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MIRACULOUS MOVEMENTS

by Doug Lucas, Founder and President, Team Expansion

Ask any church leader what needs to happen in his or her church today and the answer will come back the same: greater involvement, more commitment, and deeper discipleship. Interestingly, a new awakening, with a similar end-goal, is stirring among missionaries throughout the world today. Everywhere I go, Christian workers are seeking to launch discipling movements or DMM's [also known as church-planting movements (CPM's) or church multiplication movements (CMM's)].

To be honest and fair, the ideas aren't exactly new. Juan Carlos Ortiz wrote the book, *Disciple*, way back in the early '80s. George Patterson talked about "Obedience-oriented evangelism" in the '90s. And today, it's David Garrison, David Watson, Paul Watson, Jerry Trousdale, and Curtis Sergeant, with books like "Miraculous Movements," and "Contagious Disciple Making." No matter what way we look, these trainers, speakers and authors

are calling us back to a common truth: attending a church on Sunday morning doesn't make us a Christian any more than walking into a garage makes us a car. True Christianity is obedient. It multiplies into the lives of others. It is founded on prayer.

To help us grasp these principles and others, we've invited Jerry Trousdale, author of *Miraculous Movements*, to speak to our Team Leaders at this year's Team Leaders' Summit at Emerald Hills. But I'm particularly excited about the fact that we're opening the first 24 hours of his visit to the public. We hope you'll attend! And while you're here, we can meet you, too - and you can see and experience firsthand how Emerald Hills functions as a Fort-Benning-like training ground for our troops (spiritually speaking).

So - Nov. 3, 5:00 p.m., through Nov. 4, 5:00 p.m., you're invited. To learn more and register, just go to www.TheWebsiteForThisConference.com.

FIELD HIGHLIGHT *Philippines*

by Mike and Jeanne Propp

Gary* wasn't a model husband. He would often drink himself drunk. He'd verbally abuse his wife, and he took to beating her whenever she joined our Bible studies.

We planned a couple's get together—some games, a nice dinner, some discussions on how to have a happier marriage. Surprisingly, Gary came with his wife. And he was sober! He listened, and learned some ideas on how to be a better, more loving husband.

He went home and, even when he was drunk, read his wife's Bible. Everyone laughed at the town drunk who had taken to Scripture, but he read on.

And the drinking stopped. And he became something new.

Gary, once violent towards his wife and her new faith, now travels through his village telling people they really need to read the Bible, that it can change them, too, just like it changed him!

*name changed

CHANGED LIVES: *International Services*

Although I've worked as a member care specialist for six years now, my heart still desires to help those with disabilities in the developing world. Thankfully, one of our teams runs a therapy center for children with disabilities in a country we call Narnia.

Three years ago I visited our workers there and got to see the center. I told them I was willing to pass along the equipment I still received on an ongoing basis here in Louisville to them. For the past three years all the wheelchairs, walkers, physical therapy equipment and other supplies have been designated for the Narnia team. Several months ago the equipment was finally shipped. The container made it to Narnia and the equipment has been distributed.

Please pray that each piece of mobility equipment will be a blessing to the children, mothers and families of those who received it.

by Jenny Smith



PRAY WITH US

- Praise God for an amazing prayer weekend at Emerald Hills on September 18-19. The worship, prayer, and events of that weekend impacted 40 people who went away with increased desire to make a difference in God's Kingdom through devotion to prayer.
- Thank God that plans are moving forward for a major donor campaign in November. Pray that the new video, filmed at Emerald Hills this month, will inspire many to pray, give, send, and go.
- Give thanks to our father for 11 candidates who will be attending Launch, Team Expansion's training and pre-field orientation, during two weeks in October. Pray that they will receive the insight they need to move forward in reaching the unreached with the Gospel.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

August 2015

International Services/Emerald Hills	
Balance 08-01-15	\$19,238.42
Receipts	\$26,630.36
Expenses	\$26,831.03
Balance 08-31-15	\$19,037.75
RECEIPTS	
Application Fee	170.00
Centre Pointe Christian Church	375.00
Christ's Church of Flagstaff	400.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	150.00
College Heights Christian Church	100.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	400.00
First Christian Church, Morristown	1,650.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	200.00
Hikes Point Christian	91.00
Indian Creek Christian Church, Indianapol	1,000.00
Individuals	7,382.31
Northwest Christian Church	200.00
Team Expansion Workers	14,362.05
Wilmington Church of Christ	150.00
TOTAL	\$26,630.36
EXPENSES	
Fund Transfer to Op. Reserve	700.00
Education	2,453.93
Postage	1,001.61
Office*	20,647.32
For More Recruits**	1,000.00
Banking Fees***	1,028.17
TOTAL	\$26,831.03

*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: \$1.11 million
\$105,600 in Operational Reserve Fund