



## **Meeting in Wondo with EHBC and SPM Sweden March 27-28 2008 3-5 year agreement**

### **1. Invitations**

Jonkoping will invite the heads of youth and women ministry to Sweden.

### **2. Capacity building project**

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

### **3. New areas**

Ostersund will be assigned to the Wello area. In that area they are ready to engage in other activities according to the present need.

### **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 there new areas.

- a. Soula 120 km from Woleta (ca 500 km from AA)
- b. Ketira southeast of Kebre Mengist (ca 440 km from AA)
- c. Benishangul Gumze East of Gondar and Bahir Dar (ca 520 km from AA)
- d. Kokosa near Bale need a social project (350 km from AA)

Zerihun is responsible for the communication with the Swedish churches. EHBC are responsible for sending reports in due time. A copy has to be sent to SPCM.

Pastor Getu will have some talks with EHBC to discuss how to work with the Karo tribe in Omo area, and than come back to the working committee. Sweden is prepared to continue with the engagement.

### **5. 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 will be an advantage:

- a. A way to serve the society and show the love of Christ.
- b. Easier for the evangelists to communicate with the local government
- c. 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. Different areas have to be addressed.

## **6. Agro Forestry**

Tocksfors is ready to support evangelists to get trained at Loke in agro forestry. EHBC has a proposal submitted at lakarmissionen. It can include training of evangelists.

## **7. Agriculture**

Ostersund 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 is willing to be of assistance of EHBC at any area.

## **8. 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.

## **9. School in Tigray**

Huddinge will continue their engagement in Tigray. They will build a new preschool in another city.

## **10. Bible training:**

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

- a. 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.
- b. Worancha will open again in September. The budget is SEK 60 000. O-vik will cover SEK 20 000. They will discuss the matter and come back to EHBC with an answer of the continuation. O-vik will take the responsibility to coordinate the money for Worancha,
- c. Kebre Mengist: O-vik and Enkoping have sent SEK 25000 together. Tocksfors will take responsibility for coordinating the funds to Kebre Mengist.

## **11. Women related issues**

- a. Suggestion: The women pastors can come out and challenge the church of Ethiopia
- 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.
- 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.

- f. 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.

## **12. Children and youth activities**

- a. Lack of material, training and awareness of the leadership. Enar will investigate the possibility to get some funds for material and training.
- b. Marina to come to Awassa to conduct the children' s conference. A three year programme.
- c. Exchange of youth leader. Jenny is responsible for inviting Freyo to Sweden.
- d. If we focus on the children now, the future problems with women ministry will be solved.
- e. The Jinka hostel will go on. Enakyrkan is responsible.

## **13. Translation**

- a. 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.
- b. Enar will check with Wycliff in Sweden if there are any funds available.

## **14. Poverty Reduction**

- a. 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.
- b. Food security long term perspective: Ostersund is ready to be of assistance in these matters.
- c. The urgent famine will be described by EHCB and be sent to Ostersund.

## **15. Missions ministry**

- a. School of missions for other cultures. The Swedes are more than willing to help out.
- b. Sune will arrange an invitation to Turkey, where the network for the middle east will gather in October.
- c. There is a task for Ethiopia to reach the Muslim world. We will have to
- d. EBHC will encourage its local churches to give the offering from one day to missions in other countries. They will send it to Jonkoping.

## **16. Radio Hitram**

- a. Pastor Zerihun will take the responsibility to renew the relationship with the Owners of Hitram: FG, Gennet, and to be an active owner of Hitram
- b. Sune will arrange for Jan-Erik Nyman

## **17. 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.

**Reflections:**

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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