



Looking back, then ahead

Join us in welcoming our newest team members, Brandon & Savannah Eaton. They are a great family addition to our team and together they will be focusing on student ministries. Brandon will be leading in the areas of teens through college and Savannah will be leading in the areas of children's ministry. This compliments the preschool ministry and children's english program that Angie is leading. Brandon grew up in Florida and Savannah was raised in North Carolina. They both went to Johnson Bible College. They finished up at Johnson in 2005. Pray for them as they begin this rollercoaster experience that God has in store for them.

As we moved closer to our departure date, we constantly evaluated the timing of the move. In order to allow others on our team to go to the field with us, it was necessary to extend our departure date to the end of September 2008. This will give us more time to cultivate supporting churches and raise more financial support along the way. We are already set up to do three VBS's and three camps, now that we are staying through the summer.

On April 8th, we head out on a month long journey to visit supporters and friends. We are going through ten states and will be back in Oklahoma on May 7th. Check out the route on the right. Below is our basic itinerary:

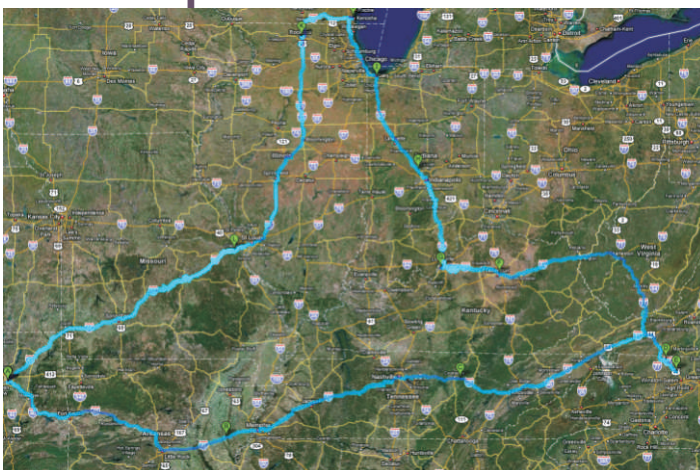
- 🚗 April 8th - From Tulsa to Forrest City, Arkansas
- 🚗 April 9th - to Cookeville, Tennessee
- 🚗 April 10th - to Mount Airy/King, North Carolina
- 🚗 April 12th - to Louisville, Kentucky
- 🚗 April 29th - Indianapolis, Indiana then Chicago, Illinois
- 🚗 April 30th - to Kenosha, Wisconsin
- 🚗 May 5th - to Rockford, Illinois
- 🚗 May 6th - to St. Louis, Missouri
- 🚗 May 7th - back to Tulsa, Oklahoma....whew.

Pray that our journey would be fruitful and that we will raise more monthly financial commitments, yield more prayer partners, receive more gifts toward one time financial needs, and have an encouraging time with friends and supporters.

We now have seventy-two percent of our monthly budget raised. That is \$5,005 out of \$6,976. That is great so far, but we still need about \$1900 committed. That could come from any supporter or church. Please for those funds to be raised so we can go back to Italy fully funded. If you would like to schedule time with us, please email or call to set it up!

In Christ,
 Matt & Angie

Our Trip Route...



Matt & Angie Crosser

From Int'l Services

A Note from Team Expansion's President:



Doug Lucas

My family and I recently drove to the top of a very tall & remote mountain (13,796 feet above sea level). I was amazed by the views it afforded, especially at night, when it grew very dark. (Since we were hours from the nearest city, it was a case of *extreme* darkness.) Stars were everywhere. I wrote in my journal, "I don't deserve to see this majesty; the stars appear to be *screaming* glory to their creator!" No matter which direction I looked, I could see deep space objects with the naked eye. And when I looked at any given point in the sky with my binocular, I would see *dozens* of galaxies, clusters, and nebulae in seemingly every field of view. What impressed me most was how *clear* these objects were. You see, when it comes to astronomy, the darker the sky, the more amazing the view. I've noticed a similar phenomenon with missionaries. In times of great financial need, the smallest check can appear as a very bright spot in an otherwise very dark month. So please don't ever forget -- your gift of prayer and finances can be *the* difference-maker in inspiring your favorite Team Expansion worker to keep shining brightly in areas of the world where Christ's name is least known. Thank you for your support & sacrifice. Thank you for making Team Expansion's work possible through your partnership!

