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Matt & Angie Crosser, Team Expansion Missionaries to Verona, Italy

## And The Season Changes...

Eleven years ago, Angie and I embarked on an adventure with God around the world. Starting out in Perugia for language study, then to Ancona (where we would spend the bulk of our time), then onto Verona where we had prayerfully and lovingly laid out plans for the future. I remember last year talking about not knowing the future and what lay ahead. We had no idea. We sat atop the precipice looking out into the great void ahead, holding onto the knowledge that God would remain with us no matter what we would face. We had no idea the sheer drop off we were about to experience.

My brother, Kevin Crosser, was in a very severe car accident at the end of the summer 2009. He experienced traumatic brain injury and a few other injuries. Angie and I returned from Italy because it looked very bleak. We needed to be there. The family needed us there. Kevin's kids needed us there. We thought we would be in the states for a couple weeks. It turned into months. We gratefully were able to take two medical furloughs while we waited and prayed for Kevin to recover. He progressed from his coma into a vegetative state then onto being minimally conscious, able to inconsistently respond to vocal commands by squeezing a hand, sticking out his tongue, turning his head, pushing a button on a Wii remote, etc.... But it is slow, excruciatingly slow. Kevin needs us. His three kids, ages 15 to 21, need us. It will honor God for us to be here.

As we approached the end of our second medical furlough, we began discussion with Team Expansion about staying on in a new capacity. There is a great need among missionaries for all things creative. Therefore I am transitioning into new role within the Creative Arts department at Team Expansion. I will continue doing many tasks that I have done for the past eleven years. Before I did them for the two teams we served on, now I can give a boost to all of our 320 missionaries around the world that need it.

Starting now, I will be doing all kinds of graphics, video editing, web designing, publishing and curriculum creation for any of our missionaries that need it. Next month, you will see visible changes in our newsletter and web presence which reflects the new emphasis.

In June, we will return to Italy for a short trip, in order to get rid of our apartment, pack our things, sign off on contracts, tie up loose ends and say farewell to friends and the life we have known for the past many years. The cost of our moving back to America will be a large burden. If you would like to help offset the expenses please let us know.

Since all of the positions at Team Expansion are supported by churches and individuals, ours will be no different. We will continue to seek our entire budget (salary

and ministry) from churches and individuals like you. Our budget has changes and we will present those soon. If you are a current supporter, we would hope that you prayerfully consider staying a partner with us as we continue the effort of church planting alongside Team Expansion missionaries all over the world. If you're currently a prayer partner, we also ask you to prayerfully consider remaining a partner with us in our new role in missions.

In the same way that the support staff at Team Expansion International Services (our home office) has been part of our church planting efforts, we see that we will be part of the multiple church planting efforts around the world. As sad as we are to lay to rest the dreams of our further direct involvement in Verona, we remain optimistic and excited to see how God will use my creative and artistic abilities to enhance the church planting work going on around the world.

Won't you stick around to see what God has in store? We thank you for your love, encouragement and partnership through the years. We could not have done it without you, and that is exactly the plan that God had in mind...a partnership in ministry.

In Christ, Matt & Angie

Look for an all new look for our newsletter, website and more starting next issue!



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## From Int'l Services

A Note from Team Expansion's President:



Doug Lucas

Perhaps you've seen these notes in multiple Team Expansioners' newsletters. You might have wondered why we include it each month. The truth is -- we're a team! ... a global team. This enables us to reduce duplication, avoid "reinventing the wheel," and

share common resources and tools. In turn, this enables us to save valuable time, resources, and money -- which, for you and your local church, means better stewardship and more effective Kingdom outreach. At the same time, our workers around the world have a ton of flexibility. Nobody micro-manages; nobody hands out arbitrary orders from some armchair in a faraway land. Teams function according to time-tested principles of strategy, accountability, and teamwork, but on a day-to-day basis, God is the one honored as Chief Executive. It's a great system... and it's all possible because of you and others like you who empower Team Expansion with your prayers, gifts, and encouragement. So thank you for being a "force multiplier" for Team Expansion... and thank you for helping your favorite Team Expansion missionary change the world!

Doug Lucas President, Team Expansion

# **Prayer Needs**

Please pray for the Verona team as they go through all these changes. Pray that others might fill our place, and God would be glorified in the work that takes place in that city.

Please continue to pray for the church in Ancona to grow and reach out to neighboring cities and also the rest of Italy for Christ.

Pray for us as we embark on this new adventure filling this new role for Team Expansion and worldwide missions.

# Ledger

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Apr 2009 Balance	\$ 6,146.95
May 2009 Receipts	+6,547.82
May 2009 Sub-Total	\$12694.77
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Jun 2009 Receipts	+6,560.00
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Jun 2009 Expenses	-\$7,634.53
Jun 2009 Balance	\$4210.58
Jul 2009 Receipts	+7,390.00
Jul 2009 Sub-Total	\$11600.58
Jul 2009 Expenses	<u>-\$8,701.79</u>
Jul 2009 Balance	\$2898.79
Aug 2009 Receipts	+5,983.00
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Aug 2009 Expenses	-\$4,036.64
Aug 2009 Balance	\$4845.15
Sep 2009 Receipts	+7,228.90
Sep 2009 Sub-Total	\$12074.05
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Oct 2009 Receipts	+5,702.00
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Oct 2009 Balance	\$3883.98
Nov 2009 Receipts	+5,910.00
Nov 2009 Sub-Total	\$9793.98
Nov 2009 Expenses	<u>-\$7,160.41</u>
Nov 2009 Balance	\$2633.57
Dec 2009 Receipts	+7,240.00
Dec 2009 Sub-Total	\$9873.57
Dec 2009 Expenses	<u>-\$7,296.52</u>
Dec 2009 Balance	\$2577.05
Jan 2010 Receipts	+5,748.00
Jan 2010 Sub-Total	\$8325.05
Jan 2010 Expenses	-\$6,606.57
Jan 2010 Balance	\$1718.48
Feb 2010 Receipts	+4,336.00
Feb 2010 Sub-Total	\$6054.48
Feb 2010 Expenses	<u>-\$6,427.05</u>
Feb 2010 Balance	\$-372.57
Mar 2010 Receipts	+7,136.00
Mar 2010 Sub-Total	\$6763.43
Mar 2010 Expenses	-\$8,409.39
Mar 2010 Balance	\$-1645.96



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Our Support Team Milton & Elizabeth Hendricks

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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 made out to: Team Expansion

### Phone Info

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



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