

The Visionary



CHE: COULD IT BE KIND OF LIKE JEREMY LIN?

by Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion



Unless you've taken up residency on Mars for the past month, you've probably noticed a media sensation named Jeremy Lin. He's the new point guard for the New York Knicks. His 4.2 grade-point average in high school is overshadowed only by his Harvard University education, which is, in turn, overshadowed only by his overnight scoring and playmaking sensation: In his first three major games for the Knicks, he scored 76 combined points and had 25 assists.

Could Community Health Evangelism (CHE) be somewhat like Jeremy Lin? CHE has come out of nowhere over the past decade, which is a fairly short history when it comes to

missions. Secondly, like Lin, it is not only little-known, it is also often misunderstood. Thirdly, it is sometimes assumed that, because it has a face from overseas, that it probably doesn't apply here. Boy – were we wrong about Lin - and I suspect we might be wrong about CHE too.

Exactly what is CHE? It's a strategy for fulfilling the Great Commandment (Matthew 25:31-46) and the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) all in the same breath. It takes everything we've learned about education, combines it with all that we know about missions strategy, and melds it with a central focus on people, rather than programs. It is, in the end, an approach that is, like Lin, a game-changer.

Our theory here at Team Expansion is that it doesn't just apply to villages. That's why our CHE training on Aug. 20-24 is going to focus, not only on CHE, but on the impact CHE can have in urban slums, inner cities, and the "neighborhood next door." It is our hope and dream that many new teams will implement CHE strategies in cities both at home and abroad in the months and years to come.

Time will tell whether or not Lin is a passing fad or an enduring playmaker. Either way, it appears that CHE is here to stay.

FIELD HIGHLIGHT: EAST AFRICA

by a worker serving in East Africa

Whenever I think about my "time here," it isn't the grand events that come to mind. Before I came, I looked forward to and wondered if life might be comprised of powerful things happening in barren places. But what is our "agenda," and what is the value of

a learner into the situation, seeing what timing and plans God already has in mind? And although I think our Lord would be praised from a movement happening, what has become woven into the fabric of our days is that He is most pleased by our serving him faithfully in the

sweaty, dirty, daily moments. Even the "powerful moments" come from our mistakes, mishaps, weaknesses, and chaotic experiences.

Our teammates have something framed on their shelf: "Judge each day, not by the harvest you reap, but the seeds you plant." We are simply focusing on clinging to the Vine, and He is the one to produce the harvest.



PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

✎ CROSSROADS ✎

Crossroads Christian Church in Evansville, Ind. has offered in faith two Project 29 commitments.

For this prayer shelter, they chose the farthest corner of the campus to symbolize going to the ends of the earth.

CCC has also been involved in two PACE projects – one in Kharkov, Ukraine and one in North Africa.

When CCC first began partnering with Team Expansion, the church had about 250 members, and they weren't sure how they were going to fund their Team Expansion projects. Now, they are running about 15 times that amount, and their Pastor has said, "It was when we first stepped out in faith with that first PACE project that our church truly began to grow exponentially."

Want to learn more about CHE?

Register for the Aug. 20-24 course at Emerald Hills by visiting www.che.teamexpansion.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for His continuing provision and care over Emerald Hills.
- Ask God to use Emerald Hills as a place to pray for the unreached as well as mobilize and train workers for the harvest.
- Ask God to raise up a buyer for the Hopewell House.
- Ask God to provide the means to pay off the outstanding debt on the Prayer Center and Atrium.

FINANCIAL UPDATE JANUARY 2012

	<u>Emerald Hills Fund</u>
Balance 1-1-12	-\$25,422.42
January Receipts	\$6,435.43
January Expenses	\$11,070.86*
Checking account Balance 1-31-12	-\$30,057.85

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

Receipts

Andover Christian Church	\$317.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$375.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$250.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$400.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Individuals	\$1,665.00
Kroger Inc	\$288.63
launch	\$550.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Pathways	\$650.00
USDA	\$989.80
Vansant Church of Christ	\$250.00
Total	\$6,435.43

Expenses

For more Support	\$132.00
Banking Fee	\$77.90
Louisville Gas and Electric	\$718.60
Mortgage Payment	\$10,142.36
Total	\$11,070.86

*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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