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Team Expansion's Mission Statement
Transforming communities by planting churches among the unreached.

Team Expansion's Purpose
Throughout the history of Team Expansion, our purpose has remained the same – to work together in teams in order to establish viable, multiplying communities of believers in some of the least reached places on the earth. Simply, we are church planters.

Team Expansion Statistics
Team Expansion currently includes more than 300 workers serving in more than 40 countries. To date, we've planted more than 180 churches and baptized more than 10,000 believers around the world.

Looking Back, Peering Ahead

Now's the time of the year, when we hear Christmas carols, watch TV specials and gather to celebrate the Holidays with family. We love this time of the year. I wish it could spill over to the rest of the year. As soon as we finish cleaning up the Christmas present wrappings we turn our eyes to the next holiday, New Year's Eve/New Year's Day.

With the New Year comes a natural desire to evaluate our past year and determine what personal changes we can make for the upcoming year. This is also a time when we at Team Expansion do the same. We, personally and as teams, look over all the tasks of the year, evaluating and reviewing them. We see our successes and celebrate; and we see our failures and evaluate what could have been done different.

Then once we see where we've been, we look to where we are going. Can you imagine going on a road trip with no destination in mind? With no plans? Now you may have fun, but you may not do anything that you thought you might in the beginning. With ministry, we pray and plan out the year, keeping in mind that this is God's plan and He could change it whenever He wants.

So, in December, the Team Expansion Creative Arts team gathered for a ministry meeting. The rest of the team was in Louisville, Kentucky and I joined them via Skype from Tulsa, Oklahoma. With Skype, we are not only able to see and hear each other with video, but we can also share documents and images back and forth, making it easier to evaluate and plan together. We will now be sending our supporting churches our goals for 2011.

Pray for Angie and I, as well as the Creative Arts team, while we attempt to honor God by assisting over 300 Team Expansion missionaries around the world.

On December 5th, our shipping container arrived from Italy. With help from family and church, we were able to unpack it swiftly within the two hour allotted time frame. We're storing the Casey family's stuff until they make it to the states and come through Tulsa on their way to New Braunfels, Texas. Our ministry books, art desk and resources are being stored as well, until a new office space for me is finished at Highland Park Christian Church in Tulsa. My new office will be in the Loft of the 2:20 Center, which is a building behind Highland Park that formerly housed the Happy Hands Deaf ministry school. They were able to move out and expand in a brand new facility, leaving the space to be used for new options. There is a counseling center, Home Improvement Ministry, on the middle floor, the bottom floor is being equipped for benevolent ministry and meeting spaces. The upper loft will be used for a Sunday School room, possible meeting space, and my office in the corner. I'm really excited to have this space and we're incredibly grateful to the support of Highland Park. The Loft needs paint and carpet. Some of us will be painting it January 9th. We do need help with the expense of carpeting. A couple informal estimates put the project of carpeting at around \$800-1000. We have about \$300 set aside for this. If you are able to contribute to this, please let me know ASAP!

Thanks for partnering with us, your prayer and financial support mean so much!
In Christ, Matt & Angie

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Notes from the President



Dear friend of Team Expansion, Thank you for your big heart! As I'm writing this note, it's Thanksgiving. I've always gone on record saying that Thanksgiving is one holiday that had escaped commercialization. Think about it: You don't have to put up lights, buy diamonds, or even greeting cards. For decades, the traditions were simple: Gather with your family, give thanks for family memories, pray before a delicious home-cooked meal, then watch football! Alas, this year, more and more stores seem intent on convincing us that Thanksgiving Day is the day to start the shopping frenzy for Christmas gift-buying. Many stores opened at 5am this year -- on Thanksgiving Day! Although I'm concerned about the long-term viability of what has historically been a great holiday, I remain thankful for you and others like you who make possible the work of your favorite Team Expansion missionary by helping undergird his or her work for the unreached. Wherever he or she is serving, I know there were prayers of thanks offered up for you this week. Of that, I am 100% thankful. May God bless Team Expansion, you, and your favorite Team Expansion missionary this holiday season!

Doug Lucas,
President, Team Expansion

Our Team Creative Arts

Please pray for the other members of Team Expansion International Service's staff. Lift up in the prayer the projects that the other members of the Creative Arts team are working on.

Shauna Peterson
Carla Cassel
Nathan Holt
Betty Byrd - director

Please pray for them as you pray for us!

Representative Elders

Jimmy Foreman
Sandusky Avenue Christian Church

Jayson & Janice French
Christ In Youth

Monthly Finances

Monthly Expense Recap For November 2010

Benefits	
100 · Salary	3,119.90
111 · Special Medical Expense	386.15
130 · Social Security	550.00
180 · Contributions	38.00
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	308.17
220 · Conferences/Classes	150.24
Christian Education	
320 · Hospitality	21.54
Postage	
550 · In the States	33.38
Office	
650 · Supplies in the States	294.42
660 · Mission Phone	52.55
661 · E-Mail	46.85
Promotion/Representation	
700 · For More Support	9.95
Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	109.05
810 · Meals While Traveling	65.63
850 · Shipping	6,810.00

Miscellaneous

900 · Unspecified Equipment	553.91
920 · Banking Fees	11.28
TOTAL	12,561.02

Monthly Receipts Recap For October 2010

	Total
Individuals (15)	\$2140.00
Churches (6)	\$3540.00
Edmond CC	800.00
FCC - Sapulpa	200.00
Highland Park CC	1,050.00
Osage Hills CC	390.00
Sunnybrook CC	900.00
Woodland CC	200.00
TOTAL	\$5,680.00

Running Ledger

Oct 2010 Balance	\$- 497.25
Nov 2010 Receipts	+5,680.00
Nov 2010 Sub-Total	\$5,182.75
Nov 2010 Expenses	\$12,561.02
Nov 2010 Balance	\$- 7,378.27



We hope you and your family have a very Merry Christmas celebrating the birth of Jesus and spending time together.
- Matt & Angie

Prayer (Requests & Praises)

- * Give thanks that our container arrived safely in the states with hardly anything broken!
- * Thanks for the holidays to have a special time to celebrate God together as a family.
- * Give thanks for the completed goals for 2010 and pray for the completion of goals in 2011!
- * Pray for the rest of the trip money to come in to pay for the loan.
- * Pray as we develop a new VBS curriculum for Team Expansion to be launched in 2011.
- * Pray as we create a new Team Expansion website for kids.
- * Pray for us as we redub the audio on 32 kids' videos to be used in a closed country.
- * Pray while we work on brand new kids' videos and curriculum to be used around the world.
- * Pray as Matt does logos, promotional materials & for the people that will see them in foreign lands.
- * Pray for Matt & Angie as they live with Matt's brother, Kevin, caring for him and his kids while he recovers from Traumatic Brain Injury.
- * Pray for Angie as she does daily needed tasks that keep the nuts and bolts of our lives going.
- * Pray for Angie as she teaches children in preschool.
- * Pray for us to be leaders in our family, church and community.
- * Thanks for the new insoles for Matt; Pray for Matt's back as it continues to heal from lower back pain.

Let us know if you want to be a Prayer Partner for this new role in missions!