

The Visionary



HIGH IMPACT VOLUNTEERISM

by Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

This past month, most of our International Services team (and couple of our field team members too) gathered here in Louisville for a special training program designed to help us learn how to work more effectively with volunteers. Team Expansion has been working with volunteers since the mid-80s, but we long to be more effective.

That's the foundation for Emerald Hills, in fact. We're seeking to establish a training base that would provide all our workers - and you, as well - with a center focused on helping you pray, retreat, learn, and reconnect with God and His creation.

This past month, we received a special gift for Emerald Hills from a long-time friend. I turned to my wife, and to my colleagues, and mused, "Do you think this family realizes the joy we experience when someone offers a gift



like this to Jesus in partnership with Team Expansion?" I hope the family realizes that joy personally throughout this month and the months to come. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel - and with Team Expansion - from the first day until now! We appreciate you!

FIELD HIGHLIGHT: ECUADOR

by Rachel Morgan

"You can't out-give the poor." I heard this statement on several occasions during my recent jaunt to Ecuador, and in my experience with underprivileged people, especially those from the third world who have never really known any other lifestyle, I have found it to hold much truth. When our group arrived at the church at Las Brisas, there were

probably 75-80 people from the community lined up at the door, waiting to greet us, cameras in hand, some of them in what was likely their nicest attire. Though we were only to be at the church for about 30 minutes, this was the reception we met with.

At Jaramijó, I was looking through the window of one of the classrooms

while the kids were attending their after-school lessons, and the teacher invited me in. As soon as I stepped across the threshold, the entire class of children rushed up to me to give me the art projects they had been working on that day. Had they been instructed to do this prior to my arrival? I don't know, but their enthusiastic generosity touched my heart nonetheless.



PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

🌿 FERN CREEK 🌿

Leaders at Fern Creek Christian Church (Louisville, Kentucky) launched the Project 29 thrust by partnering with Team Expansion to build this open-air pavilion with the hope that many others would come alongside them. Dozens of churches, groups, and individuals joined them to undergird the establishment of the Emerald Hills campus. Fern Creek has enabled Team Expansion projects among Hispanics in Louisville, survivors of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, and in “Mara” (pseudonym for a nation in the Middle East). Fern Creek is known for its humble attitude of service, joyous hearts of worship, and earnest desire to seek truth in the Word. May God bless this campus to His glory as a place to pray, retreat, and learn.

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

MARCH 2012

Emerald Hills Fund

Balance 3-1-12	-\$30,057.85
March Receipts	\$8,330.45
March Expenses	\$20,192.31*
Checking account Balance 3-31-12	-\$41,919.71

*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.43 million

Receipts

Andover Christian Church	\$359.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$250.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$400.00
Fayetteville Church of Christ	\$250.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Christian Church, Morristown	\$2,045.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$200.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Individuals	\$4,570.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Team Expansion (Byrd)	\$455.00
Team Expansion (Richter)	\$20.00
Vansant Church of Christ	\$500.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$491.66
Total	\$10,240.66

Expenses

Banking Fee	\$25.90
Louisville Gas & Electric	\$1,010.46
Mortgage Payment	\$10,142.36
For More Support	\$66.00
Misc	\$114.87
Total	\$11,359.59

*In addition to the balances noted above, we have set aside \$60,060.36 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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