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Strategic Meeting Christian Montessori Fellowship

In September of last year we announced the intention to form an accreditation organization for Christian Montessori. We have been asked why we don't join one of the Montessori groups or one of the Christian accrediting groups. The Montessori groups don't love Jesus the way we do; the Christian groups don't love Montessori the way we do. This vision requires a Christian Montessori solution. The accreditation process will form a foundation for ensuring excellence in Christian Montessori schools, provide a framework to start new schools and most importantly start a process of sharing the Gospel all over the world through Christian Montessori education.

The weekend of February 26-27 has been set to bring people together to begin this process. We have been busy identifying people who see this next step as a critical point in the path forward to share Christian Montessori. There may be those of you in the membership who would have an interest in attending the meeting or in serving on a committee. Please let us know. We seek wisdom in a multitude of counselors and seek wisdom in the experiences of our members. The Lord has set this time table in motion. Last summer we had someone from Nigeria attend the national conference. In November we had a pastor visit us from Jordan who wants to start a Christian Montessori school. Right after that we had an email from the Sudan from a pastor who wants to start a Christian Montessori school. I think the Lord is gently prodding that this is the time to move forward.

Strategic Agenda Christian Montessori Fellowship San Antonio, Texas February 26th – 27th 2011

Purpose of the meeting:

To prepare Christian Montessori Fellowship to share the Gospel all over the world using the gifts that God has given us through Montessori education.

Outcomes desired:
Mission statement

Structure for Christian Montessori Fellowship
Executive director search
Accreditation part of CMF
National/international

Accreditation committee formed

Accreditation standards established
School standards
Teacher standards
Training center standards

Marketing plan for CMF

Financing/Fundraising plan for CMF

"School in a large box"
A manual for the creation of a school
Business plan
Time tables
Material lists
Management
Forms

School plan for preschools wanting to add elementary

Agenda
1. Mission statement
2. Structure of Christian Montessori Fellowship
3. Establishment of Accrediting Body

4. Accrediting Standards
Schools
Teacher credentials
Training centers

5. Marketing plan

6. Financing/fundraising for CMF

7. School Creation
School in a very large box
Preschool
Elementary
Upper schools (later)

8. Elementary teacher training
Video production

9. Missions outreach
Help establish mission schools through existing agencies

10. School financial support
Funding new schools