



## Sun, Car Trips & Flights

We logged over 4500 miles of traveling in April. Then in the following two months we presented at three camps, one VBS and several churches. We recruited a final team member, who was approved in April. Her name is Brandi Davis and you can find out more about her on the back page. We are also highlighting on the back page the Eatons who joined earlier this year, as well as a reunion for East Tulsa Christian Church. Be sure to check it out.

Now that our recruiting is over for now, we can turn our attention to the other aspects of the team formation. Not only are we meeting with churches, raising financial support and seeking prayer partners but we are also building our new team into a solid group. We want to help them as they meet churches, raise support and find prayer partners.

We have been focusing on raising two types of financial support while we are in the states. First, we need people and churches to commit to give a certain amount each month to go towards monthly expenses, ministry and salary. The second type of finances we are raising is for one time needs, this includes moving cost, rental deposits, vehicle purchase, new facility needs, etc... We currently have 74% of our monthly needs covered. That means we only need \$1843 in committed monthly funds and we will have 100% of our monthly needs covered. Maybe you could pray and consider what you could commit, whether it's \$5 monthly or \$200 monthly. You could send it on your own, with your small group, Sunday School or youth group. Thanks for praying and considering your part in God's mission in Verona, Italy. Out of the \$38,521 of one time financial needs we have raised around \$11,000 from churches, individuals, camps, VBS, etc... That means to cover 100% of our one time financial needs we need another \$27,521 in one time support. We would ask you to consider and pray what you could send in towards this large amount. You could send something on your own, with a group or your church. God will use whatever you send in, whether it's \$5 or \$5000. Thanks so much for praying about this.

We have many upcoming appointments and special dates in July. Here are a few:

- July 12 - ETCC Reunion at Highland Park CC; Tulsa
- July 13-18 - VBS at Osage Hills Christian Church; Tulsa
- July 19 - Angie's Birthday
- July 20 - Presenting at Sandusky Avenue CC; Tulsa
- July 21-24 - 5th & 6th Grade Camp at Maranatha; Missouri
- July 27 - Sunday Evening at Osage Hills CC; Tulsa

We are actively scheduling dates for August and September, so if you would like to schedule a presentation or meal time with us, please email or call to set it up!

In Christ,  
Matt & Angie

## Facts About Verona...

Did You Know That....

...Because of the value and importance of its many historical buildings, Verona has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

...Verona is twenty minutes from the largest lake in Europe, Lake Garda?

...Verona has the second largest amount of Roman ruins in the world, second only to Rome, Italy?

...Verona's ancient amphitheater is still in use and hosts the William Shakespeare festival every year.



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## From Int'l Services

A Note from Team Expansion's President:



Doug Lucas

This past Monday evening, after having presented Team Expansion to a local church in Cincinnati, I picked up a soft drink then headed home, only to realize (about 5 miles down the road), I had walked out without paying for it! Sigh. I turned around, doubled back, explained to the cashier what had happened and cashier gladly took my \$1.50. :-) In a quiet voice, he said, "Thank you for your honesty." I didn't go back just to hear him say thanks, but it still felt good that he said it. My guess is, you probably feel the same way about giving toward the work of your favorite Team Expansion missionary. You don't give just to hear 'thank you', but the truth is, we really are grateful, as an organization, and we hope you hear us plain and simple, WE APPRECIATE YOU! Thank you for going out of the way to help the work of the Lord go forward!

Doug Lucas  
President, Team Expansion

## Websites

Our website:  
[www.thecrossers.com](http://www.thecrossers.com)

Our blog:  
[www.thecrossersblog.com](http://www.thecrossersblog.com)

Go Verona team website:  
[www.goverona.org](http://www.goverona.org)

Go Verona news blog:  
[www.goveronanews.com](http://www.goveronanews.com)

Go Verona Radio podcast:  
[www.goveronapodcast.blogspot.com](http://www.goveronapodcast.blogspot.com)

Our Pictures:  
[www.fotki.com/mcrosner](http://www.fotki.com/mcrosner)

Team Expansion:  
[www.teamexpansion.org](http://www.teamexpansion.org)

## Our Timeline



In the United States  
(present - Sep. 30, 2008)



In Verona  
(Sep. 30, 2008\*)

\* We are currently reviewing this date and hope to provide more info soon. Our target dates always depend on preparations factors of new team.

