

The Visionary



EMERALD HILLS HELPS TEAM EXPANSION BUILD COMMUNITY

by Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

For the past month we've had one big group after another at Emerald Hills.

- Some (11) were training, along with their kids (7), to become new missionaries
- Others were taking part in a 24/7 prayer vigil on our campus
- Still others (26), along with their kids (7), were participating in a Kairos encounter (it starts out looking a lot like a 40-hour missions course, but ends up being more like a face-to-face encounter with God's world view)
- Many (17!) also learned how to lead or facilitate the Kairos experience. And, along the way,
- The members of International Services (27?) carried out their daily ministries of recruiting, selecting, sending, and coaching more than 300 missionaries in well over 40 lands throughout the globe.

In some ways, Emerald Hills has been like a giant living Facebook for these guests, except better, in that they've formed relationships, checked in with each other daily, and

gotten to know one another. They've learned each other's strengths and weaknesses, encouraged each other, and yes, even offered constructive feedback, when asked. They've formed networks that will last for a lifetime.

And that's as it should be. Emerald Hills is a place to pray, retreat, learn, and reconnect with God and His creation. Snowstorms can come and go, but our fossil-fuel-free heating system, fully geothermal (we get the heat from the dirt, so to speak), was here to stay. Everybody stayed nice and toasty. But the warmth of camaraderie, developed around like-minded purposes, was even more life-changing for each of us. And it's likely to inspire, motivate, and encourage for many decades to come.

So thank you for your support of the Emerald Hills dream and for the important part that plays in reaching unreached peoples.



FIELD HIGHLIGHT: ECUADOR

by Bill and Karleen Crandall

It is inspiring when people defy the norm, overcome some fears and give it their all to serve God. We had a group of eight people from Hillside Christian Church from Amarillo, Texas, come work for five days with the Vergeles congregation and host an appreciation dinner for the men of Advance Training and their wives. You should understand that this was the 55+

adult group's first foreign mission trip. They really worked and got to know the Ecuadorians in those five days. They painted, cut angle iron and rebar, and welded alongside the Ecuadorians. They also stayed with Ecuadorian families, led a morning of VBS for more than 75 children, preached in two congregations and encouraged the leaders and their wives with a true Texan meal.

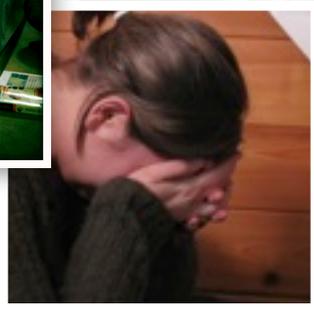
There were also a few moments to buy a few souvenirs and see a portion of Guayaquil before getting up at 4 a.m. to catch their return flight.

Karleen and I were impressed with their willingness to do whatever it takes, not letting the "newness" of the situation or the language barrier or their age be an excuse! They challenged the unknown and the norm for many middle-age Christians to serve.

LIGHT THE FIRE

During the second week of January, our home office staff, International Services, participated in the global prayer movement, Light the Fire. For nearly 170 straight hours, the 25 International Services staff members took turns filling our prayer room with sincere worship, personal reflections, and petitions on behalf of the unreached nations of the world, while others served as Gatekeepers for the building and others read aloud from the Bible in our atrium.

Light the Fire is a 10-year commitment of continuous prayer for the world's unreached people. Churches, organizations, small groups, campus ministries and others are encouraged to participate in this world-changing movement.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- We have a potential buyer for the Hopewell House! Pray that everything goes smoothly.
- More Enlarge the Harvest captains and partners needed
- More people to Multiply the Momentum - Find out more: www.multiplythemomentum.com
- Pray that repairs on the barn floor can be taken care of quickly, and as inexpensively as possible.
- Pray for more churches to sign up for a week of Light the Fire! Find out more: www.RestorationRevolution.com

FINANCIAL UPDATE DECEMBER 2010

	<u>Emerald Hills Fund</u>
Balance 12-1-10	-\$44,810.91
December Receipts	\$55,000.13
December Expenses	\$36,601.34
Checking account Balance 12-31-10	-\$26,412.12
*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.566 million	

Receipts

Andover Christian Church	\$700.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$350.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$250.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$400.00
Fayetteville Church of Christ	\$250.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$2,587.74
First Christian Church, Findlay	\$95.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$200.00
Goodsearch	\$49.29
Hazelwood Christian Church	\$3,780.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Individuals	\$36,305.00
Interest Income	\$2,279.77
Louisville Christian Foundation	\$5,000.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$400.00
Okolona Christian Church	\$400.00
Rural Hall Church of Christ	\$500.00
Team Expansion (McCain)	\$100.00
Team Expansion (Richter)	\$20.00
Vansant Church of Christ	\$500.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$733.33
Total	\$55,000.13

Expenses

Banking Fees	\$20.10
Barn	\$329.91
Louisville Water Co.	\$71.72
For more Support	\$95.00
Principal Paid Down	\$23,209.35
Misc	\$67.72
Mortgage Payment	\$12,807.54
Total	\$36,601.34