



## **Meeting in AA 2009-05-09**

### **EHBC and SPCM**

#### **1) Youth Ministry and Women Ministry**

- Jönköping is planning to send Marina and a team from Sweden to work with the child- and youth leaders within EHBC. The program will be for two years. Freyo will be assigned. Marina/Anita will correspond with Mathewos and Freyo. EHBC will be responsible to coordinate the program in ET. Marina is responsible for the content.
- Lack of material, training and awareness of the leadership. There are two materials one in Swedish and one in English. Marina is translating her material for youth leaders.
- We will discuss about the future.
- Women department is a department of itself. They hope to be able to appoint someone as deputy. Projects related to women are under the development, but working in cooperation with the women ministry. If we focus on the children now, the future problems with women ministry will be solved.
- EHBC need support for women in the training. 22 women, need monthly support. The churches in Ethiopia are not ready to pay for women ministry. There has to be an awareness in the churches. The women are supported by Birr 500 a month
- There is no support for Freyo. This is a need.

#### **2) Capacity building project**

EHBC will invite delegates from Sweden to participate in the capacity building in Ethiopia.

#### **3) New areas**

Ostersund are assigned to the Wollo area. They will deepen the work there. They will develop the holistic work there and take part of the vision and process for that area. They suggest to make a five year plan together with EHBC.

New plot Enjibara near Bahar Dar Birr 217 000. Who will take responsibility?

#### **4) Churchplanting and evangelists**

Mr Belay will provide information and Mathewos will find out the social needs in the following areas and communicate it with the working committee. The Swedish churches will be assigned to their new areas, to work in a holistic way.

- Soula 120 km from Woleta (ca 500 km from AA) Will Storuman be interested?
- Ketira southeast of Kebre Mengist (ca 440 km from AA) still missing a supporting church. The need is not very urgent right now. There is a kindergarten built, but not yet finished. There are 60 children and help is needed to get equipment.
- Benishangul Gumze East of Gondar and Bahir Dar (ca 520 km from AA) A support has been organized for two planters.
- Kokosa near Bale need a social project (350 km from AA) As Ö-vik has been involved in the area we want to challenge them.

We will use Dessie as a model to work with new areas. We will evaluate in a year what improvements have been done when it comes to reporting and communication with Östersund.

Awassa is prepared to send a person to work with the Karo tribe in Omo. There is still work to do there. Church building for example needs to be finished.

## 5) Development programs

### Equipment of the evangelists

The evangelists should be equipped to meet the need of the community where they will serve. That would be a holistic approach. The different areas could be basic health care, literacy, agriculture, agro forestry etc. To equip the evangelists for this will be an advantage in the church planting work.

- A practical way to serve the society and show the love of Christ.
- Easier for the evangelists to communicate with the local government
- Evangelists and their family and would develop their self support, and not being dependent on the support from outside.

Mathewos is responsible for making it possible for the evangelists to be trained in some way for a more holistic way of working. Different areas have to be addressed.

### Poverty Reduction

- Create a slim programme in health and nutrition that can be conducted everywhere. In all churches and to be included in all programmes. This can be one intervention.
- Food security long term perspective: Östersund is ready to be of assistance in these matters.
- The urgent famine will be described by EHCB and be sent to Östersund.

### Agro Forestry

Läkarmissionen is ready to support and have started. EHBC will ask them to expand their involvement in this area.

### Agriculture

Östersund will investigate a little more and then come up with a suggestion about agriculture activities. Their intent is to make an impact in the area they will be assigned. EHBC has some ideas about small farming in the northern part. Lennart Josefsson is willing to assist EHBC.

### Hiv/aids

The activities addressing hiv/aids have to include gender issues, early marriages, abuse marriages, harmful traditions, sexuality, family planning etc. The church is ready to address those issues. There are plans to have social centres in Wondo Gennet, Awassa, Jimma, Nazareth, Bahir Dar. There will be pilot projects in Wondo Gennet and Awassa. Then the other cities will be approached. The proposals are just about to be submitted.

EHBC will work on having their own hiv/aids policy and program in the local churches. Anita and Endale will take the process with projects and policies. There will be national committee/department working to address the issue. Maria and Anita will be in that national committee. Mission: producing projects, policies and raise voluntaries and implement.

### Programs for the future:

- Agriculture and rural livelihood
- Environment including water
- Poverty reduction program
- Children development
- Capacity building phase II
- Women empowerment
- Hiv/Aids
- Relief and rehabilitation
- Health care at various levels

## 6) Capacity building with in development

- a) Bulding new project leaders
- b) Raising volunteers
- c) Make a strategic plan on how to diminish the bottlenecks
- d) A strategic plan has to be planned and submitted by the latest June 20<sup>th</sup>
- e) There will be a national

## 7) School in Tigray

Huddinge will continue their engagement in Tigray. They will build a new preschool in another city. They have 6 evangelists in the area.