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## From the Kitchen

Featured Recipe

**Espresso Chocolate Mousse with  
Marscapone Whipped Cream**  
Makes four servings

### Mousse Ingredients:

½ cup milk  
3 tabl. Sugar  
¼ tsp. espresso powder  
1 cup chocolate chips  
3 egg whites

### Whipped Cream Ingredients:

¼ cup marscapone  
A bit of orange zest  
½ juiced orange  
½ cup heavy whipping cream  
2 tabs. Powdered sugar

Heat milk on stove but don't boil. Add sugar and espresso powder. Break up chocolate chips by chopping them a little bit in the blender. Add milk mixture and egg whites. Blend and pour into serving dishes. Let set for three hours in the refrigerator.

To make whipped cream add marscapone, zest, juice, cream and sugar together in a mixing bowl. Mix until you have a whipped cream consistency. Top your mouse with a bit of cream before serving.

*Recipe from Giada DeLauritis*

## Prayer Highlights

### Current Prayer Highlights:

#### Answered Prayer -

- ~ New team member for music and worship, Brandi Davis.
- ~ Recent increases in monthly commitments.
- ~ Funds have been given towards one time needs..

#### Verona Team Prayer -

- ~ Team members, the Blackburn family, April Houk and the Eatons, as they prepare and support raise for the Verona work.
- ~ Pray for new team member, Brandi, as she gets on board with the ministry.

#### Prayers for Italians -

- ~ People we've met in Verona: Lucia, Pasquale, Giovanni, Ellie and Felice.
- ~ Pray for the people of Verona to desire to know Christ.

#### Prayers for Us -

- ~ Presentations and Visits with supporters.
- ~ Our monthly financial commitments to be at 100%.
- ~ Our living permits to be done.

#### Ancona Team Prayer -

- ~ Pray for the team to grow spiritually
- ~ Pray for the church to grow

Ask about our bi-monthly prayer update list.



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**Our Support Team**  
Milton & Elizabeth Hendricks  
Forwarding Agents  
[moremail@valornet.com](mailto:moremail@valornet.com)

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  
Brandi Davis

### 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

Team Expansion  
2605 W Vandalia St  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

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

### Physical Address

Matt & Angie Crosser  
9407 E 65th St Apt #3213  
Tulsa OK 74133

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

# Finances

## Monthly Exp. Recap/April 2008

	TOTAL
<b>Benefits</b>	
100 · Salary	1,254.06
111 · Spec. Med. Exp.	78.67
150 · Housing Allowance	479.21
160 · Utilities	100.00
180 · Contributions	20.00
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>1,931.94</b>

<b>Education</b>	
200 · Books/Periodicals	320.64
230 · Team Building	54.11
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>374.75</b>

<b>Office</b>	
600 · Supplies In the Field	450.00
640 · Facility/Utilities	28.00
650 · Supplies in the States	169.69
660 · Mission Phone	45.06
661 · E-Mail	68.90
<b>Total Office</b>	<b>761.65</b>

<b>Promotion/Representation</b>	
700 · For More Support	72.00
730 · Report. to Supporters	307.34
<b>Total Promo/Representation</b>	<b>379.34</b>

<b>Travel</b>	
800 · Car/Transportation	380.49
806 · Vehicle Maintenance	572.58
810 · Meals While Traveling	586.55
820 · Fees/Tolls	8.25
830 · Housing While Travel.	149.41
870 · Misc. Expenses	498.00
<b>Total Travel</b>	<b>2195.28</b>

<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
900 · Unspecified Equip.	206.17
920 · Banking Fees	4.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>210.17</b>

## TOTAL APRIL EXPENSES 5,853.13

## Monthly Exp. Recap/May 2008

	TOTAL
<b>Benefits</b>	
100 · Salary	2,623.45
111 · Spec. Med. Expense	84.97
150 · Housing Allowance	604.24
160 · Utilities	224.46
180 · Contributions	20.00
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>3,557.12</b>

<b>Education</b>	
200 · Books/Periodicals	487.39
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>487.39</b>

<b>Postage</b>	
550 · In the States	57.65
<b>Total Postage</b>	<b>57.65</b>

<b>Office</b>	
600 · Supplies In the Field	50.00
640 · Facility/Utilities	28.00
650 · Supplies in States	540.55
661 · E-Mail	249.68
<b>Total Office</b>	<b>868.23</b>

<b>Promotion/Representation</b>	
700 · For More Support	36.80
730 · Report to Supporters	23.68

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## Total Promo/Representation 60.48

<b>Travel</b>	
800 · Car/Transportation	384.82
810 · Meals While Traveling	94.95
830 · Housing While Traveling	66.08
870 · Misc. Expenses	493.00
<b>Total Travel</b>	<b>1,038.85</b>

