



APRIL 2014

2013: A YEAR FOR THE AGES AT EMERALD HILLS AND BEYOND

by Doug Lucas, Founder and President, Team Expansion

Each December, we gather at Emerald Hills to create hundreds of long- and short-term goals. One year later, we take a hard look at how we did at accomplishing them. God worked in mighty ways during 2013. Here are some samples of how we saw Him active throughout the organization:

- CHURCH-PLANTING - We wanted to use Emerald Hills as a springboard to plant 100 churches. We fell short, but we still celebrate 60 new churches being planted in the 46 nations where we're working.
- BAPTISMS - We wanted to see 1,000 people baptized in 2013. We came very close, by his grace. There were 920 baptisms in 2013.
- CHURCH ATTENDANCE - We wanted to grow to a new average high of 17,500 core believers. The average church attendance was 16,821.
- LAUNCH - We wanted to train 30 new missionaries in our Launch (new missionary training program) at Emerald Hills. God raised up 27 (18 adults and 9 children).

- KAIROS - We hoped to offer four Kairos programs at Emerald Hills throughout 2013, with a total of 80 students in all. We were able to stage the four courses, just as we had hoped, but fell short with 63 in attendance.
- KAIROS AROUND THE WORLD - Our goal was to grow in total attendance from 1800 to 2200 people in Kairos courses worldwide. We hit 2,171. In the USA, we saw 42 Kairos programs training 435 participants in 10 different states. In addition, there were 19 Facilitator Trainings with 102 total participants and 5 Head Facilitator Trainings with 22 total participants.

Prayer is a big part of the planning and goalsetting process. And God is answering those prayers in a big way. Baptisms are up 46% over the last five years. Church attendance is up 95%. And total church plants have grown by 153%. And in spite of deep economic challenges around the world, Team Expansion worker funds are up 34%. With this progress as a backdrop, we've dreamed up some pretty bold goals for the future.

FIELD HIGHLIGHT *Italy*

by Kyle and Rebecca Koval

Each week, we meet with 5 neighbors and friends who are reading the Bible for the FIRST time in their lives! They learned what chapters and verses are and each week say how thankful they are to study together.

- One lady learned this past week that Jesus is sinless.
- Another lady made the connection that when the Israelites looked upon the serpent that Moses made and were healed, so when we look up to Jesus we are spiritually "healed."
- One man asked, "Are the Indians in a tribe in some jungle responsible to believe in Jesus too? Are they accountable to God? How does that work?"
- Another lady asked, "Is salvation something we choose or does God choose who will be saved?"

As each person reads God's Word and discusses it with the group, you see can the veil over some people's eyes and how others are awakening to the Truth. We are in a Spiritual Battle. Will you join us with the weapon of PRAYER for God's Word, the sword, to pierce their hearts and bring them to salvation in Jesus?

The first weekend of April, Team Expansion joined together with CleftRock for a Missionary Kid (MK) College-Age retreat. A great time was had by all!



EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EMERALD HILLS

MAY 5-16

Launch Missionary Candidate Training & Orientation

MAY 19-23

Kairos Training

MAY 25-30

Pathways Summer Interns' Pre-Field Orientation

PRAY WITH US

- Ask God to provide the means to move forward in the task of paying for the remaining Phase I expenses for Emerald Hills and quickly advance us in the efforts of raising funds to begin construction on Phase 2. Thank God that Tina McCormick has joined Team Expansion's International Services staff to lead out in this area. Pray for Tina as she takes on this task.
- Praise God that several college-aged missionary kids were able to gather at Emerald Hills for a weekend of fellowship, fun, and encouragement. Thank God for Team Expansion's Missionary Kid Coordinator, Penny Lucas. Ask God to raise up others to join Penny in her ministry to Team Expansion's ever-growing family of MKs.
- Pray for God's blessings on the upcoming two-week Launch (orientation) program in May. Five candidates and two apprentices are scheduled to attend.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

March 2014

Emerald Hills Fund	
Balance 03-01-14	\$52,062.65
Receipts	\$7,184.27
Expenses	\$18,847.76
Balance 03-31-14	\$40,399.16
*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.24 million, \$180,035.10 in Maintenance Endowment	
RECEIPTS	
College Heights Christian Church	\$100.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$150.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Kroger, Inc	\$204.50
Lake Eufaula Christian Church	\$270.00
Andover Christian Church	\$353.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$400.00
Indian Creek Christian Church, Indianapolis	\$500.00
Freetown Church of Christ	\$599.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$750.00
Individuals	\$907.77
Ellettsville Christian Church	\$1,000.00
Crossroads Christian Church	\$1,350.00
TOTAL	\$7,184.27
EXPENSES	
Club Car Repair	\$458.92
Transfer to Endowment	\$10,000.00
LG&E	\$254.96
Banking Fee	\$10.00
Mortgage	\$8,123.88
TOTAL	\$18,847.76

*In addition to the balances noted above, we have set aside \$180,035.10 in a fund that ensures even billing of our mortgage payments (\$8,125/month), as well as Maintenance and Upkeep.