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GETTING TO KNOW THE HEART OF GOD

by Doug Lucas, Founder and President, Team Expansion

This week at Emerald Hills, 9 Facilitators are leading 27 students through another 40-hour Kairos intensive encounter with the heart of God for the nations. They'll use various teaching methods, including small reflection groups of 6 people each, along with lots of props and videos, to communicate what all of us sometimes forget or just plain miss: God has a heart for every nation and his purpose here on the planet is redemption. It's not all about us; it's all about God.

In addition to the 27 Kairos participants and 9 Facilitators, our International Services team members are hard at work putting together financial and ministry reports about 2013. Our Outreach Department is pulling together summaries for each of the 70+ teams in the 46 countries where we serve. Our Training Team just finished a marvelous "Launch" (a two-week course prepping a new batch of fresh missionaries for the nations), and our Mobilization Team just received a grant that will cover much of the cost of visiting 20 Bible College campuses and 20 campus ministries over the next 10 months. And of course, our Prayer, Operations and Personnel group is hard at work developing and maintaining all the infrastructure

necessary to keep all of these efforts firing on every single cylinder.

Frankly, it's enough to inspire action and we hope that's exactly what it can do for the church at large. Team Expansion aspires to be a catalyst, a facilitator, and a helping arm to assist the church in doing what it can do best around the world: reach, teach, transform, and multiply. Join us in praying that God would empower us to do exactly that throughout 2014. And you're invited to join us here, for a day, a week, or full-time! We appreciate your partnership!



Launch Missionary Candidates



Kairos Facilitators and Participants

FIELD HIGHLIGHT *Cincinnati*

by the Glenns

Ron has lived in our inner-city neighborhood since birth. Growing up in a home where drugs were very common it was no surprise that Ron became an addict very young. Four years ago, Ron began living a clean and sober life, became a Christian, and recently joined the leadership at our church. A year into his sobriety he ran into his old girlfriend and their three daughters at a bus stop and began restoring a relationship with them.

Deb, the mother of his girls, had begun her journey of recovery and Christianity at the same time Ron had, but neither of them knew of the other's recovery.

Last fall, Ron and Deb asked us and another couple to meet with them weekly to do pre-marital counseling. Because of their long relationship history and the dysfunctional patterns they had been used to, these counseling sessions were very necessary. They are both working on learning and practicing healthier skills.

It is amazing to see the working of God throughout the years and how He has been working to make this family whole again.

THANK YOU

TO THOSE WHO GAVE:

In Memory of Sally Lucas

Donald and Jo Ann Knowles	Helen Clark
Marbeth Gibson	Kenneth and Kathy Sherman
Steven and Pamela Crabb	Jack and Catherine Clark
Ida Murphy	Roger and Barbara Martin
Wilma Davidson	Roger and Barbara Martin
Thomas and Laura Bostic	Bonnie and Carl Taylor
Maxine Andis	Dora Fisher
Tina McCormick	Ruby Wilson
David and Becky Martin	Landmark Church of Christ
Wayne and Sherri Fritz	Andrew and Susan Donovan
Robert and Jane Martin	Angela Fleetwood
Chris and Amberley Brewer	Ronald Henderson
Brenda Mellencamp	Andover Christian Church

In Memory of Sally Lucas & Virginia Tapp

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EVENTS

THIS MONTH AT EMERALD HILLS

JANUARY 6-17
Launch (*Missionary Candidate Training*)

JANUARY 20-24
Kairos Intensive Course

JANUARY 27-28
Kairos Facilitators Training

PRAY WITH US

- Praise God that Emerald Hills is being used to train candidates for service in God's Kingdom and open the hearts and minds of many toward blessing the nations with the Good News. Thank God for the 8 candidates who completed their training during January and for the 25 people who participated in the Kairos course at Emerald Hills this month. Ask God to continue to bless so that Emerald Hills might be a blessing.
- Pray for the upcoming annual meeting of Team Expansion's board of directors, the Leadership Task Force, which will be held at Emerald Hills the end of March.
- Ask God to provide a way to pay off the debt on Emerald Hills and raise funds to begin the building of Phase 2.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 2013

Emerald Hills Fund	
Balance 12-01-13	\$22,512.56
December Receipts	\$75,542.00
December Expenses	\$76,238.55
Balance 12-31-13	\$21,816.01
<small>*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.28 million, \$170,000 in Maintenance Endowment</small>	
RECEIPTS	
Landmark Church of Christ	50.00
College Heights Christian Church	100.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	500.00
Heritage Christian Church	200.00
Northwest Christian Church	200.00
Lake Eufaula Christian Church	220.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	400.00
Andover Christian Church	1,755.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	500.00
Indian Creek Christian Church, IN	500.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	750.00
Individuals	70,367.00
Total	75,542.00
EXPENSES	
Banking Fee	10.00
Payment towards principal	67,910.56
Louisville Water Co.	94.11
Fuel	100.00
Mortgage	8,123.88
Total	76,238.55

*In addition to the balances noted above, we have set aside \$170,000.00 in a fund that ensures even billing of our mortgage payments (\$8,200/month), as well as Maintenance and Upkeep.