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ARTIST MISSIONARY

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Fresher, Bolder New Look

Can you tell we made a major overhaul of our newsletter? Do you like the new style? Hopefully, it reflects the new direction we are taking in our focus on art & world missions. It is because of the financial and prayer support that you provide that we are able to make a creative difference in the mission work of over 300 Team Expansion missionaries around the world.

Inside you will find our finances, prayer requests, news from our president and a new showcase of the various projects that I am working on for missions worldwide.

We are totally supported by individuals and churches. We do not sell any of the mission related graphics to our missionaries. I know that our missionary's budgets are tight, which make it difficult to afford the plethora of media resources that I will be able to offer to them free of charge.

I know that we have many creative individuals on the field, but time is precious. There were times that I worked 70 hours a week on the field in Italy to get things done. It is a major asset to have an 'onstaff' graphics artist as a support to each of our teams that want it. I want our mission teams to succeed. That's why I feel passionate about creating curriculum, tools, graphics, video, etc....to impact their message and give time back to them.

From the years that many of you supported our ministry and partnered with us, I think you know my heart. My desire is to see the world come to know the life-saving message of Jesus Christ. To think that I can continue to contribute to that but in a broader scale around the world excites me, and I hope that it excites you too!

We hope that if you support our

ministry you will continue to do so! The only support we have lost in transitioning to a stateside role has been due to those who were supporting the PACE project of Taking Christ to Italy and were supporting us because we were part of that work. One church ran into financial issues and had to stop, but the majority of you are still with us! Thanks. Many of you have supported Angie and I as we follow God in the plan that He has laid out for us.

If you have not supported our mission work in the past, we ask you to consider doing so now. Our monthly budget is lower now that we are based in the United States. It is currently, \$5,549 per month. We have not been able to return to Italy yet to pack our home and close out contracts because our financial plans fell through. We have been able to continue paying out the last several monthly rent payments for our apartment. We hope to have the money raised in order to make our trip in September. We need approximately \$10,000 still to make the trip and pay for the shipping container and travel expenses. Would you consider sending something towards this need, maybe for the first time?

We are looking forward to unveiling the various projects that we are working on, including new kids curriculum, kids cartoon videos, VBS programs, logos, prayer cards and a new Team Expansion website just for kids! We'll introduce you to a few of these projects on the showcase page and then more in future newsletters.

Thanks for your support. We hope you like the new look and we hope to see you on the web too!

In Christ, Matt & Angie

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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.

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Matt's Sketch Pad - highlighting various personal and ministry art projects
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Notes from the President



"Thank you for your service."

This is phrase I say every time I meet a member of the armed forces. But today, I say it to you too! Whether or not you're a donor, a friend, a family member, or a missionary with Team Expansion, we really, really mean it. You've been with us for quite a while now and it does not go unnoticed.

At Team Expansion, we understand the value of our members. We're very happy to have you as a loyal member like you and we hope you will be with us for years to come. Everyone here at the Int'l Services does everything we can to support you, your records, your identity, your privacy and your work as best we can.

We would like to make sure that you're still happy serving in partnership with us. If you need anything, write me. If I'm not the right person to fix the situation, I'll find the one who is. Once again, thank you so much for continuing to serve with us. Without a doubt, we appreciate your camaraderie, service, and partnership.

Gratefully yours,
Doug Lucas,
President -- DLucas@TeamExpansion.org

Prayer Requests & Praises

- * Pray for the funds for our trip to Italy to come in fully.
- * Pray as Matt develops a new VBS curriculum for Team Expansion to be launched in 2011.
- * Pray as Matt creates a new Team Expansion website for kids.
- * Pray for Matt as he redubs the audio on 32 kids' videos to be used in a closed country.
- * Pray while Matt works on brand new kids' videos and curriculum to be used around the world.
- * Pray as Matt works on logos, promotional materials and for the people that will see them in foreign fields.
- * 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 us to be leaders in our family, church and community.