Doug Lucas
President, Team Expansion

Websites

Our website:
www.thecrossers.com

Our blog:
www.thecrossersblog.com

Go Verona team website:
www.goverona.org

Go Verona news blog:
www.goveronanews.com

Go Verona Radio podcast:
www.goveronapodcast.blogspot.com

Our Pictures:
www.fotki.com/mcrosner

Team Expansion:
www.teamexpansion.org

Our Timeline



Taking Christ To Italy: Go Verona

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From the Kitchen

Featured Recipe

Crostini con prosciutto e mozzarella - Toast with Ham & Mozzarella

Ingredients:

- 1 slices of ciabatta bread
- 6 Thin slices of prosciutto (Italian cured ham)
- 1 ball of fresh mozzarella sliced into six pieces
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 6 fresh sage leaves

Toast your ciabatta bread. Top it with a slice of prosciutto and then a slice of mozzarella. Bake in oven until cheese melts. Melt butter on stove and add sage leaves. Let sage leaves fry just a bit and then add some salt and pepper. Pour a little bit of butter sauce on each piece and add one of the cooked sage leaves to the top of each piece of bread. Makes six. Enjoy!

Prayer Highlights

Current Prayer Highlights:

Answered Prayer -

- ~ New team members for youth and children, Brandon & Savannah Eaton.
- ~ Recent increases in monthly commitments.
- ~ Taught at OCC Intl Focus Week, it went well.

Verona Team Prayer -

- ~ Team members, John & Ann Blackburn (and their kids) as they prepare and support raise for the Verona work.
- ~ Team member, April Houk as she goes through a transition from her current ministry to the Verona team.
- ~ Pray for new team members, Brandon & Savannah, as they get on board with the ministry.
- ~ Our team's vacant positions (music/worship)

Prayers for Italians -

- ~ People we've met in Verona: Lucia, Pasquale, Giovanni, Ellie and Felice.
- ~ Pray for our team's neighbors in Verona. Will you pray that we will use times of running into each other to get to know our neighbors. Pray that God will use us to reveal Himself to them.

Prayers for Us -

- ~ Major travel visiting supporters through ten states from April 8th to May 7th.
- ~ Pray as we finish our assignments for our class "Perspectives".
- ~ Our monthly financial commitments to be at 100%.
- ~ Our living permits to be done.

Ancona Team Prayer -

- ~ Ministry to flourish & spiritual guidance.
- ~ Friends to come to follow Christ.
- ~ Jason & Heather Casey, as Jason leads the team and Heather supports him.
- ~ Marcus Van Dorn, as he reaches his friends.
- ~ Brian & Heidi Rotert, as they minister to others.
- ~ Josh Furnal, as he brings joy to Italians.

Ask about our bi-monthly prayer update list.



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Missionaries to Verona, Italy
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Our Support Team

Milton & Elizabeth Hendricks
Forwarding Agents
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John & Judy Webb
Team Pastors

Jimmy Foreman
Representative Elder

Jayson & Janice French
Representative Elder

Our Team

Matt & Angie Crosser
April Houk
John & Ann Blackburn
Brandon & Savannah Eaton

Our Mission

Our team exists to plant a church in Verona, Italy that glorifies God

Our Roles

Matt's main roles...

Team Leader
Graphics & Design
Video & Web Editing
Curriculum Design
Computer Tech
Short Term Groups
Building Relationships
Administration

Angie's main roles...

