



## Great Strides

We have some great news to report. In our last newsletter we reported that we had 74% of our monthly need covered. Several people committed monthly amounts and Sunnyside Christian Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma became a new partner in ministry. We are glad to have the new partners, their commitments bring us up to 91% of our monthly budget. Along with finances, Sunnybrook joins other supporting churches in praying and looking for other ways to be involved in the Verona project. Monthly we need only \$643 to reach 100% funding. Thanks to those who have taken up this responsibility or prayed about this with us.

Also, due to the church vbs programs, dinner meetings, camps, church special gifts and individuals special offerings we have continued to add to our one time needs fund. We have raised a total of \$14,000 towards our one time needs. We are still seeking the other two thirds of this set-up budget, which is \$24,521 out of \$38,521. We appreciate every gift towards this no matter how great or small. Thanks to all those who have contributed or prayed about this. We appreciate you.

Last month, we visited John and Judy Webb, who are our team pastors. What John and Judy provide to our team is truly foundational. Each member of our team has individual

representative elders, and those who encourage them. John and Judy are connected with each team member and the project as a whole. They come to Italy every few years and



John & Judy Webb

when our team members come home for home assignments they visit with them, encouraging them and providing an opportunity for debriefing. They have and will continue to help in areas of conflict management and team building. They have been with the Italy project since 2001 and know the ins and outs of the Italy ministry. We appreciate them.

If you haven't noticed lately, the euro has been slipping against the dollar. As of this writing the cost to buy one euro is \$1.40. In the past two months, we have seen it as high as \$1.60. Last year at this time it was \$1.37,

therefore I made out the new budgets accordingly adding a ten cent buffer in anticipation of spikes. Towards the end of the year I will be reevaluating the budgets to determine their accuracy for 2009. Hopefully, if the rate goes back down around \$1.37 we won't have to adjust them at all. Thanks to those who have been praying about this for our team and the Ancona team. We appreciate you.

Please be praying for our team. Both couples and both singles are going out speaking with individuals and churches while seeking financial and prayer support. Before we can return to Italy, Team Expansion asks that at least someone on our team is funded enough in order to return with us. That monthly mark is at 80% and right now no else on the team is at it. They all are moving forward as opportunities arise and supporters commit to their prayer teams, monthly budgets and one time needs. Pray that the support would come in God's timing. Pray for patience as we wait for God's timing. Pray for opportunities for our team to share with churches and individuals about the need for Christ in Verona, Italy. We are thankful for those who have participated in this ministry and prayed about its direction. We appreciate you.

We are still actively scheduling dates for the Fall season, please contact us to schedule a presentation or meal time with us!



In Christ,  
 Matt & Angie

Matt & Angie Crosser

## From Int'l Services

A Note from Team Expansion's President:



Doug Lucas

Proverbs 25:25 says, "Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land." Each month, we receive all the reports from each of the 311 full-time Team Expansion missionaries around the world, serving in some 47 lands. As we open reports, gaze at photos, and bow in prayer for these courageous saints, we are truly encouraged by their selfless sacrifice and their unceasing determination. Each report causes us to bow to the Lord and give thanks for feet and hands that seem to never stop in their service for the Lord of Lords. Please join us in giving thanks for the way God is working through Team Expansion servants throughout the globe.

Doug Lucas  
President, Team Expansion

## Prayer Highlights

### Current Prayer Highlights:

#### Answered Prayer -

- ~ Increases in monthly commitments to 91%.
- ~ Funds given towards one time needs.

#### Verona Team Prayer -

- ~ Team members, the Blackburn family, April Houk, the Eatons and Brandi Davis, as they prepare and support raise for the Verona work.

#### 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.
- ~ Monthly financial commitments 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.



### Matt & Angie Crosser

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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  
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

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Please send all support to the  
address above with checks  
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### Physical Address

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

## Photos



Angie in front of our display at a VBS.



Matt speaking at one of our dinner forums.

## Our Timeline

By October we will have determined if an extension will be necessary.



In the United States  
(present - Dec. 31, 2008)



In Verona  
(Jan. 1, 2009\*)

\* Our target dates always depend on preparations factors of new team.

