

The Visionary



FACING JUDGEMENT

by Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

By now we've probably all heard about the Costa Concordia, the cruise ship that recently struck rocks off Italy's coast. The crash seems to have been caused by human error, with the blame belonging to the captain himself. He evidently chose the wrong route, and then he dug his grave deeper, apparently, by ignoring the gravity of his actions.

The truth is, this kind of behavior is all too common. For example, church leaders throughout the globe ignore the plight of unreached people groups and cities, then try to explain away their behavior by citing other priorities. By doing so, they (we) have utterly failed thus far to complete the Great Commission, having left large blocks of humanity without adequate witness.

Certainly, the captain of the Costa Concordia will have to face justice and, unless there's been some kind of misunderstanding, he'll likely go to prison. Pray with me that the global church can get the word out to the unreached before judgment day happens on a planetary scale.



Emerald Hills was brought into being in an effort to help bring clarity and focus to the Great Commission by providing training, motivation, vision, and a future for a worldwide Christian witness. Please pray for multiple training programs in progress right now, as I write this article. Ask the Lord to use the dozens of global witnesses, ready to depart for full-time witness for His Name's sake.

FIELD HIGHLIGHT: VENEZUELA

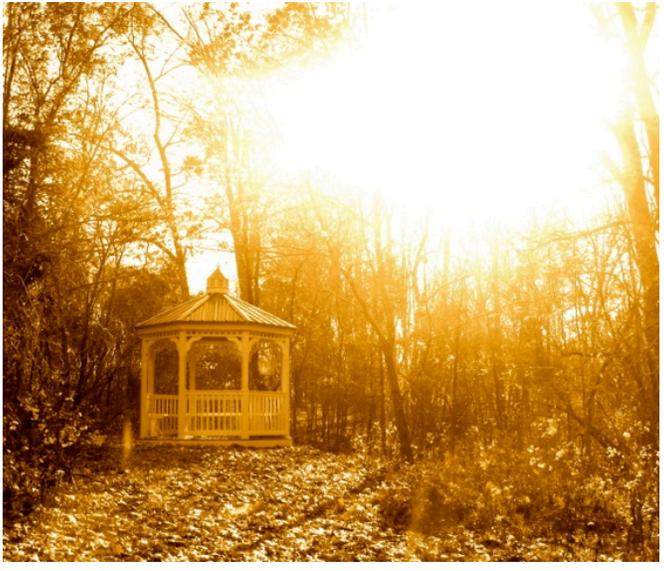
by David and Donna Linn

During one weekend the church organized a special outreach to the urbanization where it began. (It was this same neighborhood who pressured us to leave 12 years earlier.) On this particular Saturday afternoon, the church provided activities for all ages,

including inflatables, bands, music, drama, and an evangelistic message. 200 decisions were made for Christ in that weekend alone!

One local official who reluctantly gave permission for the outreach sought out a pastor afterward with

hugs, a kiss, and a heart full of gratitude. I was telling this story the next week to a single man I have disciplined and he interrupted it to say, "I know, that was my mom!" Praise God as He is still on the move!



PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

◀ NORTH MADISON ▶

North Madison Christian Church is constantly striving to be a “mission-minded” church. They became aware of Team Expansion and Emerald Hills through two members of their congregation who worked with Team Expansion.

When they learned what was being done through Team Expansion and the vision for Emerald Hills, it became imperative that they partner with Team Expansion by participating in Project 29.

Those at North Madison Christian Church pray that all who make use of this gazebo will receive God’s abundant blessings.

Joe Wilson is hard at work this month setting up a new café nook in our Prayer Center & Atrium. Thank you, Joe!



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for those who recently completed Launch and Kairos trainings at Emerald Hills.
- Ask God to use this place to mobilize and train workers for the harvest.
- Pray for the sale of the Hopewell House.
- Pray about funding for the outstanding loans on Emerald Hills.
- Pray that God would be glorified in all that happens at Emerald Hills in 2012.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

DECEMBER 2011

Emerald Hills Fund

Balance 12-1-11	-\$66,597.46
December Receipts	\$52,125.08
December Expenses	\$10,950.04*
Checking account Balance 12-31-11	-\$25,422.42

*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.459 million

Receipts

Andover Christian Church	\$370.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$375.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$250.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$400.00
Covenant Sunday School Class	\$150.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$400.00
Goodsearch	\$67.76
Hazelwood Christian Church	\$3,700.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Individuals	\$42,785.00
Kroger Inc	\$244.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Shively Christian Church	\$1,200.00
Vansant Church of Christ	\$500.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$983.32
Total	\$52,125.08

Expenses

For more Support	\$66.00
Banking Fee	\$17.95
Misc	\$314.95
Mortgage Payment	\$10,142.36
Louisville Water Co	\$79.37
Louisville Gas and Electric	\$329.41
Total	\$10,950.04

*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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