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

Monthly Finances

Monthly Expense Recap For April 2010

	TOTAL
Benefits	
100 · Salary	1,379.95
111 · Special Medical Expense	18.38
120 · Life Insurance	140.49
130 · Social Security	550.00
150 · Housing Allowance	1,339.03
180 · Contributions	32.00
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	257.03
220 · Conferences/Classes	150.24
Christian Education	
320 · Hospitality	111.02
Office	
600 · Supplies In the Field	50.00
650 · Supplies in the States	416.82
660 · Mission Phone	292.20
661 · E-Mail	30.00
Promotion/Representation	
700 · For More Support	40.00
730 · Reporting to Supporters	79.95
Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	192.87
Miscellaneous	
920 · Banking Fees	236.57
TOTAL	5,316.55

Monthly Expense Recap For May 2010

	TOTAL
Benefits	
100 · Salary	2,609.55
111 · Special Medical Expense	178.10
120 · Life Insurance	140.49
130 · Social Security	550.00
150 · Housing Allowance	1,257.99
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	248.06
220 · Conferences/Classes	150.24
230 · Team Building	10.74
Christian Education	
320 · Hospitality	68.50
Office	
600 · Supplies In the Field	50.00
650 · Supplies in the States	375.07
660 · Mission Phone	154.68
661 · E-Mail	36.80
Promotion/Representation	
700 · For More Support	20.86
730 · Reporting to Supporters	10.87
Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	145.94
Miscellaneous	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	233.30
TOTAL	6,241.19

Monthly Expense Recap For June 2010

	TOTAL
Benefits	
100 · Salary	2,399.68
110 · Medical Insurance	161.00
111 · Special Medical Expense	227.44
120 · Life Insurance	140.49
130 · Social Security	550.00
150 · Housing Allowance	1,367.75
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	214.76
220 · Conferences/Classes	150.24
Christian Education	
320 · Hospitality	10.39
Postage	
550 · In the States	5.68

Office	
600 · Supplies In the Field	50.00
650 · Supplies in the States	609.01
660 · Mission Phone	53.86
661 · E-Mail	50.00
Promotion/Representation	
700 · For More Support	39.95
730 · Reporting to Supporters	30.00
Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	138.67
TOTAL	6,198.92

Monthly Receipts Recap For April 2010

	TOTAL
Churches (5)	
Edmond CC	1,600.00
First CC - Sapulpa	200.00
Highland Park CC	1,070.00
Osage Hills CC	410.00
Sunnybrook CC	900.00
Individuals (11)	1,140.00
TOTAL	5,320.00

Monthly Receipts Recap For May 2010

	TOTAL
Churches (6)	
First CC - Sapulpa	200.00
Highland Park CC	1,060.00
Osage Hills CC	1,870.00
Shively CC	708.00
Sunnybrook CC	900.00
Woodland CC	400.00
Individuals (12)	850.00
Reimbursements (2 mths Blackburn rent)	1,730.00
TOTAL	7,718.00

Monthly Receipts Recap For June 2010

	TOTAL
Churches (5)	
Edmond CC	1,600.00
First CC - Sapulpa	300.00
Osage Hills CC	490.00
Shively CC	708.00
Sunnybrook CC	900.00
Individuals (11)	1,965.00
TOTAL	5,963.00

Running Ledger

Mar 2010 Balance	\$-1645.96
Apr 2010 Receipts	+5,320.00
Apr 2010 Sub-Total	\$3,674.04
Apr 2010 Expenses	-\$5,316.55
Apr 2010 Balance	\$-1642.51
May 2010 Receipts	+7,718.00
May 2010 Sub-Total	\$6,075.49
May 2010 Expenses	-\$6,241.19
May 2010 Balance	\$-165.70
Jun 2010 Receipts	+5,963.00
Jun 2010 Sub-Total	\$5,797.30
Jun 2010 Expenses	-\$6,198.92
Jun 2010 Balance	\$-401.62

Creative Arts Team

We are now part of the Creative Arts team at Team Expansion. That means we have new team members of which we wish to introduce you.

