



The Visionary



THE WORLD'S LARGEST UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

by Doug Lucas, Team Expansion President

Not that long ago, I found myself preparing for the 2013 North American Christian Convention. I knew that between four and five thousand people might end up attending. As I scanned through lists of Unreached People Groups (or UPGs - meaning the remaining tribes and ethnic groups in the world without adequate witness, as defined by global researchers), I began realizing how many groups still consisted of extremely large populations. I filtered the list for those with populations of 100,000 or more and was shocked to find that there were 1,587 of those UPGs. Those numbers astound me. Our team here quickly prepared a display with those 1,587 names listed on a large black wall, allowing would-be prayer advocates to sign up to pray for a specific group.

Since that day, hundreds of convention-goers and other volunteers have committed to praying for a particular group. And for that, we're extremely thankful. But today, I thought about those who were regular donors and pray-ers for Emerald Hills. Because Emerald Hills exists to reach all



those remaining groups, I realized that by embracing Emerald Hills, our partners were embracing unreached peoples. Emerald Hills exists because there is a mission that yet remains. And thank you to all our donors, friends, and prayer partners for making it possible!

FIELD HIGHLIGHT: JAPAN

by Lora Christenberry

Yuko was reeling in grief and loss from the tsunami of 2012 and its aftermath when she met Sue at a festival in 2012. Sue recognized it as an opportunity to pray for her and tell her of the hope we have in Jesus. God used that encounter in so many ways, including the first steps toward the

Nozomi Project (nozomiproject.com). He also used it to bring Yuko into a community of Christians.

A little over a year after that encounter, Yuko stepped into the same ocean that took her mom and seven-month pregnant sister, and tears of pain were met with tears of joy as she

was baptized.

She confesses to still having days of intense loneliness and sadness. She spoke of this while speaking of the hope she has found in Jesus, the forgiveness He's given her and enabled her to give to others, and the ways He's changed her life for the better.



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

PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

NEIGHBORS OF E.H.

Many of the families living near Emerald Hills showed their support of Team Expansion by providing the money necessary for this prayer shelter.

Though most of our neighbors are not directly involved at Team Expansion, they regularly display a level of commitment and encouragement to the work being done here, and have embraced Emerald Hills as part of their community.

May Emerald Hills, in turn, be a blessing to our neighborhood, community, country, and the world.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for five fantastic week weeks of training at Emerald Hills! Pre-field/orientation training took place the last two weeks in July for four adults hoping to depart for fields of service in the coming year. Kairos training was held July 29-August 2, followed by two weeks of Jonathan Training.
- 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 participants can be accommodated in a training wing and housing unit.
- Pray that Emerald Hills will always be used to glorify God through prayer for the nations and training for go-ers, pray-ers, and senders.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

JULY 2013

Emerald Hills Fund

Balance 07-01-13	\$6,814.28
July Receipts	\$23,426.00
July Expenses	\$9,123.51
Balance 07-31-13	\$21,116.77*

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

Receipts

Center Pointe Christian Church	\$375.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$250.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$100.00
Crossroads Christian Church	\$1,350.00
Crossroads Christian Church, IN	\$12,500.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Christian Church, Morristown	\$1,636.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$200.00
Indian Creek Christian Church, Indianapol	\$1,000.00
Individuals	\$3,933.67
Lake Eufaula Christian Church	\$448.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$400.00
Shively Christian Church	\$750.00
Wilmington Church of Christ	\$83.33

Total	\$23,426.00
--------------	--------------------

Expenses

Fuel	\$240.95
Mower Parts	\$216.63
Misc	\$118.33
Mortgage	\$8,123.88
Banking Fee	\$10.00
Louisville Gas & Electric	\$413.72

Total	\$9,123.51
--------------	-------------------

*In addition to the balances noted above, we have set aside \$170,000.00 in a fund that ensures even billing of our mortgage payments (\$8,200/month), as well as Maintenance and Upkeep.

If you would like to receive the Visionary via email let us know!

visionary@teamexpansion.org