Homemaker
Team Member
Preschool Ministry
Children's English
Adult English
Building Relationships
Administration
Hospitality

Forwarding Address

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Please send all support to the address above with checks made out to: Team Expansion

Physical Address

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Matt's cell 918-850-9828
Angie's cell 918-851-7944
Home/Office 918-398-9351

Finances

Monthly Exp. Recap/Jan 2008

TOTAL

Benefits

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 100 · Salary | 2,029.78 |
| 111 · Spec. Medical Exp | 79.94 |
| 150 · Housing Allow. | 498.72 |
| 160 · Utilities | 57.26 |
| 180 · Contributions | 20.00 |
| Total Benefits | 2,685.70 |

Education

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| 200 · Books/Periodicals | 136.14 |
| 230 · Team Building | 15.43 |
| Total Education | 151.57 |

Christian Education

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| 320 · Hospitality | 41.64 |
| Total Christian Education | 41.64 |

Office

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| 600 · Supplies In Field | 50.00 |
| 640 · Facility/Utilities | 28.00 |
| 650 · Supplies in States | 307.01 |
| 660 · Mission Phone | 169.98 |
| 661 · E-Mail | 22.38 |
| Total Office | 577.37 |

Promotion/Representation

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| 700 · For More Support | 202.93 |
| 710 · For More Recruits | 280.13 |
| 720 · Newsletters | 9.95 |
| Total Promo./Rep. | 493.01 |

Travel

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 800 · Car/Transportation | 256.74 |
| 810 · Meals While Trav. | 172.67 |
| 820 · Fees/Tolls | 4.70 |
| 830 · Housing While Trav. | 107.64 |
| 870 · Misc. Expenses | 459.00 |
| Total Travel | 1,000.75 |

Miscellaneous

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| 930 · Mission House | 22.33 |
| Total Miscellaneous | 22.33 |

JANUARY TOTAL 4,972.37

Monthly Exp. Recap/Feb. 2008

TOTAL

Benefits

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 100 · Salary | 1,276.61 |
| 111 · Spec. Medical Exp | 100.00 |
| 150 · Housing Allow. | 473.00 |
| 160 · Utilities | 98.87 |
| 180 · Contributions | 20.00 |
| Total Benefits | 1,968.48 |

Education

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| 200 · Books/Periodicals | 90.95 |
| 220 · Confer./Classes | 220.00 |
| Total Education | 310.95 |

Christian Education

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|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 320 · Hospitality | 25.47 |
| Total Christian Education | 25.47 |

Evangelism

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| 400 · Printed Material | 29.95 |
| Total Evangelism | 29.95 |

Office

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| 600 · Supplies In Field | 239.00 |
| 640 · Facility/Utilities | 28.00 |
| 650 · Supplies in States | 36.06 |
| 660 · Mission Phone | 45.12 |
| 661 · E-Mail | 55.35 |
| Total Office | 403.53 |

Promotion/Representation

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| 700 · For More Support | 850.87 |
| 710 · For More Recruits | 31.92 |
| 720 · Newsletters | 31.91 |
| 730 · Report to Supporters | 16.33 |
| Total Promo/Repres. | 931.03 |

Travel

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| 800 · Car/Transportation | 275.59 |
| 810 · Meals While Travel | 85.15 |
| 870 · Misc. Expenses | 455.00 |
| Total Travel | 815.74 |

Miscellaneous

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| 930 · Mission House | 355.06 |
| Total Miscellaneous | 355.06 |

FEBRUARY TOTAL 4,840.21

Monthly Exp. Recap/March 2008

TOTAL

Benefits

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 100 · Salary | 2,436.65 |
| 111 · Spec Medical Exp | 83.02 |
| 150 · Housing Allowance | 484.33 |
| 160 · Utilities | 100.75 |
| 180 · Contributions | 20.00 |
| Total Benefits | 3,124.75 |

Education

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| 200 · Books/Periodicals | 288.31 |
| 220 · Confer./Classes | 90.00 |
| Total Education | 378.31 |

Christian Education

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|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 320 · Hospitality | 53.89 |
| Total Christian Education | 53.89 |

Evangelism

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| 400 · Printed Material | 4.88 |
| Total Evangelism | 4.88 |

Office

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| 600 · Supplies In Field | 50.00 |
| 640 · Facility/Utilities | 28.00 |
| 650 · Supplies in States | 449.01 |
| 661 · E-Mail | 21.81 |
| Total Office | 548.82 |

Promotion/Representation

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| 700 · For More Support | 300.12 |
| 710 · For More Recruits | 299.12 |
| 720 · Newsletters | 77.06 |
| 730 · Report/Supporters | 284.25 |
| Total Promo/Repres. | 960.55 |

