



What's Next?

This week we are celebrating a special anniversary. Two years ago in mid-December 2006, we were praying about and struggling over a decision to lead the team headed to Northern Italy. At that point we didn't even know it would be in Verona. Through the people we prayed with and time ourselves in prayer, we felt God leading us to do this work. For the majority of the proceeding year we remained in Ancona, transitioning out of our roles there and helping pass on relationships to Ancona team members. For the last year we have been recruiting for our new team, raising awareness about the work, training ourselves and our team, as well as presenting the new work to our churches and supporters across the US. Through camps, Sunday School meetings, missions team meetings, Sunday worships, small groups, etc... we have shared our heart and God's desire for the people of Verona, Italy to know Him in a way they never have.

We have made many strides, raising 90% of the monthly funding and almost \$15,000 for one time needs. We have added many prayer partners who receive not only our newsletters, but also emails which are published twice monthly. We held a reception, in Tulsa, for anyone wanting to meet our team, during the National Missionary Convention and we had over 90 attendants, not including the 12 adults and kids on our team! Many people's understandings have deepened about God's work in Italy of which we are a part. God has used this time we have been in the states to solidify our relationships with supporting churches and individuals. We have also had the joy of reaching out to youth and challenging them for God's Kingdom. Besides youth, we have also invested in the lives of several college students, raising the bar for their involvement in missions around the world. We have taken a 14 week Perspectives on the World Christian Movement course, that we highly recommend to all believers. We have trained in multiple financial areas to continually improve the level of financial understanding, stewardship and accountability over the monetary responsibility we have under Team Expansion. All these things have moved us closer to the next phase of the departure period.

There are several conditions before we depart for Italy. The first is that we reached over 80% in monthly funding, we reached that. The second is that we raised the one time funds necessary for moving and starting up in a new city, this we have NOT yet done. The third is that someone else on our team would also reach the same two milestones, that is 80+% monthly and most one time funds. In the past

two weeks, April Houk has reached her mark of over 80% monthly funding. She also has the necessary one time funds raised as well. Once we reach our milestone of one time funding we will move into a three month period of departure.

So, what is our need? What is it that YOU can do to move us into that stage? We were trying to raise \$38,521 in one time funds. We have raised \$14,000, which leaves \$24,521. Included in our total goal was \$10,000 towards our team's future facility. Our team will not rent this until the majority is through with language school, approximately a year and a half after we get to the field. We have decided to postpone raising this \$10,000 until closer to the actual need. So, if we postpone \$10,000, we are left with a need of only \$14,521. So, the basic thought is this, once we raise this \$14,521 we will move into a three month departure period. So, if we raise this by the end of December, our departure is at the end of March. If we raise this by the end of January, our departure will be at the end of April. So, we ask your prayers as we ask God to bring in that which through prayer He led us to have determined was wise planning in making this endeavor. Could God bring this amount in within one month? Absolutely! Would you join us in prayer for God's speed for this money? Would you pray if God desires that we continue in the preparation here that He would make that clear? If God is prompting you to give a special gift at this time, please give. Thank you for your prayer and support.

In Christ, Matt & Angie



Matt & Angie Crosser

From Int'l Services

A Note from Team Expansion's President:



Doug Lucas

Sometimes we "zone in" so much we fail to see the forest for the trees. Here's how you might see Team Expansion from the 30,000-foot level:

*** Full-time Team Expansion missionaries went from 302 at the close of 2006 to 311 at the close of 2007 (including full-timers and Quest). Since that time, full-timers alone

have climbed to 307, with full-timers plus Quest now reaching 317. There are 10 additional "V-Core" volunteers.

*** Countries with active projects went from 44 in 2006 to 47 in 2007.

*** "Completed teams" went 43 in 2006 to 47 in 2007.

*** Accumulated conversions went from 8706 in 2006 to 9000 in 2007.

*** Churches planted went from 198 in 2006 to 205 in 2007.

*** Sent 25 summer interns and 6 trip leaders (Coaches) to 10 countries,

*** First-time new-field research commenced in 2 new sites in the Middle East and South Asia
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Prayer Highlights

Current Prayer Highlights:

Answered Prayer -

- ~ Increases in monthly commitments to 90%.
- ~ Verona team reception went great.
- ~ Verona team retreat went very well.
- ~ April Houk's 80% mark was reached.

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 -

- ~ Pray for one time funds to come in.
- ~ 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.



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Team Pastors

Jimmy Foreman
Representative Elder

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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

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Photos



Our team at Centennial Park in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Pictured from left to right: Matt & Angie Crosser, Brandon & Savannah Eaton, April Houk, Brandi Davis, Bryan, Jessica, Ann, John, Avonlea and Luke Blackburn.