The church want to build on a new plot in Mekele. Huddinge has the challenge for the building.

## 8) Bible training:

It is important to find ways to share the costs for the bible training.

- We will put a challenge to the PTC board to make a long plan of action how to balance the budget and to continue the extension programme. Pr Zerihun emphasized that the local churches will have to take a greater responsibility. Jonkoping will continue their support, and work for a long term plan. The changes within PTC is on the table, so...
- Worancha: Lack of information. Ö-vik is asking for a plan for the bible school.
- Kebre Mengist: Lack of information. Töcksfors has not got any feedback or information about the work.
- Pastor Zerihun promised that EHBC will make sure that they will send the budgets and also the follow ups of the work at the bible schools in Worancha and Kebre Mengist. He apologized for the lack of contact and information from EHBC.

## 9) Women related issues

- a) Suggestion: The women pastors can come out and challenge the church of Ethiopia. To have a seminar organized by the Swedes about men and women working together. For example Enar and Kerstin. Invite pastors wives from Sweden to join.
- b) EHBC suggested that they would create a forum to discuss the role of women in church and about the situation of the pastor's wives. There will be a workshop in June addressing the women involvement. PTC has to be involved and be challenged.
- c) Sweden is challenged to be bold about this. *Tell them you are wrong!!!(Pastor Getu)*
- d) The Swedish pastors should come out with their wives and share their experience together. The men have to change!
- e) PMU projects have to address men as well in order to achieve an improvement. There are seminars and material to address men. It is in the pipeline.

## 10) Translation

- a) The translation programme in Nyagatom will be transferred to EHBC. They will work together with SIL. Mr Endale and Mr Tesfaye will be the responsible persons.
- b) Enar will check with Wycliff in Sweden if they can cooperate and if there are any funds available.
- c) A committee will be formed to work with the translation program in South Omo. Enar was asked to be the Swedish representative in this committee.

## 11) Missions ministry

- a) School of missions for other cultures. The Swedes are more than willing to help out.
- b) There is a challenge for Ethiopia to reach the Muslim world. Somalia is a great challenge. How can we reach Somalia? We will start to pray for Somalia.
- c) Antioch missions: Baharu is responsible for raising funds for mission/church planters in the local churches in Ethiopia.

## 12) Radio Hitram

EHBC is an active member of the board, and has promised to support Hitram financially. EHBC will use the radio as a tool for building capacity. De director is working to build relationship with the denominations.

EHBC will make a plan together with Hitram on how to use the radio as a tool.

## 13) Other

- The website [www.afrikashorn.se](http://www.afrikashorn.se) is opened in order to have information and updates from the Horn of Africa.
- Sister cities from Sweden
- It could be good to have Swedish investors to invest in Ethiopia.

#### **14) Reporting**

- a) The Swedes and EHBC will have to work out the format for reporting and the timeframe.
- b) Children, bible schools, evangelists are areas that have to be improved. Basic facts, activities, number of participants, economic reports. Zerihun and, Matewos will send a suggestion for reporting to Enar and Jenny and they will give comments.
- c) Frequency: Churchplanting, 4 times a year, the other projects 2 times/year. PMU projects have their own agenda and format.
- d) EHBC will improve their reporting mechanism.

#### **15) Missionaries**

- a) The national office need to have an activity report. They will have to give information about what they need to write.
- b) The national office will take responsibility to talk to the missionaries.

#### **16) Leadership training**

#### **17) Invitations**

We agreed that invitations should always be discussed before the formal invitation is send out.

#### **18) Health Care**

Jönköping will proceed the process of investigation

#### **19) Scholarship and trainees**

EHBC will organize a better structure for the application process from September 2009.

- a) EHBC will take more responsibility to get a better structure. The scholarships have to support the vision of the church and the applicants must be ready to serve the church and train others.
- b) The trainees need to have more contact with the national office. At least once a month they will have a personal contact in person or by email. To take part in the prayer program on Wednesdays

#### **20) Reporting of activities**

It is helpful always to make a report after a visit or activity.

**Reflections:**

It would be good to have meetings like this twice a year.

Better instructions for the projects are needed. The AI approach is very good for the church, but hard to conduct.

Unity gives us strength  
Bright future

**Questions to handle:**

Literacy program with the evangelists

Hardware and software in projects

Funds to school

Find new churches in Sweden to join the work in Ethiopia.

Can we do something more at the compound in Worancha? Like duplicating Loke?

Support to organize training for youth and children ministry. In the capacity building?

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