

# The Visionary



## CHRISTMAS: HOW TO GIVE MORE FAH-LAH-LAH TO THE LOST

by Doug Lucas, Team Expansion President

I love Christmas at Emerald Hills. We come together as a team to play crazy Christmas games, eat a traditional Christmas dinner (family style!), and we pray prayers on behalf of those who haven't yet heard the story of the baby in a manger who changed everything.

So what can we do to give more fah-lah-lah to the lost? Here's a quick Christmas list on that.

**MOBILIZE** - Find and engage friends, helping them understand that the Bible makes it clear that we can't start living a life in Christ until we KNOW Christ. And how will people know Christ if they've never been introduced to Him?

**CONNECT** - Be a bridge person. If you know of someone who might consider going (or sending), please encourage them to get in touch with us, or get their permission to pass along their contact information directly to us.



**PRAY** - Ask God to empower our workers around the world in telling others the Jesus story. Pray that when they visit here for trainings, that someday we will have beds and dedicated training space, both for adults and kids. Also, please thank God for the way he has provided so faithfully thus far in this journey - developing the nation's premier prayer, retreat, and learning center for His glory!

Thank you for your partnership in making Emerald Hills a reality! And God bless you this Christmas!

## FIELD HIGHLIGHT: EASTERN EUROPE

by the "B" Team

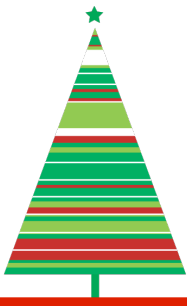
On the heels of a 48-hour prayer focus, the team is celebrating with Fehim, who is now proclaiming himself a follower of Christ! He is the president of his village, and a very influential man. He went on Friday to tell his religious leader at his mosque that he is now a follower of Christ. Everyone in his village will know soon. He told his girlfriend who broke up with him but has since come back and says she will read with him to try to understand this change. Then he

mom who is also willing to read with him and learn more. Then he told the president of his party (the hardline Muslim political party) who is also his boss. For now he has his job still, and he says he doesn't care if he loses his job or everything else he has. He has the truth now, and he says he knows God will take care of the rest as long as he follows Him!

We cannot even tell you how excited he is not just for himself. He is determined to spread the

Word far and wide to whomever will listen. And we are guessing he will talk to those that aren't willing as well! He reminds us so much of Paul in so many ways. Pray that his influence will be written in the history of his country as having been integral in changing this nation for Christ! Pray for his family as they will all experience the consequences once his village knows. Pray that those he tells about his change will not shut him down but long to know more. Pray for his strength and continued faith. It is great indeed! Praise God and hallelujah!





## TOP 10 WISH LIST

In addition to the funds\* needed for aRefuge housing, Phase 2, and many personnel needs at International Services, there are items we could really use to help International Services work and serve more effectively at Emerald Hills.

### TOP 10 (in no particular order):

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| 1. New Gator  | \$400      |
| 2. 3 Loads of Gravel                                | \$400      |
| 3. 2 GB Layer 3 Edge Switches<br>and wireless units | \$11,000   |
| 4. Mobilization Travel Expense Grants               | \$200 each |
| 5. 360 iStock credits                               | \$545      |
| 6. Nikon AF-S Nikkor 70-200mm Lens                  | \$2400     |
| 7. Nikon AF-S Nikkor 24-70mm Lens                   | \$1900     |
| 8. Nikon SB-700 AF Flash                            | \$350      |
| 9. Studio Lights/Background Kit                     | \$600      |
| 10. Crisis/Extraction Training Videos               | \$500      |

Give online at [www.teamexpansion.org/give](http://www.teamexpansion.org/give) and enter the item on the missionary/project line.

\*You can also donate toward aRefuge, our debt, Phase 2, general fund, or any team/missionary by entering the Missionary or Project on that same line.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ask 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 Emerald Hills 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.
- Pray for the completion of goals in 2014 that will move Team Expansion closer to 80 church planting movements in 2015.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE NOVEMBER 2013

### Emerald Hills Fund

Balance 11-01-13	<b>\$35,163.09</b>
November Receipts	\$6,639.03
November Expenses	\$19,289.56
<b>Balance 11-30-13</b>	<b>\$22,512.56*</b>

\*Balance owed to First Cap Bank: \$1.28 million, \$170,000 in Maintenance Endowment

### Receipts

Center Pointe Christian Church	\$375.00
Coastal Community Christian Church	\$250.00
College Heights Christian Church	\$100.00
Fern Creek Christian Church	\$400.00
First Christian Church, Sullivan	\$200.00
Freetown Church of Christ	\$181.00
Goodsearch	\$16.02
Heritage Christian Church	\$100.00
Indian Creek Christian Church, Indianapolis	\$500.00
Individuals	\$3,913.01
Kroger Inc	\$224.00
Lake Eufaula Christian Church	\$180.00
Northwest Christian Church	\$200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,639.03</b>

### Expenses

Banking Fee	\$41.30
Project 29 Gazebos	\$9,937.50
Louisville Gas and Electric	\$233.27
Gravel	\$388.06
Signs	\$116.84
Misc	\$448.71
Mortgage	\$8,123.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,289.56</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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