Our Timeline

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



In the United States
(present - Mar. 31, 2009)



In Verona
(March. 31, 2009*)

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

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Finances

Monthly Exp. Recap/August 2008

Benefits	
100 · Salary	2,876.99
111 · Special Medical Expense	80.94
150 · Housing Allowance	171.91
160 · Utilities	204.57
180 · Contributions	40.00
Total Benefits	3,374.41

Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	252.42
220 · Conferences/Classes	20.75
230 · Team Building	25.33
Total Education	298.50

Christian Education	
320 · Hospitality	71.61
Total Christian Education	71.61

Evangelism	
420 · Hospitality	115.78
Total Evangelism	115.78

Postage	
550 · In the States	62.05
Total Postage	62.05

Office	
600 · Supplies In the Field	292.03
650 · Supplies in the States	172.35
660 · Mission Phone	95.33
661 · E-Mail	37.66
Total Office	597.37

Promotion/Representation	
700 · For More Support	9.95
730 · Reporting to Supporters	211.26
Total Promotion/Repres.	221.21

Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	208.06
810 · Meals While Traveling	136.30
870 · Misc. Expenses	479.36
Total Travel	823.72

Miscellaneous	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	17.36
920 · Banking Fees	2.00
Total Miscellaneous	19.36

TOTAL **5,584.01**

Monthly Exp. Recap/September 2008

Benefits	
100 · Salary	2,657.36
111 · Special Medical Exp.	176.70
150 · Housing Allowance	113.81
160 · Utilities	135.00
180 · Contributions	20.00
Total Benefits	3,102.87

Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	398.59
230 · Team Building	90.14
Total Education	488.73

Christian Education	
320 · Hospitality	98.72
Total Christian Education	98.72

Evangelism	
420 · Hospitality	24.05
430 · New Field Research	160.17
Total Evangelism	184.22

Postage	
550 · In the States	15.25
Total Postage	15.25

Office	
600 · Supplies In the Field	198.51
650 · Supplies in the States	462.27
660 · Mission Phone	120.98
Total Office	781.76

Promotion/Representation	
730 · Reporting to Supporters	443.99
Total Promotion/Repres.	443.99

Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	278.22
820 · Fees/Tolls	8.35
870 · Misc. Expenses	915.00
Total Travel	1,201.57

Miscellaneous	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	88.97
920 · Banking Fees	2.00
Total Miscellaneous	90.97

TOTAL **6,408.08**

Monthly Exp. Recap/October 2008

Benefits	
100 · Salary	2,731.44
111 · Special Medical Exp.	26.51
130 · Social Security	2,408.00
150 · Housing Allowance	1,183.11
160 · Utilities	208.19
180 · Contributions	20.00
Total Benefits	6,577.25

Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	250.38
220 · Conferences/Classes	297.15
Total Education	547.53

Christian Education	
320 · Hospitality	101.77
Total Christian Education	101.77

Postage	
550 · In the States	4.80
Total Postage	4.80

Office	
600 · Supplies In the Field	143.83
650 · Supplies in the States	469.15
660 · Mission Phone	201.97
Total Office	814.95

Promotion/Representation	
700 · For More Support	9.95
730 · Reporting to Supporters	19.64
740 · Home Office	100.00
Total Promotion/Repres.	129.59

Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	284.13
806 · Vehicle Maintenance	501.35
810 · Meals While Traveling	4.88
830 · Housing While Travel.	78.71
870 · Misc. Expenses	421.00
Total Travel	1,290.07

Miscellaneous	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	377.12
Total Miscellaneous	377.12

TOTAL **9,843.08**

Monthly Exp. Recap/November 2008

Benefits	
100 · Salary	1,873.60
110 · Medical Insurance	10.85
111 · Special Medical Expenses	7.59
150 · Housing Allowance	485.00
160 · Utilities	65.76
180 · Contributions	52.00
Total Benefits	2,494.80

Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	372.63
230 · Team Building	1,116.50
Total Education	1,489.13

Christian Education	
320 · Hospitality	114.04
Total Christian Education	114.04

Office	
600 · Supplies In the Field	109.20
650 · Supplies in the States	379.41
660 · Mission Phone	47.58
661 · E-Mail	119.37
Total Office	655.56

Promotion/Representation	
700 · For More Support	65.76
730 · Reporting to Supporters	142.68
740 · Home Office	100.00
Total Promotion/Repres.	308.44

Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	153.55
806 · Vehicle Maintenance	24.00
Total Travel	177.55