Travel

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 800 · Car/Transportation | 283.47 |
| 806 · Vehicle Mainten. | 26.98 |
| 810 · Meals While Travel | 68.77 |
| 860 · Air Fare | 608.00 |
| 870 · Misc. Expenses | 481.00 |
| Total Travel | 1,468.22 |

Miscellaneous

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| 900 · Unspecified Equip | 233.30 |
| 920 · Banking Fees | 60.00 |
| 930 · Mission House | 7.03 |
| Total Miscellaneous | 300.33 |

MARCH TOTAL 6,839.75

Monthly Receipts Recap/Jan. 2008

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|------------------------|------------|
| Donors | Amount |
| Individuals (10) Total | \$1,361.23 |

Churches (6) Total

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| Edmond CC | \$800.00 |
| First CC - Sapulpa | \$480.00 |
| Highland Park CC | \$1,110.00 |
| Metro Faith CC | \$200.00 |
| Osage Hills CC | \$330.00 |
| Shively CC | \$750.00 |
| JANUARY GRAND TOTAL | \$5,031.23 |

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Dec Balance | \$ 632.07 |
| Jan Receipts | +\$ 5,031.23 |
| Jan Sub-Total | \$ 5,663.30 |
| Jan Expenses | -\$ 4,972.37 |
| Jan Balance | \$ 690.93 |

Monthly Receipts Recap/Feb. 2008

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|------------------------|------------|
| Donors | Amount |
| Individuals (12) Total | \$2,320.84 |

Churches (6) Total

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Edmond CC | \$800.00 |
| Highland Park CC | \$1,110.00 |
| Metro Faith CC | \$200.00 |
| Osage Hills CC | \$610.00 |
| Sandusky Avenue CC | \$200.00 |
| Shively CC | \$750.00 |
| FEBRUARY GRAND TOTAL | \$5,990.84 |

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| Jan Balance | \$ 690.93 |
| Feb Receipts | +\$5,990.84 |
| Feb Sub-Total | \$ 6,681.77 |
| Feb Expenses | -\$ 4,840.21 |
| Feb Balance | \$ 1,841.56 |

Monthly Receipts Recap/Mar. 2008

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|------------------------|------------|
| Donors | Amount |
| Individuals (12) Total | \$1,989.99 |

Churches (7) Total

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Edmond CC | \$800.00 |
| First CC - Kenosha | \$1,000.00 |
| First CC - Sapulpa | \$200.00 |
| Highland Park CC | \$1,110.00 |
| Osage Hills CC | \$360.00 |
| Sandusky Avenue CC | \$100.00 |
| Shively CC | \$750.00 |
| MARCH GRAND TOTAL | \$6,309.99 |

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| Feb Balance | \$ 1,841.56 |
| Mar Receipts | +\$ 6,309.99 |
| Mar Sub-Total | \$ 8,151.55 |
| Mar Expenses | -\$ 6,839.75 |
| Mar Balance | \$ 1,311.80 |

Thanks for your contributions through financial giving and prayers!



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Current Financial Need

We currently have monthly commitments of \$5,005 raised out of a total need of \$6,976. All we ask is that you prayerfully consider what God might want you to give, and that is between him and you.

This 2008 budget is based on an dollar/euro exchange rate of 1.47%. So far the exchange rate already got to 1.57% in March 2008. That means instead of costing \$1.47 for each euro we spend, it got as high as costing \$1.57 for each euro spent.

Ways You Can Help

There are a few ways that you can partner with our ministry.

1) We need monthly supporters. You could commit an amount to send each month towards our ministry.

2) We need prayer partners to commit to pray for ourselves, our team and the people of Verona on a regular basis. If you would like to commit to being a prayer partner, let us know.

3) We are thankful for special offerings. Whether your gift is from your VBS, camp, Sunday School or yourself, it is always appreciated. We have unexpected things happen from time to time and your special gifts help weather the storms the enemy throws at us.

4) We need teams to come over and assist in our work. It may take us a few months to get settled in Verona next year. Then, once we are settled we look forward to having mission team come over and help. Ask for information.

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