



## **Meeting in Wondo with participants from EHBC and SPM Sweden. March 27-28 2008**

### **1. Opening**

Presentation of all participants led by mr Mamusha  
Pastor Zerihun opened the meeting

Sune Elofsson led the devotion Ex 3:7 *I am the one who have seen the cry...I will be with you.*

Enar Olsson opened the meeting by reading Isaiah 55:8. Our wish is the plan of God will be evident to us.

### **2. Overview of EHBC**

Presented by mr Mamusha

- a. 2500 churches at this time and the denomination is living in peace
- b. We have a calling to be one body and an example of peace
- c. God has given us a time to train people. New training programs
- d. Missions and church planting is a strong department. There are regional leaders responsible for the connection between the head office and the church planters.
- e. Youth and children's department is about to develop.
- f. A development department has been formed and has a separate registration.

### **3. Development department**

Presented by mr Mathewos

The information is presented in a separate document handed out at the meeting.  
Focus on appreciative inquiry: a solution oriented method.

There will be a separate organisation for administration and finance within the development department.

### **4. Capacity building**

Presented by mr Addis

All the information is presented in the material handed out.

The students are going to have a strategic plan designed during the training with coaching. The final document will be something that is supposed to be a guidelines how to work in the local context.

The development dep are encouraging the regional leadership to continue the training using the resources available in the regions.

There is a material that can be used for a very long time.

Pastor Getu challenged the Swedish to send their pastors.

## 5. Evangelism and church planting

Presented by mr Ephraim

The information is handed out

It would be effective to have literacy programmes. That would be a strategic impact.

It is important to get good information.

Mr Sune: how can we work together to reach the Arabic world? Let us sit down and talk about the challenge.

## 6. SPM

Presented by mr Sune

Structure of SPM:

- 475 churches responsible for the missions activities
- Contact churches form a working committee 60 different
- The 60 working committees are form into 9 regional entities
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SPM consists of three departments:

PMU Interlife, church development, media

Mr Lennart:

The over all goal for the Swedish government is poverty reduction

To achieve it:

- Economic growth
- Economic and political independence
- Economic and social equality
- Democratic development in society
- Long term and sustainable use of nature resources and protection of environment
- Equality between men and women

All aid through Swedish popular movements must positively the civil society.

Going from projects to programmes

New approach to analyse the goals and activities.

Appreciative inquiry

- What is the need?
- What are our resources?
- The outcome is the most important. What changes has the project led to?

## Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of march

Morning devotion led by Pastor Getu

Ps 44:1-3

The kingdom of God will never expand trough knowledge. Only from the right hand of God.

How far the kingdom of God can expand depends of the life of the leader. The Kingdom of God will not grow bigger than the life of the leader. The church will flourish as far as we flourish and that is the secrete of the church growth.

Hos 1:7

## 7. Working committee for Ethiopia

Starting with discussion about the Kingdom of God.

Showing the triangle

We discussed the paper handed out

### a. Churchplanting and evangelists

Information about the most urgent areas to evangelize:

Desse in Wollo area (assigned to Östersund)

Soula 120 km from Woleta

Ketira southeast of Kebre Mengist

Gumze East of Gondar and Bahir Dar

Benishangul east of Gondar and Bahir Dar

Kokosa near Bale need a social project

The evangelists should be equipped in more areas in order to serve the community to show their love and care for the individuals.

- b. Agroforestry is a very important area to deal with. There are a lot of opportunities to be investigated.
- c. Agriculture Östersund have a suggestion about having a focus on small scale agriculture for households.
- d. HIV/Aids: We think that areas like: gender issues, early marriages, abuse marriages, harmful traditions, violence in families. Social centres in Wondo Gennet, Awassa, Jimma, Nazareth, Bahir Dar.
- e. Tigray: Huddinge will continue their engagement in Tigray.
- f. Bible training:  
PTC Jonkoping will continue. Plan for the future  
Worancha is a higher priority than the extensions right now. It will start in September  
Kebre Mengist has an important location.
- g. Women related issues:
  - Training the wives of the evangelists
  - There have been no attention to women in the church
  - There are problems for pastors wives to be involved

**Conclusions:**

- Jonkoping will invite the heads of youth and women ministry
- EHBC will invite Sweden to participate in the capacity building
- Ostersund will be assigned the Wollo district were Dese is the town.
- EBHC will provide with more information about the following areas where we will be able to work in an holistic way. The Mr Belay will provide information and Mathewos will find out the social needs in the areas and communicate it with the working committee.
  - Soula 120 km from Woleta
  - Ketira southeast of Kebre Mengist
  - Gumze East of Gondar and Bahir Dar
  - Benishangul east of Gondar and Bahir Dar
  - Kokosa near Bale need a social project

Zerihun is responsible for the relation with the Swedish churches. EHBC are responsible for sending reports in due time.

