



The Visionary



FUELING TEAM EXPANSION'S ABILITY TO GROW

by Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

When two streams merge, they call it a confluence. When three or four rivers merge, it creates a powerful, nearly unstoppable force. Now if we're describing the effects of damaging waters and crashing waves, that could be a problem. If we're talking about the power of God meshing perfectly with catalysts that undergird His Kingdom, that's something exciting!

Here are several key catalysts that are fueling Team Expansion's growth into tomorrow:

1. **Kairos:** Kairos is a week-long encounter with the heart of God for global redemption. Participants learn about the biblical perspective of missions, the historical backdrop, strategy, and even basics in the challenges of working cross-culturally. By God's power, we've helped more than 600 people through the course in South America, North Africa, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and the USA.
2. **Jonathan Training:** This course trains apostolically-gifted team leaders to design and implement powerful plans for launching church-planting movements among unreached peoples. 35 of our 45 team leaders are already putting it to use.

3. **High Impact Volunteer Training:** This material has helped other organizations ramp up their teams of volunteers from 5 to 5,000. We've already run several team members through the training and two more are set to attend in January. We've appointed Bob Gibson as our new VP of Volunteer Services. Bob, himself, has volunteered with us full-time since 1997.
4. **Emerald Hills:** As a training base, Emerald Hills has unleashed a capacity that we never imagined. We've trained hundreds of workers since moving here in March 2009. I'm convinced that the best years are in front of us. But first, we need to cover all the expenses for Phase I construction. With \$2 million dollars already paid, we have just \$1.44 million to go. Please pray with us that God will raise up a donor to make a major gift of \$1.5 million to completely position us for future growth.

Thank you for fueling the confluence of these powerful rivers of blessings for unreached peoples, for His Kingdom, and for His glory!

FIELD HIGHLIGHT: VENEZUELA

by John and Zandra Dye

Kristel arrived early for Sunday school. She had already made up her mind the night before that she would be baptized and she came prepared to church. She was so excited about it she told everyone she could of her decision before the service even began. Kristel had waited long enough and she

wasn't about to wait any longer.

Her decision began 8 months ago when she visited the church for the first time. She immediately responded by wanting to join our church. But she really needed to join Christ. So the next 8 months were rough as she struggled balancing her old life with a new faith.

Her old life won most of the time as she enjoyed going to parties and drinking with college friends. She knew she needed to change but couldn't find the strength to do it, like many she put off baptism until she could get her life together. After her last party she felt empty and new she needed help. It was time to surrender to Jesus.



PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

WILMINGTON

Wilmington Church of Christ and Team Expansion have a long history of partnership, beginning with Team Expansion's first mission field in Uruguay. A member of Wilmington was the chairman of Team Expansion's LTF for the second 10 years of its existence.

Wilmington is known for its excellent care for its missionaries, even during home service times. They also eagerly combine prayer and missions, believing that it's through prayer that God accomplishes His global task.

In memory of Lester J. Woodley (1918-2006)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the sell of the Hopewell House.
- Pray about funding for the outstanding loans on Emerald Hills.
- Praise God for the beautiful setting of Emerald Hills which brings forth worship from the souls of those who walk its paths.
- Praise God that Emerald Hills will be the site of the Team Leaders Summit in November. Ask for God's help in coordinating all of the details of space, housing, transportation, meals, volunteers, schedule, participants, and teachers.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2011

	<u>Emerald Hills Fund</u>
Balance 9-1-11	-\$80,261.62
September Receipts	\$14,300.66
September Expenses	\$10,755.81*
Checking account Balance 9-30-11	-\$76,716.77
*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.459 million	

Receipts

Andover Christian Church	\$384.00
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	\$200.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Individuals	\$3,250.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Okolona Christian Church	\$100.00
Shively Christian Church	\$1,200.00
Team Expansion (Byrd)	\$200.00
Team Expansion (Collins)	\$5,000.00
Team Expansion (Sensitive Fields, 41)	\$1,500.00
Vansant Church of Christ	\$250.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$491.66
Total	\$14,300.66

Expenses

Banking Fees	\$17.95
Louisville Gas & Electric	\$566.50
For more Support	\$29.00
Mortgage Payment	\$10,142.36
Total	\$10,755.81

*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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