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EMERALD HILLS: TEAM EXPANSION'S STAGING CENTER

by Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

When my son joined the army, just out of high school, they didn't send him directly to Afghanistan or Iraq, even though the battles there were raging. Instead, they sent him to a huge army base in the state of Georgia.

Now at first glance, maybe that doesn't make sense to the casual observer. After all, our troops on the front lines were already stressed by longer-than-usual tours of duty. Why was he needed in Georgia? The answer? It's all part of the careful process they've designed for recruitment, selection, training, and staging. Before throwing my son in front of a raging jihadist, they wanted to prepare him adequately to face every possible scenario, all the while assuring that he was battle-ready. As it turned out, it might have saved his life. Several weeks into training, his knee blew out. Had he been on the front lines, not only might he have lost his own life in a battle, but perhaps he would have also been unable to properly help defend the lives of his fellow soldiers.

Emerald Hills is no Fort Benning. Our budget's way smaller -- and the food's better. What's more, one base is designed to train warriors for physical battle, while the other property (guess which one) is being carefully crafted to prepare families for spiritual battle -- some of the most fierce spiritual battle on the planet, in fact. Viewed through the lens of a spiritual perspective, the purposes are similar -- recruitment, selection, training, and staging. In fact, following no small amount of debriefing, my son

actually came to Emerald Hills for a different kind of training and, since that time, has already led two effective summer campaigns in the Middle East. So he was deployed after all, except -- instead of being deployed from Benning, he has, so far, twice deployed from Emerald Hills.

When you partner with us to build Emerald Hills as a recruitment, selection, training and staging center for Team Expansion, you are directly impacting the field, just like Fort Benning has direct impact on Afghanistan and Iraq. You might not always agree with everything our government does, but you probably agree whole-heartedly in the need to make disciples of all nations. For this reason, we are extremely grateful for those who sacrifice so that others can be recruited, selected, trained, and staged for one of Team Expansion's 45 mission fields among unreached peoples. You, as a prayer-partner and/or donor for Emerald Hills are directly involved in the field of battle. And for that, we give you thanks.



FIELD HIGHLIGHT: INNER-CITY CINCINNATI

by JP & Chloe Glenn

"Sleeping outside...is it safe?"

This year my great volunteers and I decided to take our 180 (preteen program) girls tent camping at Miami Whitewater Foreste here in Cincinnati.

This was the first time in their lives that most of these girls had ever slept in a tent. A few girls almost didn't go because they didn't think it was a safe idea to sleep outside. This was uncharted territory for them and great fun to experience together!

When we arrived the girls worked together to set up the tents. That evening, we roasted hot dogs for dinner and marshmallows for s'mores! When it got dark we went to the park and played flashlight tag. The girls also enjoyed sitting in their tents talking together. A few of the girls learned how to play the card game Skip-Bo and wanted to play it every chance they got.

After sleeping in and tearing down our sites on Saturday morning, we explored the park. First, we played at the

large playground, ate a picnic lunch, then some of the group went on a hike, while the rest played Skip-Bo or took naps.

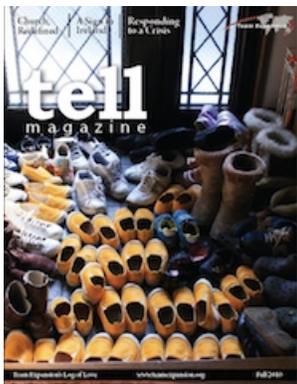
I love this group of girls so much. They are all so sweet and love to be together. Many of them I've known for quite a few years and have enjoyed watching them grow and mature.

This fall we are doing a series about beauty and self-confidence. They are discovering that beautiful is what God sees when He looks at them!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Sale of the Hopewell House **soon**
- More Enlarge the Harvest captains and partners needed
- More people to Multiply the Momentum
- Pray that repairs on the barn floor can be taken care of quickly, and as inexpensively as possible.
- Pray that the National Missionary Convention would be a blessing for many. And will challenge and mobilize new workers for the harvest.

NEW TELL MAGAZINE



The 2010 *tell* magazine should be arriving at your home or church this week! It will also be available online.

ENGAGE the UNREACHED

Each week we post top opportunities on our website: www.teamexpansion.org. You can also subscribe to receive them via email. Simply write "Subscribe" in the subject line and send an email to engagetheunreached@teamexpansion.org.

Multiply THE MOMENTUM 2010

We are praying for 270 financial partners by *Christmas 2010*.

Right now, we have 44. Will you be one of the 226? Visit www.mtm2010.com for more information.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 2010

	<u>Emerald Hills Fund</u>
Balance 9-1-10	-\$55,587.59
September Receipts	\$20,132.92
September Expenses	\$22,674.23*
Checking account Balance 9-30-10	-\$58,128.90

*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.566 million

Receipts

Andover Christian Church	\$600.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$350.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$250.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$400.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$5,551.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$200.00
First Church of Christ, Burlington	\$3,000.00
Grundy Church of Christ	\$1,355.95
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Individuals	\$5,449.95
Interest Income	\$10.16
Kroger Inc	\$238.71
Network for Good	\$23.82
Okolona Christian Church	\$400.00
Shively Christian Church	\$1,200.00
Team Expansion (Richter)	\$20.00
Vansant Church of Christ	\$250.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$733.33
Total	\$20,132.92

Expenses

Banking Fees	\$10.99
Homeowners Gifts	\$105.84
Misc	\$196.59
For more Support	\$403.27
Gazebos	\$9,150.00
Mortgage Payment	\$12,807.54
Total	\$22,674.23

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