

The Visionary



SO LONG, HOPEWELL HOUSE! HELLO, NACC!

by Doug Lucas, Team Expansion President



This month, we celebrate the parting of an old friend. Nostalgia aside, we had simply outgrown our former International Services center on Hopewell Road.

Because it was surrounded by a cemetery, a subdivision, and streets on two sides, it offered zero opportunities for growth or expansion. When it sold this month, the \$100K gift to our mortgage came as a breath of

fresh air, bringing our "amount owed" down to \$1.289 million. Praise God. Thanks to all those who had worn holes in the knees of their pants through endless praying that it would sell, and thanks be to God for his faithfulness.

Now, we move on to new challenges like the North American Christian Convention (NACC) in Louisville, July 9-12. For the third year in a row, the convention will



feature unreached peoples as a significant theme in a primary lobby exhibit known as "Unleashed for the Unreached" (U4theU). At this convention, we'll be asking churches and individuals to focus on "The World's Largest Unreached People Groups," the 1,587 groups with a population of at least 100,000. If you're coming to the NACC, we'd appreciate your help in staffing the 70-foot Wall of Unreached Peoples in the Riverside Lobby. Learn more at www.U4theU.com and where you can sign up to pray at The Wall for the hour(s) of your choice. While you're in town, why not visit Emerald Hills for a tour with one of our friendly team members? (Please call ahead for arrangements.) We look forward to welcoming you to Louisville!

FIELD HIGHLIGHT: "PEREA"

by a field worker

The month of May brought about a wonderful start to our summer project. We received a grant to purchase 100 raised garden beds. The beds are of highest quality and made of sturdy cedar wood. I have received the shipment, and will soon plant a foundation of the Gospel's love and

grace with the people in the Perea community.

I have started collaborating with someone from the area to begin a community garden in a local neighborhood. The city has let us use a 30 by 100 foot vacant lot to start it, which will offer plenty of space to accomplish our

vision of getting Christians and Muslims together. Through this, we can share love and hope with the people of Perea, with the the Gospel infused in all that we do. The garden will belong to the entire community and already has plenty of involvement from the neighborhood. It has been an incredible feeling knowing that a project full of so much promise has begun to come together.



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

PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

✎ ALMIGHTY GOD ✎

In loving memory and in honor of Clarence and Evelyn Sowers (Zanesville, OH). He was known as grandpa, the candy man, handyman and an avid fisherman. He was the life of the party. Everyone who met him felt better immediately.

Evelyn, grandma, satisfied every beggar with a yummy meal and an open invitation to ride with them to North Terrace Church where Clarence faithfully served as an elder and teacher. She shared her love for Jesus and His church with anyone and everyone. Clarence began every prayer with “Almighty God, we come to your throne of grace...” Our hope is that you’ll smile, laugh, and feel better and closer to God whom they loved with all their hearts. *– family and friends blessed by Clarence and Evelyn Sowers*

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for those who will visit Emerald Hills during the North American Christian Convention from July 9-12. After the NACC, there will be five consecutive weeks of different trainings at the campus. Pray for patience, strength, and stamina for International Services staff, especially for those involved in teaching and logistics for these events. Pray that space will be adequate and that housing can be secured for those attending.
- 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 expanding the campus so that even more can be accommodated in a training wing and housing unit.
- Praise God that after four years of prayer, the closing on the sale of the Hopewell House, Team Expansion’s former office space for International Services staff, was accomplished on June 5!

FINANCIAL UPDATE MAY 2013

Emerald Hills Fund

Balance 05-01-13	\$117,580.77
May Receipts	\$8,177.00
May Expenses	\$110,017.43
Balance 05-31-13	\$15,740.34*

*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.28 million

Receipts

Center Pointe Christian Church	\$375.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$750.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$100.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$200.00
Freetown Church of Christ	\$3,427.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Indian Creek Christian Church	\$500.00
Individuals	\$1,745.00
Lake Eufaula Christian Church	\$180.00
New Life Community Church	\$30.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Team Expansion (Byrd)	\$50.00
Team Expansion (Nance)	\$100.00
Team Expansion (Richter)	\$20.00
Total	\$8,177.00

Expenses

Transfer to Endowment	\$100,000.00
Geotextile	\$398.00
Fuel	\$278.11
Gravel	\$323.01
String Trimmer	\$389.00
Misc	\$313.94
Louisville Gas and Electric	\$152.69
Mortgage Payment	\$8,123.88
Banking Fee	\$38.80
Total	\$110,017.43

*In addition to the balances noted above, we have set aside \$170,000.00 in a fund that insures even billing of our mortgage payments (\$8200/month), as well as Maintenance and Upkeep.

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