

# The Visionary

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## THANKS FOR YOUR GIFT TO GOD

by Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion



"Thank you for your gift to God through Team Expansion." Notice the way we've worded that opening statement -- because, frankly, we never want to confuse the issue. Your

donation to God is just that: a donation to the Lord, not to man. The fact that you chose to channel your gift through Team Expansion is, for us, a sacred trust. It demands that we enter into a covenant with you -- a covenant to utilize your gift as a launching pad for getting the words of the Bible out of the Bible and into the hearts and heads of unreached peoples all over the world. "Transforming communities by planting churches among the unreached" is more than a vision statement to us. It's a contract. We pledge to do our part because you gave your gift to God through us... and we commit to maximizing the impact of that gift among those who have never had a chance to say yes to Jesus.

That's why we've been busy this summer. Maybe in past years, things might have slowed down a bit 'come June.' Not any more. The summer of 2010 is shaping up to erase all memories of more silent summers of the past. Yes,

PATHWAYS Interns still departed for overseas service, but just as they departed, we were welcoming the beginnings of what has turned out to be a steady stream of guests and training events here at Emerald Hills. So first came Pre-Field Orientation for those summer interns, then Homecoming (an annual event featuring encouragement and rekindling of vision for any of our workers on home service). We then opened the doors for Kairos (a 40-hour encounter with the Bible's global world view), then ushered in a new batch of missionary candidates and their children in a two-week Launch (80 hours of intensive training to prepare new Team Expansion full-time workers). Next comes Jonathan Training, then another Kairos course, and somewhere in there we have to debrief our PATHWAYS Summer Interns.

You can keep up on the Emerald Hills schedule by browsing to... [www.events.teamexpansion.org](http://www.events.teamexpansion.org) (click "Events")

In fact, you can watch our building and "catch the buzz" by clicking... [www.emeraldhills.info](http://www.emeraldhills.info) (select "Em. Hills 'Live' webcam")

Once again, thank you for partnering with us in empowering Emerald Hills to prepare workers for unreached people. We give praise for your gift to God through Team Expansion.

## WINDOWS INTO THE WORLD

by Megan Brouk

"We are singing around the throne of Glory," sang the African voices as the people of the congregation danced throughout the room.

Sunlight streamed through the windows of the church building, illuminating the animated faces of the worshippers. A young boy was missing from the crowd.

The spot where he had swayed and danced to the music seemed empty.

His face, which had often worn an incredible smile, was no longer there.

He had lived his life singing and dancing. He had sung out from

the front row of the church as he danced around the throne of Glory.

To some people, it might have seemed like James didn't have much reason to sing or smile. He was only 13, yet his body was deteriorating. It was compromised by a serious infection that he could not control. He was an orphan. He lived in a place where poverty was prevalent. Yet, as he praised the God he had come to know, it was clear that he was lit from within by something so much bigger than the external sunlight. It was the joy of knowing the King of Glory, the one who was seated on the throne.

Slowly, the infection began to take its toll. He became sick. His vitality waned. His brief time on Earth came to an end, and his funeral was planned and attended. People who had seen this young boy grow and live his life came to say goodbye. They had loved him, taught him, and introduced him to Jesus.

Because he had known the one who sat on the throne of Glory, there was a reason to rejoice as well as mourn. In an instant, he went from suffering in a failing body to dancing and singing around the throne of Glory.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

- Sale of the Hopewell House **soon**
- Only one more 29 partner needed!
- More Enlarge the Harvest captains and partners needed
- More people to Multiply the Momentum
- Praise the Lord for volunteer work teams who whittle down the tasks at Emerald Hills.
- Pray that repairs on the barn floor can be taken care of quickly, and as inexpensively as possible.

## JULY LAUNCH

This week wraps up another piece of what is turning out to be our busiest summer ever at International Services! This two week session of Launch was attended by four families (*pictured below*). One, a set of veteran missionaries retired from Ghana looking for something to do with their retirement. Another set of doctors with four kids who will work in Southeast Asia doing medical evangelism. A third college couple who will be doing urban ministry in inner city Cincinnati. Lastly, comes a veteran missionary family on home service who wanted to attend launch as a refresher as they embark on a fall season of partnership development here in the states in order to return to Mongolia in the spring with their five kids. An amazing group to say the least!



**Only One more Project 29 Prayer Shelter left!**

For more information about how you or your church could claim the last one, contact us today!

## FINANCIAL UPDATE: JUNE 2010

### Emerald Hills Fund

Balance 6-1-10	<b>-\$12,728.38</b>
June Receipts	\$38,084.55
June Expenses	\$64,840.48*
Checking account Balance 6-30-10	<b>-\$39,484.31</b>

\*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.65 million

### Receipts

Andover Christian Church	\$1,855.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$350.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$250.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$400.00
Edlin Company Fine Jewelers, Inc	\$100.00
Fayetteville Church of Christ	\$250.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Capital Bank of Kentucky	\$1,241.63
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$200.00
First Church of Christ, Burlington	\$3,000.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Individuals	\$12,635.00
Interest Income	\$40.79
Kentucky Christian College	\$3,000.00
Network for Good	\$884.96
Okolona Christian Church	\$400.00
Pathways	\$525.00
Shively Christian Church	\$1,200.00
Team Expansion (Gregg)	\$100.00
Team Expansion (Holbrook)	\$1,300.00
Team Expansion (Lucas)	\$8,700.00
Team Expansion (Sensitive Fields, 35)	\$150.00
Vansant Church of Christ	\$250.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$733.33
YTB Travel Network	\$18.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,084.55</b>

### Expenses

Banking Fees	\$11.51
Misc	\$126.14
For more Support	\$829.00
Louisville Water Co.	\$74.11
Fuel	\$137.70
LG&E	\$422.74
Principal Downpayment	\$50,431.74
Mortgage Payment	\$12,807.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$64,840.48</b>