

The Visionary



WHOLISTIC CHURCH-PLANTING

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Lately, I've been fearing that, in our reawakening to transformational development, we'll place a lower priority on church-planting. My own personal feeling is that we should be like Jesus, who cared for physical needs AND spiritual needs. He understood the importance of healing people, but he also made it clear that he was about making disciples of all nations.

If you've had a question about the biblical basis of Church Planting (or whether we should even still be focusing on it), check out a recent webinar we held from here at Emerald Hills: vimeo.com/57375146 (password: setthepace)

One of our goals here at Emerald Hills is to stage lots of training events. By utilizing the web, we can create a virtual classroom the size of the globe. And that's a good thing - because our world's needs are planet-sized as well!



FIELD HIGHLIGHT: NORTH AFRICA

by workers serving in a sensitive country

We recently completed the second Kairos course here in North Africa. All of the participants engaged the material well, letting their hearts be soft to the Lord's leading. They really absorbed the ideas that would challenge some of their own long-held ideas. We also had great group dynamics, which often does not occur among locals due to chronic distrust of one another.

Unfortunately, one girl was not able to finish the course because of familial persecution. Her mother found the class book. She beat her daughter and confined her to the house. The parents of another student also found his book and were upset.

It's very clear that this Biblical information is really affecting them so far as we can see. They see their fellow

countrymen in a different light. The lostness of Muslims is undeniable and can't be ignored. They seem to understand that to ignore this is really to be disobedient to the gospel.



PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

COLLEGE HEIGHTS

*"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."
Habakkuk 2:14*

All of the prayer shelters have a couple of prayer requests the guide people on the trails as they pray for the nations. Here are the requests posted at the College Heights prayer shelter:

- Pray that every person in the body of Christ will be enlisted to fulfill God's desire for global outreach.
- Ask God that every Christian will use whatever means necessary to plant churches that are self-propagating, self-governing, and self-supporting.

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 raise up a buyer for the Hopewell House in the very near future. We are back at ground zero for potential buyers.
- Pray that God would use Emerald Hills in greater ways than ever to advance His Kingdom among the unreached in 2013.

FINANCIAL UPDATE DECEMBER 2012

Emerald Hills Fund

Balance 12-1-12	\$60,737.14
December Receipts	\$41,321.63
December Expenses	\$19,031.39*
Checking account Balance 12-31-12	\$83,027.38

*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.39 million

Receipts

Andover Christian Church	\$10,812.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$375.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$250.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$100.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$200.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Individuals	\$16,469.46
Kroger Inc	\$212.00
Lake Eufaula Christian Church	\$194.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Shively Christian Church	\$750.00
Team Expansion (Byrd)	\$200.00
Team Expansion (Pinkerton)	\$10,205.81
Team Expansion (Richter)	\$20.00
Team Expansion (Sensitive Fields, 55)	\$250.00
Team Expansion (Stapleton)	\$93.36
Westerville Christian Church	\$490.00
Total	\$41,321.63

Expenses

Mortgage Payment	\$8,123.88
Louisville Water Co.	\$74.62
Louisville Gas and Electric	\$484.54
Misc Supplies	\$338.35
Principal Mortgage Payments	\$10,000.00
Banking Fee	\$10.00
Total	\$19,031.39

*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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