



# MATT & ANGIE CROSSER ARTIST MISSIONARY

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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.*

## To Those Who Wait

Since March, we have shared with you our plans to return to Italy. That day has come. In a whirlwind few weeks we learned of several things that enabled the trip to happen now. We got a personal loan for \$6500 and we found out that the airfare was almost 50% cheaper than before when we looked. This all happened at a time when the Casey's had offered their help since they were thinking of taking a trip to Verona in order to encourage the team there. The timing also coincides with the news that Jason & Heather Casey are closing out their ministry in Ancona, Italy and planning on returning to the states next year. They are now using a small part of our container and compensating us making up for part of the expense. Our personal loan will be paid out over the next several months. Contributions towards this can be sent with "shipping" in the memo.

You may or may not get this before we leave. We fly out Oct. 16th, arriving in Verona on the 17th. We'll spend several days there packing and cleaning our apartment. Then on the morning of Oct. 25th we'll load our shipping container. Later that day, we'll take the train to Ancona. There we'll spend our last few days saying goodbye to a city and a country that we love very dearly. We've starting writing our Italian friends to get together with them while we're there. We'll return to Tulsa on Oct. 29th.

While we're gone, we have a plethora of people helping taking care of Kevin, getting our nephew Jacob to & from school, getting Kevin to therapy, providing meals for the kids and our rep elder, Jimmy Foreman, who is staying at the house in our absence. Everyone is stepping up to make

this trip happen and for that we're grateful.

Some really good news that we wanted to announce revolves around some of our friends in Ancona. You may remember praying for Daniel and Simona, a young romanian couple. Daniel started coming to our home church in 2002, then when he started dating Simona in 2003 she came with him. They've since gotten married and had a child. For years we studied with them how to follow God, emphasizing the very important beginning steps of belief, repentance, confession and baptism. We did this in conjunction with the Ancona team, who continued this teaching after we moved on to the focus of Verona. This past Sunday, Daniel and Simona made public their decision and were baptized! We look forward to seeing them and celebrating with them in person.

Once we pack our container, it will take 4-6 weeks to arrive via ship/truck to Tulsa. At that point our transition to our ministry in America will be complete. We will have closure. Through the past several months, we have confirmed the great need of creative arts in missions around the world. We have been able to share this with some of you and therefore have continued to be excited about this current phase of our ministry. Make sure and check out the Project Showcase on page 3 and pray over the various projects we are involved in around the world.

Thanks for partnering with us, whether through prayer or financial gifts, we appreciate your part in this ministry to which God has called us. We're able to do this ministry due to your involvement. Thanks.  
In Christ, Matt & Angie

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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 everything you do for the Lord, for Team Expansion, and for your favorite Team Expansion missionary. When we think of II Corinthians 9, we think of you. Verse 9 says that when you help your favorite Team Expansion missionary, you're creating a righteousness that "endures forever." Verse 10 promises that God himself will make your wallet bigger so you can be all the more generous. Verse 11 and 12 teach that, as a direct result of your gift, people are finding out about God and giving thanks to Him now for the first times in their lives. Verse 13 teaches that it is through this very missionary giving that we prove ourselves and our faith. Verse 14 points out that your missionaries, together with these new believers, are praying for you -- and that's a fact for which we can personally vouch. Verse 15 ends with Paul giving thanks "for his indescribably gift!" I guess you get the picture. II Cor. 9 is all about \*you\*! And we appreciate you and the provision of your enabling power to transform communities among unreached people groups and cities. God be praised for your partnership!

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 August 2010

<b>Benefits</b>	
100 · Salary	1,282.92
111 · Special Medical Expense	29.60
120 · Life Insurance	140.49
130 · Social Security	550.00
150 · Housing Allowance	1,265.69
180 · Contributions	38.00
<b>Education</b>	
200 · Books/Periodicals	276.69
220 · Conferences/Classes	150.24
<b>Christian Education</b>	
320 · Hospitality	39.18
<b>Evangelism</b>	
400 · Printed Material	26.83
<b>Office</b>	
600 · Supplies In the Field	97.23
650 · Supplies in the States	163.94
660 · Mission Phone	153.38
661 · E-Mail	126.85
<b>Promotion/Representation</b>	
730 · Reporting to Supporters	9.95
<b>Travel</b>	
800 · Car/Transportation	136.51
810 · Meals While Traveling	56.09
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	15.51
920 · Banking Fees	109.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,668.10</b>

## Monthly Receipts Recap For August 2010

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Individuals (13)</b>	<b>\$1120.00</b>
<b>Churches (5)</b>	<b>\$5260.00</b>
Edmond CC	1,600.00
FCC - Sapulpa	200.00
Highland Park CC	2,110.00
Osage Hills CC	450.00
Sunnybrook CC	900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,380.00</b>

