



The Visionary



PLASTIC SMILES, WALL STREET, OR PROGRESS?

by Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

I start out each day by scanning news headlines on a couple of international publishing sites. Sometimes it's funny to me how editors decide what kind of news makes a top global story. Think about it, newspapers and web news sites all over the world are competing to figure out how to attract the most eyes. Would you feature a guy who says that a certain princess' smile is too "plastic?" Or do you use the story about an alleged murder in South Africa? The stock market being up? Or the European economy being down?

Sometimes I wonder what kind of news GOD would prioritize at the top. I recently learned from our Outreach Team that Team Expansion workers around the world immersed, through God's power, 908 new believers into Christ during 2012, bringing the total number baptized to a whopping 13,387. Not only that, Team Expansion workers gathered 84 new (and REAL) congregations during 2012,

bumping up the total number of churches planted to 440. Church attendance at those 440 congregations is now way over 15,000 people each weekend.

If you ask me, THAT would be news that God would prioritize high. Here at Emerald Hills, we're trying to identify, select, train, and coach qualified workers who will continue to follow God's priorities around the world. May He continue to bless them as they chase after His glory!



FIELD HIGHLIGHT: VENEZUELA

by Jorge and Sara Navarrate

It is our custom on Friday afternoons to have some family time to take our girls to a park or to the beach. Last week, we were able to go to a park that we hadn't visited in a while. When we arrived, we sat down at a food stand to eat a quick lunch. As we were eating, a middle-aged woman sitting alone at the next table

started to talk with us. She introduced herself, and she had the look of someone taking refuge from the frantic pace of the city. As she asked us questions about our family and what we did, she suddenly got very teary and emotional. She told us that she had been praying the night before about finding a church to go to. She

and her son had visited some churches, but they had never really felt comfortable.

When Sunday came, we were happily surprised to see her at the service, and we were even more happy when both she and her son came forward during the invitations to accept Christ!



PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

❧ RIVER VALLEY ❧

River Valley Christian Church (RVCC) enjoys a long-standing relationship with Team Expansion. Workers from Team Expansion have served in leadership roles within the church since its inception, and RVCC has remained committed and engaged in the global work of Team Expansion.

When RVCC intended to give a one-time Thanksgiving offering toward Team Expansion, they were easily convinced of the value in making that gift an annual partnership and contribution with a Project 29 Prayer Shelter.

Their unfaltering willingness to step up in partnership shows their faithfulness and commitment to God's global plan.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Continue to praise God for financial provision for Emerald Hills. Pray that God would provide the means to completely eradicate the outstanding debt on the Prayer Center and Atrium.
- Ask God to raise up a buyer for the Hopewell House in the very near future. We are back at ground zero for potential buyers.
- Pray that God would use Emerald Hills in greater ways than ever to advance His Kingdom among the unreached in 2013.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

JANUARY 2013

Emerald Hills Fund

Balance 1-1-13	\$83,027.38
January Receipts	\$59,383.62
January Expenses	\$9,456.05*
Checking account Balance 1-31-13	\$132,954.95
*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.39 million	

Receipts

Center Pointe Christian Church	\$375.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$250.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$100.00
Crossroads Christian Church, IN	\$12,500.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Christian Church, Morristown	\$1,636.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$400.00
First Presbyterian Church, McPherson	\$120.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Indian Creek Christian Church, Indy	\$21,613.00
Individual	\$7,070.00
Lake Eufaula Christian Church	\$238.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Team Expansion (Delehoy)	\$13,121.82
Team Expansion (Richter)	\$20.00
Team Expansion (Sensitive Fields, 42)	\$250.00
USDA	\$989.80
Total	\$59,383.62

Expenses

Mortgage Payment	\$8,123.88
Louisville Gas and Electric	\$1,155.52
Misc Supplies	\$67.90
Banking Fee	\$108.75
Total	\$9,456.05

*In addition to the balances noted above, we have set aside \$64,051.99 to fund future Maintenance and Improvements to Emerald Hills campus. The negative balance in the Emerald Hills Fund is possible because we are borrowing from a Maintenance and Improvement Fund and the Office General Fund.