

# The Visionary



## THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

by Doug Lucas, Team Expansion President

Recently, we took a photo of our team standing in front of the welcome sign at Emerald Hills. Several team members were on the road, but those of us who were at the office that day gathered for the photo. After it was processed and ready, someone noticed a shadow and wondered if we should try to remove it with photo-editing software. That was when I noticed that the shape was none other than that of a cross. A nearby telephone pole had worked the magic: Our teammates, and Emerald Hills itself, stood in the shadow of the cross.

We never know for sure what kind of witness we portray. But when we design our ministries and organizations to rally around the Good News of Jesus, we're a lot more likely than not to rally for the cause of Christ, his cross, and the resurrection itself. May God bless your coming month, and may he keep you in the shadow of the cross as well.



## FIELD HIGHLIGHT: TAIWAN

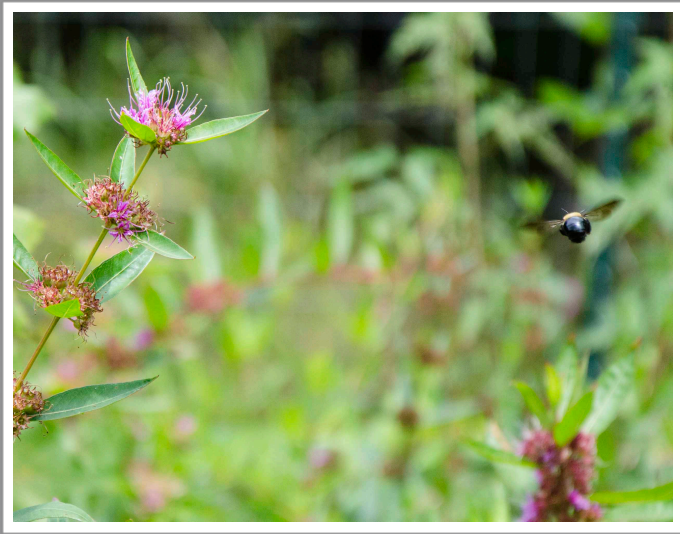
by Taiwan Team

One team in Taiwan has had two opportunities to engage the local teenagers through the public schools recently. First, newly formed English clubs give them the opportunity to meet with high school students weekly to talk about all sorts of topics.

the team was asked to help make 3-5 minute videos that students will watch in school each day starting in October. The videos are aimed at helping the students improve their listening skills. They have been asked to talk about virtues using Bible stories. This will

start with a high school in the area and then has the possibility of 50,000 students using them as well!

Please pray for these audio visual lessons and pray that the students will fall in love with Jesus through these studies.



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

## PRAYER SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

### A SOLITARY PLACE

In 1981, a farmer and his family began supporting Team Expansion regularly. Though there were months when they couldn't give much, they always prayed, always encouraged, and always communicated with us. The family would often rise at 4:00 am to begin chores, never complaining, but utilizing the early morning hours to communicate with the Lord that they loved.

Just over three decades later, after years of faithful support, God rewarded them beyond their farthest imagination. Precious minerals were discovered under their farmland, allowing them to give one of the largest gifts ever to our organization.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ask God to bless planning and preparation for the Team Leader Summit to be held at Emerald Hills in November.
- 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

### AUGUST 2013

	<b>Emerald Hills Fund</b>
Balance 08-01-13	<b>\$21,116.77</b>
August Receipts	\$10,659.95
August Expenses	\$8,608.82
<b>Balance 08-30-13</b>	<b>\$23,167.90*</b>

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

### Receipts

Andover Christian Church	\$363.00
Center Pointe Christian Church	\$750.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$100.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$450.00
Heritage Christian Church	\$200.00
Indian Creek Christian Church, Indy	\$500.00
Individuals	\$2,680.00
Lake Eufaula Christian Church	\$200.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
Team Expansion (Byrd)	\$100.00
Team Expansion (Grogg)	\$30.00
Team Expansion (Holbrook)	\$4,426.95
Team Expansion (Richter)	\$60.00
Team Expansion (Sensitive Fields, 58)	\$100.00
The Community Foundation of Louisville	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,659.95</b>

### Expenses

Banking Fee	\$48.80
Email	\$74.00
Fuel	\$97.01
Louisville Gas & Electric	\$168.24
Misc	\$46.89
Mortgage	\$8,123.88
Tree Trimming	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,608.82</b>

\*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.

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