Shauna Peterson
Carla Cassel
Nathan Holt
Betty Byrd - director

Please pray for them as you pray for us!

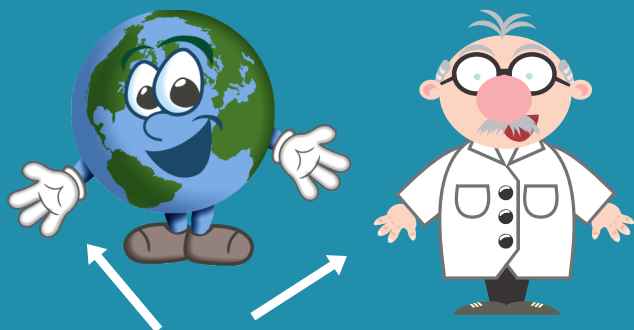
Project Showcase

We will use this space to highlight several of the projects that we are working on. Some will be short term projects for Missions use overseas or stateside, some will be major projects that either are used overseas or as a promotional tool for use in the states. We'll try to include some info about each of the projects that we highlight! While looking at the various projects and reading the information, we ask you to pray for the different people that are touched by each project, whether it is a trainee or non-believer. Use this page as a guide to pray for the projects we are doing! Let us know if you want to be on our email update list or to be more involved to join our prayer partner email update list.



This is the name and logo for a new VBS curriculum that we are developing to be available for summer of 2011. This will be free for any church that wants mission focused VBS material highlighting Team Expansion.

Eventually, we would like to create VBS material for worldwide evangelistic purposes which could be available for translation by any of our missionaries.



Introducing Cosmo the Globe and Doctor Y. I created these new characters to be used in the new JUMP VBS curriculum, but also on the new Team Expansion website made just for kids! The new website will be a place where kids can learn about God's plan for missions, how to pray for people around the world, and learn about all the other ways that they can be involved in missions! Hopefully, this will also become a valuable resource to Children's ministers, parents and parents of missionary kids.

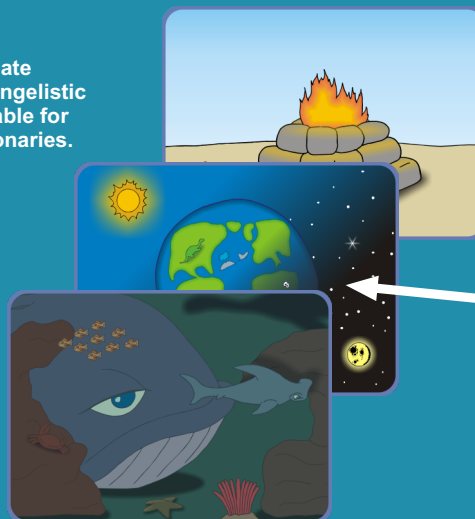


Strata Via is a new training concept developed by Karl Halverson for Team Expansion. This training will allow college aged missions minded believers the opportunity to go through a year of intense training on the field in Louisville, Kentucky. They will work exclusively with international communities, seeing first hand how missions is done. This logo is the first thing I created for Strata Via.

Other projects that are being worked on include, a logo for outreach in Asia, kids curriculum in Northern Africa, new kids cartoon videos by the end of this year, Jonathan Training logo (missions leadership develop training in conjunction with Team Expansion), adaptation of a missions handbook to be used in PACE church mission planning, new PACE logo and more! If you know a Team Expansion missionary, let them know we are ready and willing to take on their graphics, illustration, publishing, video or website project! Until next time....



These are prayer cards that I designed for our college aged mission teams going to various places to serve for the summer!



These aren't new, but they represent the major task of redubbing all 32 of our kids' curriculum videos into a couple different languages for evangelistic purposes. One field has even set up a deal to air them on a local TV station! The goal is to complete this audio redub and (minor) video editing by the end of this year.

Some things don't make it past the drawing board. This was to be the first in a series of twelve t-shirt designs for missions in Southeast Asia.



Obviously, you hold in your hands part of a major overhaul of our communications. We are still working on our new website design and promotional materials are soon to follow!