



The Visionary



## IT'S ALL ABOUT PRAYER

by Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

It was no accident that the first occupied building we designed and constructed here at Emerald Hills was the Prayer Center and Atrium. We wanted to go on record, with both ourselves and others, that, at the end of the day, it's really all about prayer. David Garrison, one of the world's foremost researchers on church-planting movements, wrote, "Prayer has been fundamental to every Church Planting Movement we have observed. Prayer typically provides the first pillar in a strategy coordinator's master plan for reaching his or her people group."

In every way possible here at Emerald Hills, we seek to inspire missionaries, missionary candidates, and church members to "pray extraordinarily." Following a training course a couple of years ago, a team leader from North

Africa asked one of our instructors, "So you're saying THE most strategic thing we can do to start a church-planting movement is to pray?" By March of 2012, some 52,000 people had agreed to pray daily for their work. Last month, that number had mushroomed to 120,000.

At 8:30pm EDT on April 17, you can join that team (and 57 others) in praying for fullness and fulfillment of the Great Commission in a worldwide prayer gathering via the Internet. (Emerald Hills will be managing the audio for the entire prayercast. Thanks to all those who support this international prayer and learning center regularly to make events like this happen!) To learn more, visit [www.GlobalPrayercast.com](http://www.GlobalPrayercast.com) and be ready to pray with passion with hundreds and maybe thousands of others around the planet. You're invited!

## FIELD HIGHLIGHT: EAST ASIA

by a Quest apprentice

I got a call from a believer in one of our shops one night around 11 and when I answered the phone she was sobbing. Up until that point I had only had one or two conversations with her and her call took me completely by surprise.

She told me that she had gotten in a big fight with her brother and she

didn't know what to do or who to call but when she was scrolling through her Contact List she saw my name and she knew that she could call me. (Wow!)

We decided to meet the next day and it was a really sweet conversation. She told me her story and I got a chance to encourage her. She has only been a believer for about three years

but she is still very young. I got a chance to give her some tools that I learned when I was working with student ministry in college, and she was really grateful. We're going to try to hang out regularly.





\*No picture is available for this shelter as it has not been erected yet.

## PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

### DAVIS FOUNDATION

The Davis Foundation and Team Expansion have had almost no contact, yet when the generous leaders at the Davis Foundation received a grant request from Team Expansion, they were quick to see the vision and send the support necessary for a Project 29 prayer shelter.

The Davis Foundation is based out of Ohio, where the benefactor who started it made great progress in real estate. The nearly anonymous donation reveals a willingness to use their blessings in order to further the expanding Kingdom of God.

## 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 and move on to Phase 2 of the project.
- A contract with a new real estate agency was signed on March 28. Ask God to raise up a buyer in the very near future.
- From a facilities viewpoint, thank God for the many volunteers who make it possible to keep Emerald Hills up and running.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE FEBRUARY 2013

	<u><b>Emerald Hills Fund</b></u>
Balance 2-1-13	<b>\$132,954.95</b>
February Receipts	\$4,980.00
February Expenses	\$8,323.80
Checking account Balance 2-28-13	<b>\$129,611.15*</b>
*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.39 million	

### Receipts

First Presbyterian Church, McPherson	\$20.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$100.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$200.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Lake Eufaula Christian Church	\$214.00
Westerville Christian Church	\$245.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$250.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$375.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
Highland Park Christian Church, OK	\$500.00
Andover Christian Church	\$641.00
Individuals	\$1,835.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,980.00</b>

### Expenses

Mortgage Payment	\$8,123.88
Louisville Gas and Electric	\$82.59
Misc Supplies	\$117.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,323.80</b>

\*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.

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