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ANSWERS FOR A HURTING WORLD

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There's a great video making the rounds these days. Titled, "A Thousand Questions," the video chronicles a search for answers by a fictional film producer. She travels the world, observing hurting hearts, wounded families, and torn lands. After asking

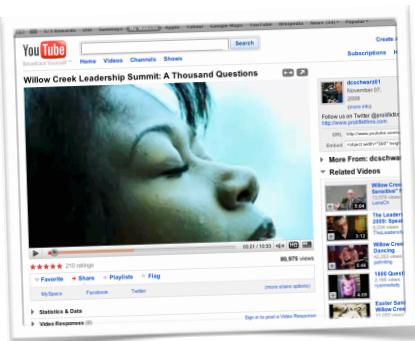
'a thousand questions,' she still seemingly is unable to come up with answers as to why God allows such hurt to proceed. But in the end, she concludes still that "This is My Father's World." She rests in the promise that somehow He is still in charge. And she takes heart in the reliance on His promise that He not only is with us, but also that He wants to send us to bring help, hope and good news to that hurting world. The video finishes with a multitude of varying individuals, all responding, "Here am I; send me."

This past month at Emerald Hills, we saw dozens of answers for a hurting world. At the every-other-year Team Leaders' Summit, dozens of team leaders, veteran and beginner alike, took heart in the encouragement that someone had loved them enough to pull together a staging center to undergird their work. They enjoyed meals, both physical and spiritual, as mentoring leaders shared vision, direction, and practical tools for conquering the many obstacles that stand

between them and the establishment of a church-planting movement in their adopted land. They grew in their reliance on the Spirit, while increasing in their experience of camaraderie with one another. Certainly the face-to-face meetings were crucial, and now they will lead

to many online discussions in the months and years to come.

That's a big part of the Emerald Hills dream: connecting people to God, His vision for the unreached and to one another. As this article goes to press, we're about to celebrate Thanksgiving. You can rely on the fact that when I bow my head tomorrow, I will be remembering the fact that, among this year's greatest blessings, I can celebrate the participation and partnership of many faithful friends who are not only making possible the Emerald Hills dream, but also pulling together men and women from near and far to reach those who previously were without access to the hope of a babe from Bethlehem, who in all his innocence, brought good news and kindness for troubled lands. He brought "a thousand answers" to a hurting world. For that, we are extremely thankful this season.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Sale of the Hopewell House **soon**
- Three more 29 partners needed
- More funds to develop the rest of the campus
- Wisdom as to how to use the campus to the best of its possibilities
- 1955 more Enlarge the Harvest partners needed
- 243 more Enlarge the Harvest captains needed

Project 29 Partners

This list will be featured on a decorative plaque near the entrance of the Prayer Center & Atrium.

Fern Creek Christian Church, Louisville, Ky. -- Fern Creek pioneered the "29" initiative by building the Prayer Pavilion then daring 29 other churches, groups and/or individuals to step up to the plate and match their leap of faith. (*Note that because their structure is a pavilion and not a gazebo-like shelter, we do not actually count Fern Creek's structure as one of the 29 prayer shelters.*)

- 1 **Shively Christian Church**, Louisville, Ky.
- 2 **Center Pointe Christian Church**, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 3 **Indian Creek Christian Church**, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 4 **Westerville Christian Church**, Columbus, Ohio
- 5 **College Heights Christian Church**, Joplin, Mo.
- 6 **Energy Automation Systems Incorporated**, Nashville, Tenn.
- 7 **Southeast Christian Church**, Louisville, Ky.
- 8 **Crossroads Christian Church**, Evansville, Ind.
- 9 **Andover Christian Church Youth & Sunday School**, Andover, Ohio
- 10 **First Church of Christ**, Burlington, Ky.
- 11 **Wilmington Church of Christ**, Wilmington, Ohio
- 12 **"Widow's mite"**
- 13 **First Christian Church**, Sullivan, Ind.
- 14 **River Valley Christian Church**, Goshen, Ky.
- 15 **"Emmanuel"** (Anonymous)
- 16 **Okolona Christian Church**, Louisville, Ky.
- 17 **First Christian Church**, Morristown, Tenn.
- 18 **N. Madison Christian Church**, Madison, Ind.
- 19 **Fayetteville Church of Christ**, Fayetteville, Ohio
- 20 **Beverly Cheatum Memorial Prayer Shelter**
- 21 **Cecil Byrd Memorial Prayer Shelter**
- 22 **Crossroads Christian Church**, Evansville, Ind.
- 23 **Davis Foundation**
- 24 **Brigada**, www.brigada.org
- 25 **Neighbors of Emerald Hills** - Routt Road neighborhood
- 26 **Freetown Church of Christ**, Freetown, Ind.
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- 28 -
- 29 -

FINANCIAL UPDATE: OCTOBER 2009

Emerald Hills Fund

Balance 10-1-09	\$41,804.90
October Receipts	\$26,631.12
October Expenses	\$92,845.79
Checking account Balance 10-31-09	-\$24,409.77*
Balance owed to First Capital Bank - \$1.7 Million	
*Borrowing from Endowment Fund - \$52,596.64	

Receipts

Andover Church of Christ	\$978.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$300.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$150.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$400.00
Covenant Christian Fellowship	\$550.00
Fayetteville Church of Christ	\$400.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Christian Church, Morristown	\$1,250.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$200.00
Gift in memory of Ed Switzer	\$100.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Individuals	\$18,124.24
Interest Income	\$90.11
Lifespring Christian Church	\$125.00
Macedonia Christian Church	\$550.00
Nueva Vida Christian Church	\$100.00
Okolona Christian Church	\$1,000.00
Shively Christian Church	\$1,200.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$613.77
Total	\$26,631.12

Expenses

Payment towards Principle	\$75,000.00
Mortgage Payment	\$12,807.54
Banking Fees	\$22.01
For More Support	\$510.13
Email	\$133.95
Basketball Goals	\$1,225.00
LG&E	\$204.54
Wiring	\$746.64
Kitchen Equipment	\$206.57
Misc	\$521.70
Fuel	\$160.52
Geotextile	\$393.26
Grasscarp	\$206.00
Gravel	\$357.81
Prayer Center Tables	\$350.12
Total	\$92,845.79