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SEVEN GREAT PASSIONS

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Here at Team Expansion, we have seven “Great Passions.” They inspire us and drive us forward:

1. **GOD** - He’s central to everything we love and do. He’s the one for whom we labor. We love Him, we live for Him, and we’d even die for Him. We exist to worship Him.
2. **PRAYER** - Prayer is the power behind world missions, and it’s the foundational strength of our organization.
3. **PEOPLE** - We don’t go abroad because of our love for people, but rather, because of our love for God. At the same time, our hearts break because there are so many who don’t know Him as savior, Lord, friend, and guide.
4. **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION** - We believe in communicating effectively on multiple levels, whether with teammates, donors, or unreached people.
5. **MAKING DISCIPLES** - Matthew recorded the Great Commission (in Matthew 28:19-20) in a very partic-

ular way in the original language: “Make Disciples” is in the imperative or “command” mode. All the other verbs in that passage are participles: “As you go,” “Baptizing them,” and “Teaching them.” So as it turns out, the entire commission hinges on the center-point of making disciples. In a similar way, it’s our hinge pin too. We could be doing a lot of really wonderful things in the world, but if we’re not making disciples, we’re failing.

6. **CREATIVE, STRATEGIC PERSEVERANCE UNTIL THE RESULTS ARE ACHIEVED** - We will not quit; we will not falter. We will hope and believe and we will be victorious. We seek innovation, acknowledging in advance the possibility of failure.
7. **GROWTH** - We seek innovation, acknowledging in advance the possibility of failure.

These passions drive more than our work; they drive us personally. Partner with us - and let’s change the world!

FIELD HIGHLIGHT *Boston*

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This year our spiritual community has prayed for physical health, new jobs, broken relationships, and loneliness. We’ve helped a friend move to follow God’s call, cleaned an apartment of someone who’s sick, and kept in touch with people who are bogged down with busyness, travel, and isolation.

When Galatians 6:2 talks about carrying each other’s burdens, it’s talking about sin - bearing the spiritual weight of others’ mistakes and the brokenness of people as a whole.

There are times it feels like too much. It can be tempting to hold back and focus on my load and leave others to fend for themselves. But that neglects two important truths:

God is carrying our burdens with us, and He’s designed communities to spread the load so that no one is crushed.

On our own and without God’s help, life often is too much. But through getting to know God and being open with other people, the weight, while still heavy, is bearable. And it shows us strength and joy we didn’t know we could have: in Christ, in our communities, and in ourselves.

CHANGED LIVES: *Southeast Asia*

We have a Team working in a Southeast Asian country, and in that part of the world government persecution of the Church is very common. In fact, one of our national leaders disappeared years ago, and we've never been able to discover where he is or if he's even alive. Recently a government official proclaimed that he would rid his province of all believers.

One of our workers, in another province maintains a strong witness for the Lord through a Christian company that has raised the standard of living for everyone involved. A village from that first province was suffering from attacks by an evil spirit. The village leader came to our workers' province and sought advice from the believers asking what they did about such problems. They reported that they had no such problems since they were followers of Jesus and He had power over all spirits.

The village leader returned to his village and told his fellow villagers, "We have two options, we can hire a more powerful Shaman and pay him to drive out the evil spirit, or we can become Christians." The entire village decided to become believers and they are being discipled! A government leader in that province said that Christianity was good for society, and asked the believers to please tell everyone about Jesus! We're praising God for this!



2015 PATHWAYS SUMMER INTERNS

PRAY WITH US

- Ask God to give both Team Expansion and Prodonos, led by Chris Jefferson, wisdom as we move forward with plans for a major donor campaign in November.
- Planning for a September 18-19 "Unleashed: Extraordinary Prayer for the Harvest" prayer weekend at Emerald Hills is in progress. Pray that this weekend will bless sixty participants who desire to make a difference in God's Kingdom through prayer. A highlight of the weekend will be a Friday night concert of prayer. Pray that the results of this weekend devoted to prayer will be impactful for the Kingdom.
- Pray that sixteen Team Expansion Pathways interns will glorify God in fields around the world this summer. full-time. Pray that each one has been prepared effectively for the work God has called him/her to do.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

April 2015

International Services/Emerald Hills	
Balance 04-01-15	\$21,127.01
Receipts	\$33,493.06
Expenses	\$27,544.63
Balance 04-30-15	\$27,075.44
RECEIPTS	
Andover Christian Church	300.00
Application Fee	455.00
Centre Pointe Christian Church	375.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	150.00
College Heights Christian Church	100.00
Crossroads Christian Church	1,350.00
Crossroads Christian Church, IN	12,500.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	400.00
Indian Creek Christian Church, Indianapol	500.00
Individuals	1,729.65
Northwest Christian Church	200.00
Shively Christian Church	750.00
Team Expansion Workers	14,443.41
Valley Christian Church, CA	90.00
Wilmington Church of Christ	150.00
TOTAL	\$33,493.06
EXPENSES	
Fund Transfer to Op. Reserve	700.00
Education	1,113.97
Postage	229.52
Office*	20,710.27
For More Recruits**	3,500.00
Legal In Residence	75.00
Banking Fees***	1,215.87
TOTAL	\$27,544.63

*Includes mortgage payment for Emerald Hills

**Includes rent for exhibit space at conventions and other mobilization efforts

*** These fees cover the costs of online giving for donors who want to give toward our various field workers' ministries.

Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.13 million
\$102,800 in Operational Reserve Fund