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“COVER” vs. “CONCEALMENT”: ONLY JEHOVAH IS VICTORIOUS *by Doug Lucas, Founder and President, Team Expansion*

In training for personal defense, instructors teach us the difference between “cover” and “concealment.” “Cover” is their parlance for something that will protect a person from harm, say, from gunfire. “Concealment” has the FEELING of security, but it won’t actually protect; it just hides. If Jack Bauer is taking gunfire from a terrorist and he steps behind a wall made only of dry-wall, that’s concealment. He can hide there, but it won’t stop bullets. Ducking down behind a row of heavy steel tool boxes filled with wrenches... now that’s true cover for Jack Bauer.

secure. Maybe there have been thousands of flights in the past week without incident, but all it takes is one depressed co-pilot and one pilot who has to go to the rest room and suddenly that security is gone. (Please pray for the family members left behind after Germanwings Flight 9525 crashed, apparently because of a depressed co-pilot’s suicide wish. Pray for healing for all who are hurting.)

In God’s case, the protection He provides isn’t a mirage. It isn’t mere concealment. It’s secure. It’s true cover in the deepest sense of the word. The Old Testament talks about cities of refuge (Deut. 4:41, 19:1-13). But having God as our refuge is all the more secure. As we approach Easter Sunday, it’s worth watching Hillsong’s version of Victor’s Crown (search Youtube for “Victor’s Crown” by Hillsong). Today, let’s rejoice in our true “cover” - and a chance to follow the one who wears the Victor’s Crown. And let’s make it possible for tribes and ethnic groups everywhere to have a chance to know him and follow him. Thank you for your support of the work and worker of Team Expansion.



IMAGE: MI/SG/DICOM/PELLIER ET PCHABAUD

Boarding a flight and putting our trust in a pilot or two on board a flight across the Alps, the airliner might FEEL

FIELD HIGHLIGHT *Spain*

by Chris and Nicia Irwin

I remember the first time I met *Antony. He met me at the door of our center asking if I had a cigarette and introducing himself. We talked for a moment and I quickly realized that Antony was mentally challenged or some other issue. Over the course of the next couple of weeks, Antony would come by time and again. It was during our Thursday night Bible story time at the English center where God made it clear, on two different occasions, that Antony should be invited. The next time I saw Antony, before I could invite him, he invited himself!

For the last 10 months, Antony has been part of our lives at our center and God has used him in some very specific ways. At 56 years old, and a sufferer of mental illness, Antony comes into our center, washes the cups, prepares us tea (whether we want it or not), sits and reads the Bible, and continually surprises me with his knowledge of God and the Bible as well as real spiritual insight when I’ve shared a situation or a need for prayer.

His mother recently remarked that he looks small next to me when she sees us walking together. His reply was, “Yes, but when I walk with Chris, my heart feels big!”

*Name changed

CHANGED LIVES: *North Africa*

Recently, two of our guys in North Africa were in a coffee shop, when two local young men heard them speaking English. They engaged our workers and ended up talking about sin and forgiveness.

They brought up the idea of complete redemption, the forgiveness of sin; one of the guys said, "Oh my god, is this true?" As they explained that it was true, the man was visibly shocked.

Although his friend was not interested they continued to meet with 'M'. At one point, they watched The Jesus Film in the local dialect - 'M' watched intently for almost two hours and cried when Christ was crucified. When it was over he said, "I believe!"

He also said, "This makes me very happy, but also very sad." And proceeded to explain that he was happy to know who Jesus really is, but is sad to think that others in his country do not.

Folks, this is INCREDIBLE! This young man not only recognized the truth about Jesus, but he has immediately shown a heart for all the lost Muslims who surround him. As they continued to meet with M and study the Bible in-depth together, he began openly sharing what he was learning with friends and family. For this M has been heavily criticized, shunned, and told that he needs to immediately turn back to Islam. Despite this, within a few study sessions he made the decision to give his life to Christ and be baptized. Please join us as we pray for the enemy to stay away from this young man and for him to mature in Christ and be firm in his faith.

PRAY WITH US

- Praise God for the Leadership Task Force (Team Expansion's board of directors) retreat the last weekend of March. Ask God to grant wisdom to Team Expansion's board of directors, the Leadership Task Force, as they convene at Emerald Hills for their annual meeting to review field and financial reports from the past year, pray, and plot direction for the coming months and years.
- Please pray for the April prayer retreat, titled "Unleashed: Extraordinary Prayer for the Harvest," to be hosted at Emerald Hills, April 17-18. Pray that this retreat will make an impact on God's Kingdom and on the 50 people who will attend. Ask God to raise up the people He wants to come.
- Ask that God will provide for the current facility at Emerald Hills to be completely paid off and for the next phase of development to be funded in order to provide housing, training, and missionary kid space.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

February 2015

International Services	
Balance 02-01-15	\$224,579.01
Receipts	\$193,485.76
Transfer in from Reserve	\$200,000.00
Expenses	\$49,334.77
Designated Funds	\$541,230.04
Balance 02-28-15	\$27,499.96
Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.13 million	
\$101,400 in Operational Reserve Fund	
\$442,630.04 in Five Loaves Fund for future growth	
RECEIPTS	International Services
Andover Christian Church	300.00
Application Fee	171.10
Christ's Church of the Valley, PA	500.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	150.00
College Heights Christian Church	100.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	400.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	400.00
Indian Creek Christian Church, Indianapol	500.00
Individuals (18)	5,615.53
Lake Eufaula Christian Church	154.00
Launch	150.00
Northside Christian Church, Clovis	120.00
Northwest Christian Church	200.00
Team Expansion (Workers, 113)	14,014.22
Wilmington Church of Christ	150.00
TOTAL	\$22,924.85
EXPENSES	International Services
Workers Compensation Insurance	2,224.03
Education	948.91
Postage	599.35
Office	20,484.86
For More Recruits	2,931.11
Legal In Residence	10.00
Banking Fee	1041.17
TOTAL	\$28,239.43