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IN SEARCH OF THE REAL “AMERICAN IDOL”

by Doug Lucas, Founder and President, Team Expansion

Here in the USA, if we mention the term “idol worship,” some might think of singing competitions. But in much of the world, idol worship has little to do with bus tours and hit songs. Some years ago, I stood in a Buddhist temple in Asia, watching in disbelief as worshippers of all ages rubbed the body parts of a large wooden dog, hoping to receive special powers. Back in Old Testament times, God instructed the people of Israel to burn idols. (See, for example, Deut. 7:5, 25.)

Missionaries today sometimes end up recommending the same practice. Terry and Amy are Team Expansion workers sent in partnership with Northside Christian Church in New Albany, Indiana. They serve in Ghana and they have just helped a West African man named “Paul” as he burned his idol, accepted Christ, was baptized into new life, then baptized his family members.



Because these practices (burning one’s idols) are so uncommon in the USA, we cover them in training programs here at Emerald Hills. In fact, Terry and Amy recently received training here on handling these very issues in conjunction with multiplying disciples and churches.

Today, Paul and his family of new believers are especially thankful that Terry and Amy took this training. We, in turn, are grateful to you and others for making it all possible.

We invite you to pray and partner with Team Expansion in sending workers like Terry and Amy to unreached peoples throughout the globe. May God reign over the idols in all our lives today and forevermore.

FIELD HIGHLIGHT *Taiwan*

by team in Taiwan

Nine years ago, Team Expansion missionaries, Dave and Brenda Atkin, started the first Sports and English Camp in Taiwan. Since then Sports and English Camp has had a big impact on the youth who attend and on the staff that help pull it off.

This year’s theme was, “Not a Fan,” adapted from Kyle Idleman’s book. The goal was to encourage the youth to be committed followers of Jesus, not just fans. At the end of last year’s camp there were around 60 youth who wanted to make a commitment to transform Taiwan. Thirty-six of those students returned to camp this year and were used as Transform group leaders for the week. Every morning before breakfast the Transform leaders met with 2 or 3 other students and lead them in Bible study and prayer. They also met after the evening sessions to answer questions and talk about the message that was presented. These groups were very effective because they empowered the group leaders and also encouraged the campers to have deeper discussions.

By Friday night there were 20 youth who made decisions to follow Jesus, 8 of which received parental permission to be baptized the following day!

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO GAVE in Memory of Ken Marsh

Brook United Methodist Church
Ann M. Small
Elizabeth Layman
Duane and Sharon Hamilton
Ronald Lee Scott
Stella Gillen
Wilma Bowman
Kathy Sanders
Roy and Avalynne Cooper

EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EMERALD HILLS

OCTOBER 6-17

Launch (Missionary Candidate Orientation & Training)

OCTOBER 10-11

Prayer Retreat

NOVEMBER 4-8

Team Leader Training

NOVEMBER 13-16

ICOM (International Conf. on Missions in Columbus, OH)

PRAY WITH US

- Give thanks & praise God that nearly 800 intercessors have enlisted in the Team Expansion Prayer Force. Ask the Lord to continue to raise up prayer warriors that would number 1000+! Sign up at www.teamexpansion.org/pray
- Celebrate the results of summer outreach programs & events that took place in various parts of the world this past summer. Seeds were sown in creative access country; 8 Taiwanese were baptized at the 9th annual Sports & English camp; VBSs make inner city children eager to learn more about Jesus. Pray that God would multiply His church worldwide & continue to send out His message of Hope to the lost.
- Give thanks & praise God for the protection of harvest workers. Trains, planes & automobiles wreck, crash, or even disappear so it is vital that we continue to pray for safety of workers who travel all over the globe.

International Services	
Balance 07-01-14	\$62,617.26
Receipts	\$43,216.84
Expenses	\$26,655.00
Balance 07-31-14	\$79,179.10
*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.16 million, \$280,035.10 in Maintenance Endowment	
RECEIPTS	International Services
Andover Christian Church	350.00
Calvary Christian Church, Sellerburg	797.90
Center Pointe Christian Church	375.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	150.00
College Heights Christian Church	100.00
Crossroads Christian Church, IN	12,500.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	400.00
First Christian Church, Morristown	1,636.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	200.00
Freetown Church of Christ	973.00
Kirkpatrick Church of Christ	300.00
Kroger Inc	258.00
Northwest Christian Church	200.00
Shively Christian Church	750.00
Team Expansion (Missionaries)	16,714.30
Wilmington Church of Christ	100.00
Indian Creek Christian Church, Indianapol	500.00
TOTAL	\$43,216.84
EXPENSES	International Services
EDUCATION	
220-Conference/Classes	\$800.00
230-Team Building	\$155.46
Total Education	955.46
POSTAGE	
550-In the States	\$327.80
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OFFICE	48.42
640-Facility/Utilities	\$12,661.14
650-Supplies in the States	\$3,409.15
660-Mission Phone	\$731.12
661-Email	\$1,839.97
670-Secretaries/Assistants	\$2,285.73
680-Accounting/Financial Management	\$35.00
690-Payroll Taxes	\$963.60
Total Office	\$21,925.71
PROMOTION/REPRESENTATION	
700-For More Support	\$225.00
710-For More Recruits	\$2,547.23
Total Promotion/Representation	\$2,772.23
MISCELLANEOUS	
920-Banking Fees	\$648.80
Total Miscellaneous	\$673.80
TOTAL	\$26,655.00

*In addition to the balances noted above, we have set aside \$280,035.10 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 an Maintenance and Improvement Fund and the Office General Fund.