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STARRY SKIES & EMERALD HILLS

by Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion



I love to come to Emerald Hills at night, shut down all the lights (and ask the neighbors to kindly do the

same thing -- they know me by now), and enjoy the night sky. It's gorgeous. But it's funny that we can't really appreciate the beauty of God's night-sky creation until we get rid of all the distractions. In this case, as is often the case with distractions, the extraneous man-made light acts as blinding "noise". It keeps us from seeing what really exists in absolute pristine conditions.

Global outreach ('missions') is rather like that. The pace of life -- everything from nightly TV, to Facebook, to mowing the lawn, kids' athletics, overworking, and anything else that vies for attention -- all of it together can act as a smokescreen to keep us from seeing what is truly spiritual, hiding underneath. I'm not saying Facebook is a bad thing. I'm just suggesting that it's not easy to hear the cry of the heart of the rest of the world. Truly, out of sight is out of mind. And out of mind is unreached.

At Emerald Hills, one of our key goals is to get people away from the noise and all the distractions so we can hear the cry of the heart -- of the whole world. We're engaged in connecting people to God, his creation, and his creatures. Those creatures include untold

fellow humankind in places far and near, around the block and around the world.

If you're reading these words, there's at least a strong chance that you've helped us with the Emerald Hills dream. You've come to believe, and act, on the premise that, in spite of the importance of all those other things in our lives, there remains a key ingredient that can be very, very missing: Telling the good news to those still out of touch with Christ's love.

As we send out this Visionary, we're deeply grateful for your shared vision in getting the news out about people who don't have access to the message of the resurrection. Thank you for your help in heralding the truth to those who haven't heard it!



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Sale of the Hopewell House soon
- Four more 29 partners
- More funds to develop the rest of the campus
- Work teams to come this summer
- Wisdom as to how to use the campus to the best of its possibilities

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2 or 3 - PACE Luncheons

If your church is interested in learning more about PACE... if you and/or your church would consider working on a project to get access to someone untold... just browse to www.teamexpansion.org, hover over Involvement, then slide down to PACE and choose to register for the PACE Luncheon -- or if you'd prefer, just call our office and we'll register you directly -- 800-447-0800. Ask for a brochure!

August - Construction & Launch

We hope to begin construction on a new bunkhouse/ ranchhouse unit for 32-28 people. This unit will hopefully be constructed inside the back 1/3 of the Freedom Barn and will provide an interim solution for guests, returning missionaries, and Emerald Hills work teams. (Note: Even when we've finished the actual "East Wing" housing unit up front, this ranchhouse will still serve as a place for missionaries, recruits, and work teams long-term. It will be a long-term part of the housing solution at Emerald Hills.)

Another "Launch" training program will take place at Emerald Hills, connecting new recruits to long-term vision and resources for sharing Christ with the nations.



If you would like to bring a work team and come help at Emerald Hills this spring or summer, please contact Joe Wilson at jwilson@teamexpansion.org!

FINANCIAL UPDATE: APRIL 2009

Emerald Hills Fund

Balance 4-1-09	-\$24,109.47
April Receipts	\$439,587.68
April Expenses	\$124,901.39
Balance 4-30-09	\$290,576.82

Receipts

Center Point Christian Church	\$300.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$150.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$400.00
Fayetteville Church of Christ	\$250.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Capital Bank of Kentucky	\$421,952.56
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$200.00
Hertiage Christian Church	\$100.00
Individuals	\$10,583.00
Interest Income	\$448.88
North Madison Christian Church	\$1,000.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Okolona Christian Church	\$1,000.00
Shively Christian Church	\$1,200.00
Team Expansion (Meece)	\$704.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$668.63
YTB Travel Network	\$30.61

Total	\$439,587.68
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Expenses

Bathroom Hand Dryers	\$1,231.00
Bedding for Guests	\$238.00
Chairs of meeting room	\$3,482.52
Dan Cristiani	\$13,633.90
Dumpster	\$164.74
Fill Dirt	\$225.00
For More Support	\$2,659.03
Interest Income	\$15,776.63
Louisville Gas & Electric	\$467.26
Louisville Water Co	\$190.24
Meiners Electric	\$74,487.29
Misc	\$204.27
Office Furniture	\$2,171.00
Phone System	\$9,970.51

Total	\$124,901.39
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