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From: Tim Brand <[REDACTED]>
To: Karen Carr <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 9:19:33 AM
Subject: Non-Profit Organization - Iowa

Karen,

God bless you, as we haven't talk for a little while. I hope things are going well for you and your organization. I'm sure you are as busy as ever.

I'm writing you to ask you a question. As we talked to this summer, it is my hope that the Iowa organizations working in Haiti can come together for driving indigenous change in Haiti. For the past couple of months, my family and I have been discussing starting a non-profit organization, with the long-term goal of getting all the other organization together and supporting all the different missions in Haiti. Last week, I was putting together our mission statement, values, and board-members and jumped on your web site to take a look at what CCH was doing. As I was reading through the website, I was amazed at how a like my vision for Iowa and what CCH is already doing. I got to thinking - would it be better for us to start our own non-profit OR better for us to become a chapter of CCH? I'm not into reinventing the wheel just to reinvent the wheel. And the process of getting a 501 (c) (3) isn't exactly easy either. We would be something like Community Coalition for Haiti - Iowa, or something like that. We could then have our own local board and all that, but fall under the national board of CCH. Much like the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Organization - there is a National Board, but also state and local chapters for the organization. Has CCH ever thought of doing something like this? Or would this be out of the scope of what CCH would like to do? Pray and think about it and get back to me. Obviously, there would need to be more discussion around it, but just seeing if there is any worth in exploring this or whether I should procees with getting my paperwork filed for another 501 (c) (3).

Thanks Karen and hope to hear from you soon.

Tim Brand

On 1/30/08, **Karen Carr** <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Tim,

Great to hear from you and what an exciting topic. I've cc'd Knox Singleton (CCH President) and Carl Biggs (CCH Chairman) for their input, and we can ultimately send this idea to the Board of Directors. I can tell you that we've already approved a CCH chapter in Missouri...although nothing formal has been done yet.

As an organization, we fully understand the difficulty and tremendous amount of time it takes to develop a 501(c)(3) and we're more than willing to facilitate assisting other groups get a head step of that process by sharing administrative infrastructure, financial & legal infrastructure, leadership, and prayer support. CCH is fortunate to have partners, like Inova Health System & local churches, that have helped us form our support structure, while leaning on theirs in the meantime!

Within an agreed upon timeframe (few years), CCH - Iowa could operate as a self-supporting entity.

The benefits of chapters or partnerships, in our minds, is a win-win for all of us. The concept of gaining more funds and assistance for Haiti by using existing US infrastructure, staff, print media, websupport, donor communication venues, fundraising techniques, etc. will only help all of us. We can accomplish alot more by actually completing more work in Pignon, rather than working out non-profit details...which takes forever!

I'm sure we can get legal support to figure out the legalities of a CCH/Iowa effort.

It would be an honor to partner with you guys, if we all agreed prayerfully that this is God's plan. I am extremely impressed by your group's incredible passion for the mission in Pignon and determination to see God's Word proclaimed by your service to Christ. Perhaps the saying "a cord of three strands cannot easily be broken" is a good one for us to pray about in this venture.

Looking forward to talking with you soon! God bless, Karen

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On 1/30/08, **Tim Brand** <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Karen,

Those were my thoughts when thinking through this from the big picture. CCH already has many of the administrative tasks accomplished, that quite honestly, would need to be replicated unnecessarily. In looking at all the different non-profit organizations working in Haiti (and there are TONS of them), I don't think Haiti needs another not-for-profit, but rather smarter, united, systems-thinking organizations that can drive and sustain change. Our ultimate goal would be to help those organizations that are having an impact in the northern plateau region of Haiti and to use each other (CCH in Virginia, Iowa, Missouri and beyond) as resources to help sustain projects.

Something else that I just want to make you aware of - Jerrod and Stacey Nikkel (they were with my group that went in June) have decided to move their family to the Haiti Home of Hope orphanage (Bill and Jennifer Campbell). There are still details that need to be worked out, but they feel very called to the Pignon region and would look at moving this fall. Our church would provide a major funding for their salaries, but they do not want to administrate it. Also, we don't want to raise money for them being "Third Reformed Church" as that limits where we can go for funding. Third will be a major supporter of money, but for legality reason, doesn't want to take them on as an employee. I believe the best thing would be for them to be an employee of our not-for-profit, possibly for CCH-Iowa. They would help with the orphanage, but also be available for other projects and be our eyes and ears on the ground working with the other organizations. Next week, they (Stacey and Jerrod, their two kids, Stacey's mom, and Jerrod's mom and dad) are going to Haiti Home of Hope to live with Bill and Jennifer for a week, just to confirm their call. In March, they will want to start fundraising for their upcoming endeavor. Personally, I think Stacey and Jerrod could be a great asset for us all - as they could be resource on the ground not only for the Iowa projects, but for other projects in the Pignon area as well. FYI - we met with Red Bridge Baptist Church (Bill and Jennifer's Home Church who owns and operates the orphanage) and they are tentatively on board. We still have a few hurdles to overcome (they have theology issues), but I think they will get worked out.

Much prayer needs to accompanied with this, but I have felt strongly for some years that we (Iowa) need to unite our efforts for the betterment of the region. With Stacey and Jerrod being the enabler for our churches(Iowa) to start working together, I think we could make great strides to making a greater impact for Haiti, our churches, and for others that want to join in the efforts.

God Bless and we will talk soon.

Tim Brand

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From: Tim Brand <[REDACTED]>

To: Karen Carr <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 5:43:26 PM

Subject: Re: Non-Profit Organization - Iowa

Karen,

Any feedback from the Board of Directors on this? I would like to start moving forward with putting some preliminary plans together, but need to know the direction to go. Let me know what the Board has said in regards to CCH - Iowa.

Blessings,

Tim

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Karen Carr** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, Feb 29, 2008 at 8:26 AM

Subject: Re: Non-Profit Organization - Iowa

To: Tim Brand <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Knox Singleton <[REDACTED]>, Carl Biggs <[REDACTED]>

Hi Tim,

The Board of Directors is very much in favor of the idea. Let's move forward with it.

As the first step, I'll schedule a conference call with Knox Singleton, CCH's President to go over the what the following steps might look like.

Thanks for getting back with us on this! We're very excited about CCH-Iowa!

God bless, Karen