

# The Visionary



## AN IMPACT AT ICOM

by Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

Earlier this month, over 10,000 people came together for the International Conference on Missions (ICOM) in Indianapolis. The convention featured scores of Team Expansion team members in workshops. The U4theU "Wall of Unreached Peoples" effectively portrayed a vast ocean of unreached peoples still out of touch with the Good News of Christ. And the Team Expansion exhibit was an incredible sight.

Recently, a large company here in Louisville decided to donate their "old" (meaning it was probably purchased 5 years ago) stage-truss-type exhibit, complete with rotating tower and multiple tables. It was awesome.

And by the way, prior to the convention, when our workers were re-rigging that exhibit, we



wondered - how would we have done this prior to being at Emerald Hills? The Prayer Center and Atrium was an absolutely perfect place to erect it. At each stage, there was plenty of room here for our team members to interact, reflect, and re-work it. We tried to envision working on it in our previous property. Impossible. It was just another affirmation that this building is a perfect start-up for our new presence here at Emerald Hills.

But, back at ICOM, the best part was all the face-to-face encounters with friends, family members, and co-workers. And on top of that, the new contacts and (we trust) future co-workers. We hope to see you there at some future ICOM, as well as here at Emerald Hills, in the very near future. And thanks for helping make this dream possible!

## FIELD HIGHLIGHT: SOUTHEAST ASIA

by workers serving in a sensitive country

In the remote hills in Southeast Asia, a young girl became a Christian after some workers came to her village several years ago. She then attended a training about spreading the Gospel, where she really caught the vision for sharing her faith with those around her. The next time the workers heard from

her, there were 20 believers worshipping with her—then 40, then 50 and now 60.

Wearing the name of Christ has not come without cost for these new believers. Many of their young people have decided to quit school because the government in their village has hindered them from obtaining

better paying jobs because of their change of faith. Whether they study or not, they feel that they have no chance to move up, so rather than denounce their faith, they have dropped out of school.

Pray for these young believers to be strong and courageous and for God to provide everything they need as they seek to obey Him.



## PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

### BRIGADA

Brigada.org is a growing collection of web- and email-based resources staged from the offices of Team Expansion at Emerald Hills. Brigada Today is a web journal offering resources, strategy tips and tools to Great Commission Christians. Brigada Training provides an environment where likeminded Christian workers can launch, train and empower global witnesses in service to the glory of God.

Brigada is edited and maintained by Team Expansion President, Doug Lucas, with the assistance of many good friends and volunteers.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Continue to praise God for financial provision for Emerald Hills. Pray that God would provide the means to completely eradicate the outstanding debt on the Prayer Center and Atrium.
- Ask God to make a way for the potential buyer for the Hopewell House to come up with the money to purchase the building.
- Pray that God would give vision and understanding for plans for Emerald Hills in 2012.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### OCTOBER 2012

#### Emerald Hills Fund

Balance 10-1-12	<b>-\$14,456.02</b>
October Receipts	\$74,466.67
October Expenses	\$15,246.50
Checking account Balance 10-31-12	<b>\$44,764.15*</b>

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

#### Receipts

Andover Christian Church	\$870.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$375.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$250.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$100.00
Crossroads Christian Church, IN	\$12,500.00
Fayetteville Church of Christ	\$250.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Christian Church, Morristown	\$2,045.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$200.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Individuals	\$55,028.67
Lake Eufaula Christian Church	\$258.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$400.00
Shively Christian Church	\$825.00
Team Expansion (Byrd)	\$100.00
Team Expansion (Richter)	\$20.00
Team Expansion (Sensitive Fields, 48)	\$250.00
Vansant Church of Christ	\$250.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$245.00

**Total** **\$74,466.67**

#### Expenses

Banking Fee	\$48.80
Louisville Water Co	\$79.76
Mortgage Payment	\$10,142.36
Repairs to Mini Truck	\$701.45
LG&E	\$525.16
Refinancing cost	\$3,509.00
Misc	\$239.97

**Total** **\$15,246.50**

\*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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