



# THE VISIONARY

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## SEVEN CORE VALUES

*by Doug Lucas, Founder and President, Team Expansion*

Last month, we examined Team Expansion's Seven Great Passions. This month, we recount the list of Seven Core Values. They provide anchors for our work and our zeal, forming a virtual "compass" to keep us on track.

1. **BIBLICAL** - We commit to following the Bible as our guide for doctrine, faith and practice, in our attempt to plant and thereby restore ideal New Testament churches.
2. **UNREACHED** - We commit to laboring among people groups or in cities wherein roughly five percent or less of the population claims to have fellowship with an evangelical church AND, in fact, where zero or few missionaries labor from ANY evangelical Christian background.
3. **GRACE** - We will seek to encourage and lift up, rather than condemn and tear down our team members, our national co-workers, and others.
4. **TEAMS** - We shall serve side by side in teams.
5. **ACCOUNTABILITY** - We commit to reporting our finances, goals and

prayer requests on a monthly basis. We also commit to monthly accountability through the LIFT process.

6. **COACHING** - We will seek guidance from experienced coaches or leaders and will seek to give guidance when appropriate. We value people with age, wisdom and experience. When they invest in us, they give us deeper insight into the opportunities, problems, and solutions we face on a daily basis. The discipleship process requires initiative and competency on the part of both the learner and the coach. By modeling this relationship, we are displaying the model that will enable healthy growth in church-planting movements.
7. **CHURCH-PLANTING** - Church planting shall be our primary and ultimate goal.

All our efforts across the board are measured by these compass points. We're thankful for their centering influence on our work and our future as an organization.

## FIELD HIGHLIGHT *North Africa*

*by workers serving in North Africa*

Our team of field workers, along with our new local brothers in Christ, have participated in 20 baptisms so far this year. We praise God to also find that over half of these 20 baptisms are 2nd generation believers, meaning that one of our team's disciples shared with someone else and led that person to Christ, and one is a third generation believer! Pray for many more generations to believe!

One of the biggest obstacles before us is figuring out how to get individual media contacts to engage groups of their friends to meet to discover the Bible. Many of these individuals come to us scared and have been traveling the journey of discovery alone and in secret.

Thankfully, God is doing a great work. We now have three regularly meeting churches. We also have three additional discovery groups, each which seems to be on track to becoming a new house church. Please pray for each of these six groups. Pray that they would continue to grow in God's word and in fellowship with one another. Pray that love would abound and strengthen these young gatherings.

# CHANGED LIVES: Southeast Asia

One of our missionaries writes: "Ever since I first visited "H" province in 2009, the "M people" who live there have been on my heart". He points out that the most unreached "M" villages in this closed access country, where Christians are persecuted, are in "H" province. "We have only known of two believers there, one of whom passed away. The people there still maintain their traditional dress. The ladies' turbans form almost a horn shape that extends out unevenly from either side and bends down. Yet they seem very open and hospitable. I have felt in my heart that these people are ripe for a movement of the gospel among them."

"Last year a group of "M" people from Seattle visited us and asked us how we thought they could best help us. I directed them to visit, prayer walk and share the gospel in the villages of "H". They did this in spite of the fact they had no relatives there. The Seattle believers shared the Gospel in one particular village, and one family was close to believing. Our worker shared a picture of the man and his family and asked for prayer. He reports "You prayed for him, and now he and eight others have put their faith in Christ! Praise the Lord!"

It's so awesome to see believers praying AND working together to reach the Unreached!



It was great seeing many of you at this year's North American Christian Convention in Cincinnati!

## PRAY WITH US

- Thank God that plans are moving forward for a major donor campaign in November. Ask God to give both Team Expansion and Prodonos, led by Chris Jefferson, wisdom as logistics and planning are in process.
- Ask God's blessings on the upcoming September 18-19 Unleashed: Extraordinary Prayer for the Harvest prayer weekend, "Heart of Worship" at Emerald Hills. Pray that this weekend will impact sixty participants who desire to make a difference in God's Kingdom through prayer. Pray that the results of this weekend will include Christians who will be devoted to prayer more than ever before.
- Sixteen Team Expansion Pathways interns are now half-way through the summer program. Pray that each one will continue to glorify God in fields around the world. Pray especially for the Taiwan and Philippines teams as they participate in the annual Sports and English camp in Taiwan during July.

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

May 2015

International Services/Emerald Hills	
Balance 05-01-15	\$26,825.59
Receipts	\$21,026.36
Expenses	\$29,279.94
Balance 05-31-15	\$18,572.01
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Application Fee	150.00
Centre Pointe Christian Church	375.00
Challenge Unlimited-CSF	2,000.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	150.00
College Heights Christian Church	100.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	400.00
Indian Creek Christian Church, Indianapol	500.00
Individuals	1,664.34
McComb Church of Christ	300.00
Northwest Christian Church	200.00
Team Expansion Workers	15,037.02
Wilmington Church of Christ	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,026.36</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Fund Transfer to Op. Reserve	700.00
Education	950.00
Postage	26.70
Office*	24,907.26
For More Recruits**	1,040.00
Travel	294.30
Banking Fees***	1,361.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$29,279.94</b>

\*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: \$1.12 million
\$103,500 in Operational Reserve Fund