

The Visionary



UNLEASHED FOR THE UNREACHED

by Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

In just a few short weeks, thousands will gather in Cincinnati, Ohio, for what is known as the North American Christian Convention (NACC). This particular version of the gathering, with its theme, "Unleashed," promises to give special attention to finishing the task of world evangelism. Doug Lucas, our president, has served for the past three years on the committee of 8 or so people to help with the broad strokes of planning the event. In the process, he has become friends with Convention President, Dudley Rutherford (the preaching minister at the 10,000-member Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch, CA). Dudley plans to highlight the plight of the unreached in his keynote convention address on Tuesday evening, July 5. In fact, he has said he will invite every church at the convention to choose an unreached people group, with the hope that God will raise up a church-planting movement (CPM) in each of the 6800+ unreached peoples remaining in the world today. Imagine some 2 billion people who still don't have a clue who Jesus is.

Dudley has recognized the importance of finishing the task. That's the heartbeat of Team Expansion, and the central focus of Emerald Hills. Will you pray with us that God will use the NACC and the special campaign that Dudley will launch there, which will be known as Unleashed for the Unreached. (Learn more about the convention at www.GoToNACC.com. You'll soon be able to learn more about the special campaign at www.UnleashedForTheUnreached.com.) Pray for Team Expansion as we volunteer to help launch this initiative. Emerald Hills is buzzing with activity as we prepare for the convention. Ask God to guide and may He be glorified.



FIELD HIGHLIGHT: NORTH AFRICA

by an anonymous worker in North Africa

The follow-up ministry works with Christian media to connect seekers with local Christians that can share with them. Due to the recent political changes many previous Christian websites are now unblocked! Please pray that the websites continue to remain unblocked and that God provides the resources for

this ministry to continue.

Here is one testimony from the follow-up ministry: *S. started to become hungry for God. She read the Bible on the Internet, memorized portions, and talked to a Christian online. She desperately wanted to know more about Jesus. She tried to get into a cathedral*

for two years despite the police frequently questioning her. She wanted a Bible so badly that she offered to read it in a night and return it the next day so that someone else could read it next. She has now surrendered her life to Jesus. Her family knows that she is a believer. She meets daily with Christians to ask questions, she is involved in Bible studies, and is eager to be baptized.



PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

EMMANUEL

The farmer who provided the funds for this shelter had his first involvement with Team Expansion on a short-term trip in 1991. Since then, he has been a key supporter, participating in funding the Freedom Barn.

His gift to establish this prayer shelter came after he requested prayers for a specific buyer for his crops. A week later, he sent in a check and a card, giving God the glory for faithfully answering prayers.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God, that if we ask anything according to his will, He answers us, and if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him."
1 John 5:14-15

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Several groups have looked at the Hopewell Road building. Pray one of them buys it!
- Praise God for the group from First Church in Burlington, KY, who poured a new floor to repair damage in the Freedom Barn.
- Praise God for men who have volunteered and continue to provide labor for the improvement and development of the grounds and facilities at Emerald Hills. Ask God to raise up more of them.
- Pray about funding for the outstanding loans on Emerald Hills.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MAY 2011

	<u>Emerald Hills Fund</u>
Balance 5-1-11	-\$68,378.31
May Receipts	\$9,429.48
May Expenses	\$10,588.84*
Checking account Balance 5-31-11	-\$69,537.67

*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.470 million

Receipts

Andover Christian Church	\$387.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$375.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$250.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$400.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$400.00
Friendship Class, Shively	\$300.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Individuals	\$4,532.00
Network for Good	\$23.82
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Shively Christian Church	\$1,200.00
Team Expansion (Richter)	\$20.00
Team Expansion (Stapleton)	\$100.00
Vansant Church of Christ	\$250.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$491.66
Total	\$9,429.48

Expenses

Banking Fees	\$38.80
For more Support	\$161.00
Fuel	\$112.45
Louisville Gas and Electric	\$134.23
Mortgage Payment	\$10,142.36
Total	\$10,588.84

*In addition to the balances noted above, we have set aside \$58,207.13 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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