

The Visionary



PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING

by Doug Lucas, Team Expansion President

In 1997, Team Expansion's International Services group was bulging at the seams in the old house-converted-into-an-office up in Cincinnati, OH, on the campus of Cincinnati Christian University. They needed the house and we needed more space. Around that same time, a church here in Louisville (Southeast Christian Church) offered to help us with a significant gift to get us started with our own piece of property. After lots of prayer and shopping, He led us to an old church house on Hopewell Road. We purchased and moved to the Hopewell House, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Fast forward to 2009 when God has blessed us with Emerald Hills. We immediately put the Hopewell House on the market and have been trying to sell it ever since to

help pay for the still-lingering costs of constructing Phase I here at our current location. By God's grace, as of May 2013, we have just agreed to an offer. Now, would you please join us in praying that the sale can be finalized? Join us in praying that nothing will be able to stop the transition of this cash toward our existing mortgage principal. Paying off the loan for Phase I is an important step in growing our global team of church-planting specialists.

By adding much-needed training and housing space, we will be better-positioned to recruit, select, train, send, and shepherd the most qualified workers ever AND it would help in our

pursuit of becoming debt-free. (We hope to apply the entire proceeds toward our loan principal.) Thanks for your prayers. Stay tuned!



FIELD HIGHLIGHT: NORTH AFRICA

by a field worker

There are plenty of reasons why life and ministry here is uncertain. Just in one month, we had a 4-week internet outage, a bombing in our city, a dust storm, our first 100 degree day of the year, ongoing electrical problems in our kitchen, and armed protestors taking

over government buildings.

Yet, in all this, God calls us to trust. He may not protect us from every kind of evil or difficulty. He may not even grant us an extended time here as we hope. But, He asks us to trust Him to work in, through, and even beyond any challenge

or uncertainties we face.

We can trust that whatever seeds we sow, whatever prayers we all pray, whatever progress we make - even if very little - that God will use this. He will bring about His purposes and reveal His glory to the people of Liberty! We - and you - simply get to be a part of that for this season!



*No picture is available for this shelter as it has not yet been constructed yet.

PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

↻ FREETOWN ↻

Freetown is the home church for our President and Founder, Doug Lucas. Located in a rural Indiana town of 400 people, the congregation sent its first check to Team Expansion in 1981, thus becoming one of the first three churches to support the organization. They've not missed a month since.

In addition, they tackled this Project 29 shelter in the midst of economic uncertainty and financial shortfalls. One leader commented, "There's no doubt we want to make this happen. Even though we don't know how right now, we are determined to do it." That's a portrait of Freetown's determination, which has helped them not only survive, but thrive in a small town throughout all these years.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for the two-week Launch training for missionary candidates that took place at Emerald Hills in May, for the Kairos training and Kairos facilitator training that came right on the heels of Launch, and for the pre-field orientation program for summer interns that overlapped the facilitator training. Thank God that space was adequate for all of these trainings.
- Pray that God would provide the means to completely eradicate the outstanding debt on the Prayer Center and Atrium and move on to Phase 2 of expanding the campus so that even more trainings, such as those above, can be accommodated in a training wing and housing unit.
- Praise God for a good offer on the Hopewell House, the property that housed Team Expansion's office space before the move to Emerald Hills. Pray that the closing on this property would take place soon!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

APRIL 2013

	<u>Emerald Hills Fund</u>
Balance 04-01-13	\$107,194.99
April Receipts	\$19,216.60
April Expenses	\$8,830.82
Balance 04-30-13	\$117,580.77*

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

Receipts

Andover Christian Church	\$347.00
Boy Scouts of America	\$200.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$375.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$100.00
Crossroads Christian Church	\$1,350.00
Crossroads Christian Church, IN	\$12,500.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$400.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$200.00
Individuals	\$1,700.00
Kroger Inc	\$244.60
Lake Eufaula Christian Church	\$195.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Shively Christian Church	\$750.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$255.00
Total	\$19,216.60

Expenses

Louisville Water Co	\$84.09
Louisville Gas and Electric	\$612.85
Mortgage Payment	\$8,123.88
Banking Fee	\$10.00
Total	\$8,830.82

*In addition to the balances noted above, we have set aside \$70,000.00 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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