## Taking Christ To Italy: Go Verona

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# Finances

## Monthly Exp. Recap/June 2008

<b>Benefits</b>	
100 · Salary	1,833.45
111 · Special Medical Expense	144.03
150 · Housing Allowance	425.45
160 · Utilities	50.00
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>2,452.93</b>

<b>Education</b>	
200 · Books/Periodicals	220.90
230 · Team Building	142.01
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>362.91</b>

<b>Christian Education</b>	
320 · Hospitality	11.26
<b>Total Christian Education</b>	<b>11.26</b>

<b>Evangelism</b>	
420 · Hospitality	45.93
<b>Total Evangelism</b>	<b>45.93</b>

<b>Office</b>	
600 · Supplies In the Field	470.66
640 · Facility/Utilities	28.00
660 · Mission Phone	241.30
661 · E-Mail	37.12
<b>Total Office</b>	<b>777.08</b>

<b>Promotion/Representation</b>	
700 · For More Support	396.06
720 · Newsletters	30.16
<b>Total Promotion/Representation</b>	<b>426.22</b>

<b>Travel</b>	
800 · Car/Transportation	637.84
810 · Meals While Traveling	335.62
820 · Fees/Tolls	10.00
860 · Air Fare	849.24
870 · Misc. Expenses	5.90
<b>Total Travel</b>	<b>1,838.60</b>

<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	50.00
990 · Other	49.35
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>99.35</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,014.28</b>
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## Monthly Exp. Recap/July 2008

<b>Benefits</b>	
100 · Salary	2,875.89
111 · Special Medical Expense	226.15
140 · Retirement	150.00
150 · Housing Allowance	970.00
160 · Utilities	434.66
180 · Contributions	40.00
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>4,696.70</b>

<b>Education</b>	
200 · Books/Periodicals	197.46
230 · Team Building	88.92
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>286.38</b>

<b>Evangelism</b>	
420 · Hospitality	170.57
<b>Total Evangelism</b>	<b>170.57</b>

<b>Office</b>	
600 · Supplies In the Field	1,355.27
640 · Facility/Utilities	39.50
660 · Mission Phone	46.98
661 · E-Mail	67.26
<b>Total Office</b>	<b>1,509.01</b>

<b>Promotion/Representation</b>	
700 · For More Support	347.20
730 · Reporting to Supporters	10.00
<b>Total Promotion/Representation</b>	<b>357.20</b>

<b>Travel</b>	
800 · Car/Transportation	304.90
806 · Vehicle Maintenance	212.30
810 · Meals While Traveling	37.62
860 · Air Fare	474.38
870 · Misc. Expenses	1,001.00
<b>Total Travel</b>	<b>2,030.20</b>

<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
920 · Banking Fees	2.00
930 · Mission House	264.50
990 · Other	44.36
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>310.86</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,360.92</b>
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## Monthly Receipts Recap/June 2008

<b>Donors</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Individuals (15) Total</b>	<b>\$2,240.00</b>
<b>Churches/VBS (6) Total</b>	<b>\$4,953.50</b>
Edmond CC (\$800.00)	
First CC - Kenosha (\$1,000.00)	
Highland Park CC (\$1,893.50)	
Osage Hills CC (\$410.00)	
Sandusky Ave CC (\$100.00)	
Shively CC (\$750.00)	

<b>Camps (2) Total</b>	<b>\$1,434.00</b>
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Mission Lake Christian Camp (\$507.90)	
Sunset Bible Camp (\$926.10)	

<b>JUNE GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,627.50</b>
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<b>May Balance</b>	<b>\$ 7,729.78</b>
Jun Receipts	<u>+\$ 8,627.50</u>
Jun Sub-Total	<b>\$ 16,357.28</b>
Jun Expenses	<u>-\$ 6,014.28</u>
<b>June Balance</b>	<b>\$ 10,343.00</b>

## Monthly Receipts Recap/July 2008

<b>Donors</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Individuals (12) Total</b>	<b>\$1,260.00</b>
<b>Churches/VBS (7) Total</b>	<b>\$4,140.00</b>
Edmond CC \$800.00	
First CC - Sapulpa \$200.00	
Highland Park CC \$1,110.00	
Metro Faith CC \$400.00	
Osage Hills CC \$450.00	
Sandusky Avenue CC \$430.00	
Shively CC \$750.00	

<b>Camps (1) Total</b>	<b>\$713.02</b>
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Sunset Bible Camp (\$713.02)	
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<b>JULY GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,113.02</b>
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<b>Jun Balance</b>	<b>\$ 10,343.00</b>
Jul Receipts	<u>+\$6,113.02</u>
Jul Sub-Total	<b>\$ 16,456.02</b>
Jul Expenses	<u>-\$ 9,360.92</u>
<b>Jul Balance</b>	<b>\$ 7,095.51</b>

Thanks for your contributions through financial giving and prayers!



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## Current Financial Need

We currently have monthly commitments of \$6,333 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%.

## 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.

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