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REMEMBERING PREACHER GREENLEAF

by Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

As a young Bible college student, our church growth professor told us about a county in Virginia known for having the more Christians per capita than any other county in the USA. It had reportedly earned that distinction mostly through the tireless efforts of one great man of God, Clarence Greenleaf. A few short years later, when given the opportunity to choose an in-depth project on church growth as a part of one of my grad school classes, I traveled to Grundy to see for myself. By this time, "Preacher Greenleaf" was 65 years old. But his pace was like that of a teenager. I watched as he prayed for the sick, visited multiple homes, recorded a radio message, taught a class, preached in church, and shared Christ in multiple ways. I learned a lot -- especially about the passion, energy and commitment it takes to build a church-planting movement.

Although "Preacher G" passed away in 2004, his witness is very much still alive through the many people he impacted and, this past month, members of the Grundy Church of Christ erected a Prayer Shelter at Emerald Hills in his honor. Since he was a champion of prayer and a strong believer in missions, it is a fitting honor that they did so. Although Preacher G might not have wanted the attention on himself, he would have appreciated the opportunity to focus our hearts on prayer. The "Preacher 'G' Clarence Greenleaf Prayer Shelter" is one of 29 such structures being built at Emerald Hills. Each one celebrates an idea that

through prayer, we find the foundation of church growth, both at home and abroad.

All of us at Team Expansion, together with our friends, donors, and volunteers, now celebrate the life of Preacher Greenleaf.

His legacy now speaks louder than ever; his tireless commitment now inspires us as well. And we are deeply grateful that his memory is still inspiring men, women, and children to undergird the fulfilling of the Great Commission the world over. May God bless Grundy Church of Christ; may He also bless Emerald Hills as it now seeks to inspire many others to pray, retreat, learn, and reconnect with God and his creation.

Note: Grundy Church of Christ and Team Expansion invite your memorial giving in the name of Preacher Greenleaf. Visit our website to give online, or mail a check to Team Expansion, 4112 Old Routh Road, Louisville, KY 40299. Thank you for supporting global missions through Team Expansion.



FIELD HIGHLIGHT: LOUISVILLE HISPANICS

by Daniel and Shani Ramirez

Our leadership did a three day fast together back in May simply as a sacrifice of thanks to God and to know Him better. The experience strengthened our spirits and united our hearts. Danny said it was time for the whole congregation to learn about fasting. It was new for many of our members.

This time we asked God to work in four areas: growth toward spiritual maturity, the on-going ministries in the

church, the physical needs of our members and for direction.

We didn't know how many people would respond to the call. Over the last several months I have sensed a growing spiritual lethargy in the church. It feels as if practicing spiritual disciplines is like walking through thick mud. Have you felt it too? Where is the passion for God? We needed a wake-up call.

The first three days of September, about half of our congregation chose to abstain from food and focus on the

bread of heaven. We met together the last night for worship, prayer, and soup!

A new family came with one of our members as they had stopped in to visit that night on their way through town. After we had broken our fast together, Danny shared the gospel with them and all four prayed to receive Christ! That was an unexpected result, but I believe much more was accomplished in the spiritual realm during those three days that we have yet to see.



Project 29

Praise God! All Project 29 shelters have now been claimed!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Sale of the Hopewell House **soon**
- More Enlarge the Harvest captains and partners needed
- More people to Multiply the Momentum
- Pray that repairs on the barn floor can be taken care of quickly, and as inexpensively as possible.
- Ask God to raise up a core of volunteers to assist with grounds and facility projects at Emerald Hills.



Multiply the MOMENTUM 2010

Over 2 billion people have never heard the Gospel.

Team Expansion is working to fix that.

Our campus, Emerald Hills, is a crucial tool.

We believe it can be paid off in 2010.

This campaign is called, "Multiply the Momentum"

We are praying for 270 financial partners *by Christmas 2010.*

Right now, we have 43. Will you be one of the 227?

Visit www.mtm2010.com for more information.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: AUGUST 2010

	<u>Emerald Hills Fund</u>
Balance 8-1-10	-\$39,969.49
August Receipts	\$13,858.12
August Expenses	\$29,476.22*
Checking account Balance 8-31-10	-\$55,587.59

*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.575 million

Receipts

Andover Christian Church	\$1,076.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$350.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$250.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$400.00
Fayetteville Church of Christ	\$275.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$300.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Individuals	\$9,020.45
Interest Income	\$9.52
Network for Good	\$23.82
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Okolona Christian Church	\$400.00
Team Expansion (Byrd)	\$50.00
Team Expansion (Richter)	\$20.00
Vansant Church of Christ	\$250.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$733.33
Total	\$13,858.12

Expenses

Banking Fees	\$11.51
Misc	\$477.80
For more Support	\$3,355.50
Barn	\$97.75
Louisville Water Co	\$75.31
Fuel	\$221.96
LG&E	\$844.51
Gazebos	\$9,150.00
Tractor Repair	\$749.30
Mortgage Payment	\$12,807.54
Stable	\$1,685.04
Total	\$29,476.22