



The Visionary



"WHAT'S UP?"

by Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

December is a great time to stop and ask, "What's up?" Here are our answers:

We're **so** grateful for your partnership and shared vision in launching Emerald Hills as a "Prayer, Retreat, and Learning Center" for churches, missionaries, and friends. We couldn't do this without you!

When this project began in 2003, we had \$1,900 in the bank account. Literally. Now, we have a strong maintenance fund, God has enabled us to make every mortgage payment since we started the loan in July 2009, and, on top of that, we've paid off enough principle to carve \$2,000 per month off the payment, two times over! What started as a \$2 million mortgage 3 years ago is already reduced by more than 25%!

Our facility has become a base camp and a greenhouse for new missionaries. As of the end of 2012, we have workers in or workers who are trained and are raising support to depart for 72 different fields!

But we've also realized that we can no longer wait to build some housing. As we turn the corner into 2013, we're going to start praying, seeking wisdom, dreaming, designing, and figuring out how to:

1. add enough beds to sleep 60 adults and 40 children here on-site (currently, we have none)
2. add two dedicated training rooms (currently, we have none)
3. add dedicated space for missionary kids and other children (currently, we have one room: our MK Care Coordinator's office).

Please ask the Lord for wisdom as to how to make that happen. Our commitment is to continue to pay down the remaining costs for Phase I while we add a slice that we're affectionately calling "Phase 2a."

We want to wish you a very blessed Christmas and the most wonderful new year ever! God bless you!

FIELD HIGHLIGHT: LOUISVILLE HISPANIC MINISTRY

by Daniel and Shani Ramirez

A few Sundays ago a Peruvian believer agreed to give a testimony during our worship service. He said, "I've been learning that forgiveness is, 'to give up the right I have to hurt those that hurt me.' I have to confess that I've been having problems with somebody at my work.

"This person has been mistreating me; she does not do her job and I'm the one who

has to finish it for her. Of course the relationship with this co-worker and myself started getting pretty bad to the point that I began not treating her well either. When the pastor told us that forgiveness was to give up the right I have to hurt the person who was hurting me, everything began clicking inside of me.

"One day at my work, the Lord gave me strength. During

our break I went and sat down to have lunch next to this lady I was having problems with. After a little introduction about the subject, I told her, 'Look, I've been learning about forgiveness in my church and I want to tell you that you that for everything hurtful I have said and done to you, I ask your forgiveness. And for the things you've done to me, don't worry about them, I already forgave you.' A few days later, the lady asked what church I attend!"



PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

✦ CROSSROADS ✦

Crossroads Christian Church in Evansville, Ind. has offered in faith two Project 29 commitments.

CCC has also been involved in two PACE projects – one in Kharkov, Ukraine and one in North Africa.

When CCC first began partnering with Team Expansion, the church had about 250 members, and they weren't sure how they were going to fund their Team Expansion projects. Now, they are running about 15 times that amount, and their Pastor has said, "It was when we first stepped out in faith with that first PACE project that our church truly began to grow exponentially."

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 purchase the building before the end of 2012.
- Pray that God would use Emerald Hills in greater ways than ever to advance His Kingdom among the unreached in 2013.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2012

Emerald Hills Fund

Balance 11-1-12	\$46,782.63
November Receipts	\$15,052.00
November Expenses	\$10,812.84
Checking account Balance 11-30-12	\$51,021.79*

*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.41 million

Receipts

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
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Individuals	\$12,193.00
Lake Eufaula Christian Church	\$269.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Team Expansion (Richter)	\$20.00
Team Expansion (Sensitive Fields, 49)	\$250.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$245.00

Total	\$15,052.00
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Expenses

Mortgage Payment	\$10,142.36
For More Support	\$599.49
For More Recruits	\$70.99

Total	\$10,812.84
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*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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