<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	609.50
920 · Banking Fees	8.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>617.50</b>

## TOTAL MAY EXPENSES 6,687.22

## Monthly Receipts Recap/April 2008

Donors	Amount
<b>Individuals (14) Total</b>	<b>\$2,428.36</b>

## Churches (9) Total \$5,019.00

Edmond CC	\$950.00
First CC - Sapulpa	\$200.00
Highland Park CC	\$1,110.00
Metro Faith CC	\$200.00
Osage Hills CC	\$690.00
Real Life Church	\$600.00
Reconciled Quartet	\$115.00
Sandusky Ave CC	\$100.00
Shively CC	\$1,054.00

<b>APRIL SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,447.36</b>
<b>Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$125.97</b>
<b>APRIL GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,573.33</b>

<b>Mar Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,311.80</b>
Apr Receipts	+\$ 7,573.33
Apr Sub-Total	\$ 8,885.13
Apr Expenses	-\$ 5,853.13
<b>Apr Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,032.00</b>

## Monthly Receipts Recap/Feb. 2008

Donors	Amount
<b>Individuals (13) Total</b>	<b>\$1,465.00</b>

## Churches (10) Total \$9,920.00

Action Class Shively	\$100.00
Edmond CC	\$800.00
First CC - Sapulpa	\$200.00
Highland Park CC	\$6,110.00
Loyal Workers	
FCC Kenosha	\$100.00
Metro Faith CC	\$800.00
Osage Hills CC	\$460.00
Sandusky Avenue CC	\$100.00
Shively CC	\$750.00

## MAY GRAND TOTAL \$11,385.00

<b>Apr Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,032.00</b>
May Receipts	+\$11,385.00
May Sub-Total	\$ 14,417.00
May Expenses	-\$ 6,687.22
<b>May Balance</b>	<b>\$ 7,729.78</b>

Thanks for your contributions through financial giving and prayers!



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## Current Financial Need

We currently have monthly commitments of \$5,133 raised out of a total need of \$6,976. All we ask is that you prayerfully consider what God might want you to give. Let us know if you want to commit towards this needed amount.

This 2008 budget is based on an dollar/euro exchange rate of 1.47%. So far the exchange rate already got to 1.62% by June 2008. That means instead of costing \$1.47 for each euro we spend, it got as high as costing \$1.62 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 and your special gifts help weather the storms the enemy throws at us as well as prepare for the new city.

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.

## Meet Brandon & Savannah Eaton

Brandon and Savannah are graduates of Johnson Bible College. Brandon will be leading in the areas of youth ministry and Savannah will be leading in the areas of children's ministry. This will be done in partnership with one another and the rest of the Verona team. For several years throughout college and afterwards, the Eatons have been involved in children's & youth ministry, camps, churches, etc... Brandon has also worked in Social Services which brings another perspective to youth ministry. We are excited to have them on our team. They joined our team in February 2008.



Read more about Brandon and Savannah on our team blog, [www.goveronanews.com](http://www.goveronanews.com).

## Meet Brandi Davis



Please welcome our latest team member, Brandi Davis. She is a graduate of Manhattan Christian College and is from Wichita, Kansas. Brandi has been involved in missions for several years now. She has also been leading worship in chapel at Manhattan Christian College in rotation. Along with the rest of our team members, once she gets to the field, she will be spending the first year learning the language and studying culture. After that, she will be leading in the areas of Music Outreach and Worship Development. She is a great addition to a wonderfully God-

formed team and comes highly recommended. She joined our team in April 2008.

Read more about Brandi on our team news blog, [www.goveronanews.com](http://www.goveronanews.com).

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## East Tulsa Christian Church Family Reunion

Saturday, July 12, 2008

Join us for a Potluck Lunch  
Highland Park Christian Church  
5708 E. 31 St. – Tulsa

Bring scrapbooks, photo albums, etc. to share.

We also need volunteers to help with set-up and tear down. If you are interested in helping, please contact one of the ladies listed below.

Please help us spread the word by calling or e-mailing everyone you know that once attended ETCC. We want to have a good turnout and enjoy the afternoon visiting.

Questions contact  
Debbie Henriquez, 224-8455  
Sandy Powers, 224-5217  
Brenda Read, 245-5252

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.  
Potluck Lunch at 12 noon  
Sharing Time at 1:30 p.m.  
Clean-Up & Leave at 4 p.m.

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