Miscellaneous	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	1,906.01
Total Miscellaneous	1,906.01

TOTAL **7,145.53**

Monthly Receipts Recap/August 2008

Donors	Amount
Individuals (13) Total	\$3,125.00
Churches/VBS?Camps (9) Tot.	\$7,764.02
Edmond CC	(\$800.00)
First CC - Sapulpa	(\$200.00)
Highland Park CC	(\$1,110.00)
Maranatha Bible Camp	(\$1,074.67)
Metro Faith CC	(\$200.00)
Osage Hills CC/VBS	(\$2,579.35)
Sandusky Ave CC	(\$100.00)
Shively CC	(\$850.00)
Sunnybrook CC	(\$850.00)
AUGUST GRAND TOTAL	\$10,889.02

July Balance	\$ 7,095.51
Aug Receipts	+\$ 10,889.02
Aug Sub-Total	\$ 17,984.53
Aug Expenses	-\$ 5,584.01
August Balance	\$ 12,400.52

Monthly Receipts Recap/Sep 2008

Donors	Amount
Individuals (13) Total	\$1,941.00
Churches (9) Total	\$5,920.00
Edmond CC	(\$800.00)
First CC - Kenosha	(\$1000.00)
First CC - Sapulpa	(\$200.00)
Highland Park CC	(\$1,110.00)
Metro Faith CC	(\$200.00)
Osage Hills CC	(\$910.00)
Sandusky Ave CC	(\$100.00)
Shively CC	(\$750.00)
Sunnybrook CC	(\$850.00)

SEP SUB TOTAL	\$7,861.00
Reimbursement	\$277.00
SEP GRAND TOTAL	\$8,138.00
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Current Financial Need

We currently have monthly commitments of \$6,283 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

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Finances (continued)

August Balance	\$ 12,400.52
Sep Receipts	+\$8,138.00
Sep Sub-Total	\$ 20,538.52
Sep Expenses	-\$ 6,408.08
Sep Balance	\$ 14,130.44

Monthly Receipts Recap/Oct 2008	
Donors	Amount
Individuals (13) Total	\$1,265.00
Churches (8) Total	\$4,630.00
Edmond CC	(\$800.00)
First CC - Sapulpa	(\$370.00)
Highland Park CC	(\$1,110.00)
Metro Faith CC	(\$200.00)
Osage Hills CC	(\$450.00)
Sandusky Ave CC	(\$100.00)
Shively CC	(\$750.00)
Sunnybrook CC	(\$850.00)
OCT SUB TOTAL	\$5,895.00
Reimbursement	\$150.00
OCT GRAND TOTAL	\$6,045.00

Sep Balance	\$ 14,130.44
Oct Receipts	+\$6,045.00
Oct Sub-Total	\$ 20,175.44
Oct Expenses	-\$ 9,843.08
Oct Balance	\$ 10,332.36

Monthly Receipts Recap/Nov 2008

Donors	Amount
Individuals (12) Total	\$1,420.00
Churches (5) Total	\$3,660.00
Edmond CC	(\$800.00)
First CC - Sapulpa	(\$200.00)
Osage Hills CC	(\$660.00)
Shively CC	(\$1,150.00)
Sunnybrook CC	(\$850.00)
NOV GRAND TOTAL	\$5,080.00

Oct Balance	\$ 10,332.36
Nov Receipts	+\$5,080.00
Nov Sub-Total	\$ 15,412.36
Nov Expenses	-\$ 7,145.53
Nov Balance	\$ 8,266.83

Thanks for your contributions through financial giving and prayers!

*** Special thanks to Lane Moss for taking our team photos for use in promotion, Dale Carpenter for gearing us up with sound for our team reception, the entire Highland Park staff/church for helping us host our team members and hold the team retreat in November.

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*** Completed initial new field survey in another site in the Middle East

*** Began construction on the Prayer Center & Atrium at Emerald Hills.

*** Conducted 6 "Launch" programs for new crops of Team Expansion missionaries.

*** Launched a Christian High School in Kosova,

*** Venezuela, as a case study, reached the milestone of an overall attendance of 1271 believers in the 13 churches that our team there has planted.

Please join us in praying that God will bless the work of your favorite Team Expansion worker, along with his or her peers the world over. And thank you for your part in the "big picture!"

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President, Team Expansion



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Our team jumping for joy at Centennial Park in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Pictured from left to right: Avonlea Blackburn, April Houk, Jessica, Ann, Bryan and Luke Blackburn, Brandi Davis, John Blackburn, Savannah & Brandon Eaton, Angie & Matt Crosser.

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