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Katmandu APF Meeting

There is a lot of exciting news this month for the APF. Our annual meeting is February 17-20th 2003. There will be delegates from most of the member countries as well as visitors.

The delegates received the draft of our new guidelines earlier this year and we will be voting on them at the meeting.

We have several resource positions that were not clearly defined and we hope to clear up this issue as well as others at this meeting. Resource people are members who make themselves available from time to time to assist the member countries. This has been really important as we begin to translate the literature into other languages. This year the final draft of the Japanese Basic Text has been approved by World Service. The translations for the Indonesian Basic text are moving forward.

World Service will be attending this APF meeting to assist with Translation issues. There will also be other WSO representative to continue with the work begun in small groups last year in Australia on the problems of emerging NA communities. Many members felt that this was a very effective method to discuss common needs.

There has been discussion as to religious conflict in artwork in the T-shirts. This will be discussed at the APF meeting. Other issues to be discussed include the Bangladesh development trip. We hope to see lots of visitors at this APF meeting and look forward to hearing the

result of the work and the celebration in Katmandu.

Asian Pacific Region

The growth of the Asian Pacific Region has been incredible over the past few years and the service structure of those areas needs both guidance and support. There have been several conventions and celebrations that resulted in rapid growth in Singapore, (there is a second meeting in Singapore) Indonesia and India. The Hong Kong Fellowship continues to have a regular meeting and members in Shanghai are reporting small but regular attendance.

Treasurer's report

This has been a good financial year for the APF. There have been fundraisers and contributions from several countries including Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii.

Several other contributions were made by local fellowships including the Chesapeake Bay fellowship. The APF is very grateful for all these contributions. We presently have \$16,750.00 AUD in the bank.

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