

The Visionary



THE MKS ARE COMING HOME TO EMERALD HILLS

by Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

As I write this, our International Services team members are hard at work preparing to stage another college-aged missionary kids retreat here at Emerald Hills. You see, when the children of our missionaries ("MKs") grow up, they usually have to fly to another country to go to college. In most situations, they've been raised abroad, in the field where their mom and dad were serving as Team Expansion missionaries. So coming "home," is a often more confusing for them than normal. In the first place, often their parents continue to serve as missionaries in a foreign land - which means they feel more distant and isolated than most of their peers.

Second, although the USA might be their political home, it likely won't feel much like home to them. They have become, what's called "third-culture kids." They aren't completely at home anywhere now. Transition has become so normal, it's almost as if their home is transition itself.

Thus the retreat. And, in a way, thus Emerald Hills. Because, although the missionary family might not have a



This was a group shot from last year's college-age MK retreat at Emerald Hills.

permanent home personally, many have come to think of Emerald Hills as their "home base" in the USA because it is their home organizationally. And, even though we're still relatively new here, some of these MKs regularly hiked these trails at Emerald Hills. For them, it's the one time all year that they CAN come home. Please pray for them as they meet and for those leading the event.

FIELD HIGHLIGHT: GHANA

by Terry and Amy Ruff

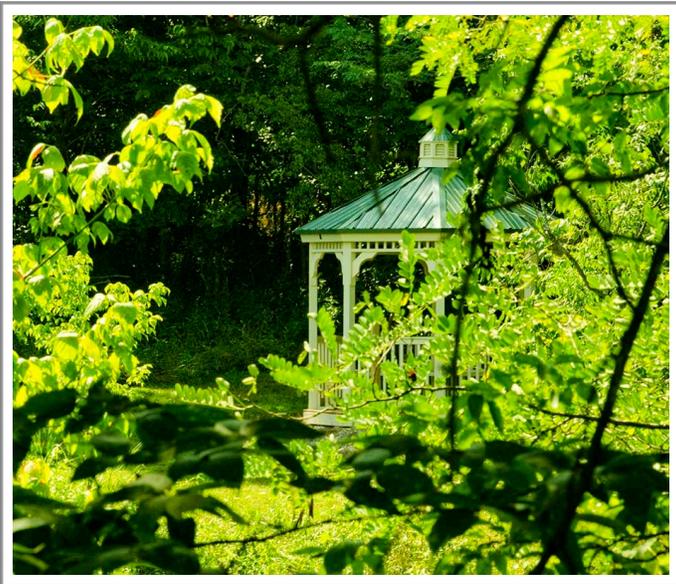
Al-haji Aliu and his family welcomed us to their home. As we sat on mats outside, we gave them a "proclaimer," which plays the New Testament in Fulfulde, the language of the Fulani. The joy was evident in they faces of each family member as the listened to the recording for the first time. They were amazed to hear their

mother tongue telling the stories of Jesus. "Are there really Fulani believers of Issa?"

Now Al-haji takes the proclaimer to family members in other households so they can listen and discuss what they are hearing. He takes it to the farm and plays it for the workers there in the afternoons. Every evening, he gathers

his family together and they listen and discuss the stories.

One worker said, "Every time I visit them, the joy is still there. What they had been told for all their lives, they believed to be the word of God, but it like now they are hearing truth for the first time."



PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

OKOLONA

Okolona Christian Church began its partnership with Team Expansion by fellowshipping with and supporting workers who were located at International Services. Okolona then committed to a PACE project and began the journey to adopt an unreached people group.

The leadership has consistently bathed its decisions in prayer, and this prayer shelter is further evidence of the importance of prayer in the life of the congregation. It further connects the congregation to Team Expansion's belief that prayer is the crucial strategy in reaching the unreached.

May all who enter here come in faith with reverence and expectancy as the Savior draws near to hear their petitions and intercessory prayers. May God be glorified on the Emerald Hills campus as it draws many to pray, retreat and learn.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for His continual provision for Emerald Hills.
- Ask God that the person considering the purchase of the Hopewell House will come through with an offer and the funds to fulfill it.
- Pray that Emerald Hills will always be a place to pray for the unreached as well as a place to mobilize and train harvest workers.
- Ask God to provide the means to eradicate the outstanding debt on the Prayer Center and Atrium.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

AUGUST 2012

	<u>Emerald Hills Fund</u>
Balance 8-1-12	-\$44,673.19
August Receipts	\$32,408.80
August Expenses	\$10,295.84*
Checking account Balance 8-31-12	-\$22,560.23

*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.43 million

Receipts

Andover Christian Church	\$1,100.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$375.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$250.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$100.00
Fayetteville Church of Christ	\$250.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$400.00
Individuals	\$26,605.00
Jonathan Training	\$215.00
Kroger Inc	\$261.80
Lake Eufaula Christian Church	\$237.00
Macedonia Christian Church	\$500.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Team Expansion (Richter)	\$20.00
Team Expansion (Sensitive Fields, 39)	\$1,000.00
Vansant Church of Christ	\$250.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$245.00
Total	\$32,408.80

Expenses

Banking Fee	\$55.01
Louisville Water Co	\$78.47
Mortgage Payment	\$10,142.36
Tools	\$20.00
Total	\$10,295.84

*In addition to the balances noted above, we have set aside \$64,051.99 to fund future Maintenance and Improvements to Emerald Hills campus. The negative balance in the Emerald Hills Fund is possible because we are borrowing from a Maintenance and Improvement Fund and the Office General Fund.

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