Motion carried to set aside \$600.00 per year for the Osborn family in Morocco.

Motion carried stating we support the proposed project in Anchorage, AK, with the understanding there will be a breakdown of funds before the money is distributed.

Motion carried stating our support for training led by Rod Henry in the Philippines for the purpose of education and review of the Manual of Procedure.

Motion carried to send out requests for matching funds for rebuilding churches destroyed by cyclone in 2007 in India. The amount needed is \$30,000. We will match up to \$15,000.

Motion carried that Kirk and Calvin put together information regarding volunteers for a work project in Guyana in June and to see that it is advertised.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Kilts, sec.