

The August 2012 Vision Board meeting called to order at Pat Walters' home. A motion was passed to accept the July 2012 minutes.

Ralph Holbrook presented Pastor Mark's report due to Pastor Mark being on vacation. The summer programs have touched many. A few summer program events remain, including Summer Dojo – Senior High (every Wednesday night), Habitat for Humanity, Family Fishing Trip, Feed My Starving Children, Garret Ebling Book Signing – *Collapsed* (Ebling is a survivor of the 35W bridge collapse), blessing of the backpacks and giving out Kindergarten Angel Pins.

Lori Ackerson provided information regarding the Haiti Mission trip, which was a success! Approximately \$34,000 - \$36,000 was raised. The original goal was \$16,000. The donations funded: 200 hens, 200 chicks for the broiler house, two chicken coops, building a community kitchen for school made out of cinder block walls, wood and concrete (this is not your run-of-the-mill kitchen – it does not and will not have appliances), roof to protect when rains; a future well on a property; two playground sets: one for two separate schools; wages for 11 Haitians for 5 days as carpenters and truck drivers (driving crew back and forth from house to site). A Haitian's normal wage is \$4 per day. These workers were paid \$25. Also given were 60 bibles and Christian story books. It is possible two donkeys will be purchased.

Those who went on the mission trip now have a renewed awareness of everything we have here in Minnesota. The Haitians are friendly, welcoming and open to visitors – not something that is done here. A discussion was held as to how we can say thank you to the people who gave donations. There has been discussion for a mission trip in 2014.

It has been brought to the Vision Board's attention as to the safety and upkeep in and around Grace, i.e. the sidewalk in front of the church and the parking lot. Ralph advised he is in the process of obtaining a quote in order to repair the sidewalk. The parking lot is on Grace's wish list. These concerns, along with other items, will be used for the feasibility study.

The meeting was closed at 8:45 p.m.