

# The Visionary



## A VIEW FROM MY CUBICLE

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Emerald Hills hosts hundreds of people a year for different training programs. Because of an influx of attendees and a shortage of space, the

past three weeks of training have happened in the atrium right outside my cubicle. I've been able to witness firsthand one week of a Kairos worldview class and two weeks of Launch missionary training. While it might be more difficult than usual to focus on my day to day work, it's been amazing to see the process Emerald Hills uses to expose average churchgoers to God's incredible heart of the nations, ignite their passion for reaching the

unreached, and then train them to go out and share the gospel with those same people.

I just started at Team Expansion this past April as a Project Fulfillment Specialist, focusing on connecting churches with unreached people groups. During my brief time here I've already been fortunate enough to travel to Japan to visit Team Expansion missionaries in three different cities. Thanks to my front row seat to Kairos and Launch, and my trip to Japan, I can now say that I've seen, in person, the entire process of someone discovering God's hope for the world, learning what that means for them, acquiring the skills and knowledge necessary to pursue God's plan for the unreached, and living that out in their chosen field of missions.

Some days I might wish for an extra wing or training room for these classes to happen in so that I can focus and maybe make a few phone calls, but I certainly wouldn't trade this front row seat to the future of God's kingdom for any amount of peace and quiet.

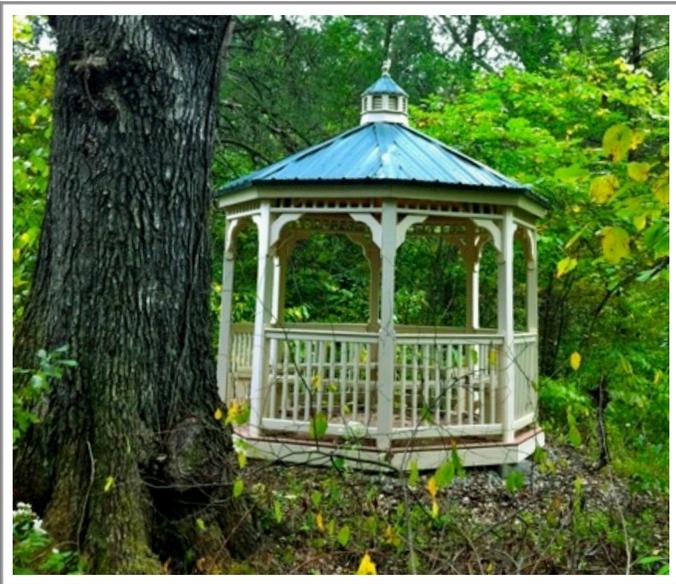
## FIELD HIGHLIGHT: NORTH AFRICA

by workers serving in a secure location

I rushed down the street from our house, my baby in one arm and his folded playpen in my other, late for church and praying hard to find a taxi quickly. Lo and behold, as soon as I reached the main road three minutes away, an empty taxi pulled up and I lugged my stuff inside.

The Koran blared from the radio of this middle-aged, religious man's car. I told him to take us to the church, which elicited no observable reaction. However, a minute later, he turned off the radio, looked at me in the rearview mirror, and said, "What is Christianity? I don't really have any idea or clue about it."

Wow, that got my attention. Many here think they know all about it already. Even more surprising, he actually listened to my broken-Arabic answer without interrupting. After I explained the essence of the Gospel, he went on to talk about the superiority of Islam, but I was praising God for the chance to plant a seed, to share Jesus with someone for their very first time.



## PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

### SHIVELY

Shively Christian Church began a long tradition of partnership with Team Expansion when they began supporting it in 1981. The church was the first to formally take on a PACE project, working with Team Expansion to develop a national strategy for where their project would be located. Through wise, prayerful consideration, they eventually devised a three-phase strategy for taking Christ to Italy.

As one of the longest running supporters of Team Expansion, Shively Christian Church has never wavered in their support, fervent prayer, or eager volunteerism.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ask God to raise up the right buyer for the Hopewell House.
- Praise God that the Pathways summer internship training, as well as the two weeks of orientation and pre-field training, both held at Emerald Hills this summer were abundantly successful. Pray for the Kairos training in progress this week and for two weeks of Jonathan Training and Community Health Evangelism/Education in August.
- Praise God for His continuing provision and care over Emerald Hills.
- Ask God to continue 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 provide the means to pay off the outstanding debt on the Prayer Center and Atrium.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### JUNE 2012

	<u>Emerald Hills Fund</u>
Balance 6-1-12	<b>-\$42,253.71</b>
June Receipts	\$8,736.00
June Expenses	\$11,681.68*
Checking account Balance 6-30-12	<b>-\$45,199.39</b>

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

### Receipts

Andover Christian Church	\$300.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$375.00
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, Sullivan	\$200.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Individuals	\$5,003.00
Lake Eufaula Christian Church	\$193.00
Shively Christian Church	\$750.00
Team Expansion (Byrd)	\$250.00
Team Expansion (Richter)	\$20.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$245.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,736.00</b>

### Expenses

Banking Fee	\$17.95
BackPack Blower	\$434.90
Louisville Gas and Electric	\$273.68
Mortgage Payment	\$10,142.36
Louisville Water Co	\$78.47
Fuel	\$299.52
Misc	\$434.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,681.68</b>

\*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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