The Swedish churches will be assigned to there areas.

- To equip the evangelists would be good for the
  - Evangelists and their family and they would be an example. Self support
  - Easier for the evangelists to communicate with the local government
  - A way to serve the society.

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

- Pastor Getu will sit with EHBC to discuss how to work with Karu tribe in Omo area, and than come back to the working committee. Sweden is prepared to continue with the engagement.
- Tocksfors is ready to support evangelists to get trained at Loke in agroforestry. EHBC have a proposal submitted at lakarmissionen.
- Agriculture Ostersund will investigate a little more and than come up with a suggestion. Their intent is to make an impact in the area where they will be assigned. EHBC have some ideas about small farming in the northern part. Lennart is willing to be of assistance of EHBC at any area.
- Hiv/aids has to include gender issues, early marriages, abuse marriages, harmful traditions, sexuality The church is ready to address those issues. There are planning to have social centres in Wondo Gennet, Awassa, Jimma, Nazareth, Bahir Dar. There will be a pilot project in Wondo Gennet and Awassa then the other cities will be approached. The proposals are just about to be submitted.
- School in Tigray: Huddinge will continue their engagement in Tigray. They will build a new preschool in another city.

- 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 longterm plan.
  - Worancha will open again the buget is SEK 60 000. O-vik will cover SEK 20 000. They will discuss the matter and come back to EHBC with an answer. O-vik will take the responsibility to coordinate the money for Worancha,
  - Kebre Mengist O-vik and Enkoping have sent SEK 25000 together. Tocksfors will take responsibility for coordinating the funds to Kebre Mengist.
  
- Women related issues
  - Suggestion: The women pastors can come ut and challenge the church of Ethiopia
  - Create a forum to discuss the role of women in church and about the situation of the pastor's wives.
  - Sweden is challenged to be bold about this. *Tell them you are wrong!!!*
  - Preach with the pastors together with the wives. The men have to change!
  - PMU projects have to address men as well to work for an improvement.
  - 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.
  
- Children and youth activities
  - Lack of material, training and awareness of the leadership. Enar will investigate the possibility to get some funds for material and training.
  - Marina to come to Awassa to conduct the children's conference. A three year programme.
  - Exchange of youth leader. Jenny is responsible for inviting Freyo to Sweden.
  - If we focus on the children now, the future problems with women ministry will be solved.
  - The Jinka hostel will go on. Enakyrkan is responsible.
  
- Translation
  - The translation programme in Nyagatom will be transferred to EHBC. They will work together with SAL. Mr Endale and Mr Tesfaye will be the responsible persons.
  - Enar will check with Wycliff in Sweden if there are any funds available.
  
- 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: Ostersund is ready to be of assistance in these matters.
  - The urgent famine will be described by EHCB and be sent to Ostersund.
  
- Missions ministry

- School of missions for other cultures. The Swedes are more than willing to help out.
  - Sune will arrange an invitation to Turkey, where the network for the middle east will gather in October.
  - There is a task for Ethiopia to reach the Muslim world. We will have to
- The website [www.afrikashorn.se](http://www.afrikashorn.se) is opened in order to have information and updates from the Horn of Africa.

### **Reflections:**

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

Unity gives us strength  
Bright future

Expectations for tomorrow:  
Specify the areas where to work

### **Questions to handle:**

Literacy program with the evangelists  
Foreign missions, how can we be of assistance? Training?  
Hardware and software in projects  
Ownership and use of Hitram  
Funds to school  
Other partners: how many can you handle? What is your policy?  
Visit to Sweden for women ministry, youth and development  
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

### **Questions to rise:**

Women process in the churches  
Children Awassa conference  
Ideology of the hiv/aids how do we address the “hot” issues?