## Running Ledger

July 2010 Balance	\$- 3,211.36
Aug 2010 Receipts	+6,380.00
<b>Aug 2010 Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$3,168.64</b>
Aug 2010 Expenses	-\$4668.10
<b>Aug 2010 Balance</b>	<b>\$- 1,499.46</b>

## Monthly Expense Recap For September 2010

<b>Benefits</b>	
100 · Salary	497.44
110 · Medical Insurance	91.00
111 · Special Medical Expense	60.27
120 · Life Insurance	140.49
130 · Social Security	550.00
150 · Housing Allowance	1,310.49
180 · Contributions	48.00
<b>Education</b>	
200 · Books/Periodicals	197.49
220 · Conferences/Classes	150.24
<b>Christian Education</b>	
320 · Hospitality	12.43
<b>Postage</b>	
550 · In the States	107.56
<b>Office</b>	
650 · Supplies in the States	435.57
660 · Mission Phone	102.38
661 · E-Mail	79.00
<b>Promotion/Representation</b>	
700 · For More Support	39.95
720 · Newsletters	46.13
730 · Reporting to Supporters	30.00
740 · Home Office	100.00
<b>Travel</b>	
800 · Car/Transportation	185.01
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	13.68
920 · Banking Fees	35.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,232.13</b>

## Monthly Receipts Recap For September 2010

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Individuals (9)</b>	<b>615.00</b>
<b>Churches (6)</b>	<b>\$3720.00</b>
Edmond CC	800.00
FCC - Sapulpa	200.00
Highland Park CC	1,050.00
Osage Hills CC	370.00
Sunnybrook CC	900.00
Woodland CC	400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,335.00</b>

## Running Ledger

Aug 2010 Balance	\$- 1,499.46
Sep 2010 Receipts	+4335.00
<b>Sep 2010 Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$2,835.54</b>
Sep 2010 Expenses	-\$4,232.13
<b>Sep 2010 Balance</b>	<b>\$- 1,396.59</b>

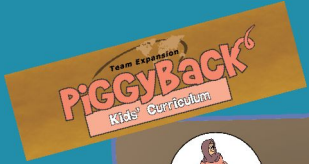
# Prayer (Requests & Praises)

- \* Praise God for our Italy trip to happen, and the funds that's come in.
  - \* Pray for everything on the Italy part of the trip to be smooth and honor God.
  - \* Pray for everything in the states (Kevin and household) to go smooth and honor God.
  - \* Pray for the rest of the trip money to come in to pay for the loan.
  - \* 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 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.
- Let us know if you want to be a Prayer Partner for this new role in missions!*



# Project Showcase

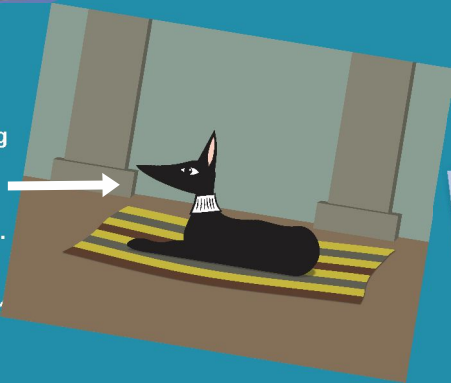
Another month, another showcase filled with various projects that we have been working on. As you read about each project, use the description to guide you to pray for those that will receive them. Let us know if you want to be on our email update list or to be more involved you can join our prayer partner email update list.



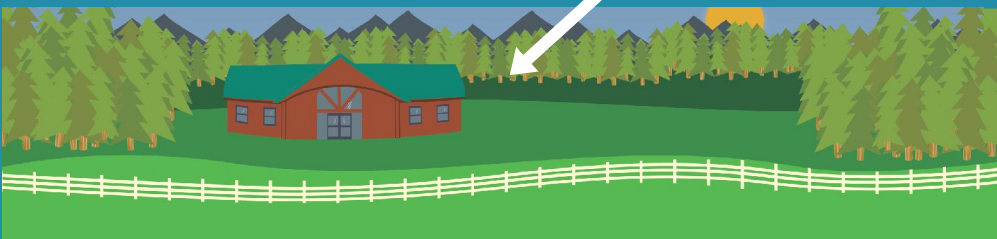
We've started translating our Italian children's curriculum into English scripts so that they can be used in other countries around the world. First up is a secure field. The videos will be on TV! The first video script is on John chapter one and about the birth of Christ. In Italy are the hard drives that contain the original video files that will be needed to finish adding the new audio.

Here's another of the conceptual designs for the new Exodus curriculum package. This one is based on the average dog found in ancient Egypt.

Part of designing the curriculum is research. A local museum was hosting an Egyptian gallery. I couldn't take photos, but they couldn't stop me from drawing!



Another project that I have been helping with is Team Expansion's magazine called TELL. It's full of stories, articles, news, and opportunities from our workers and projects around the world. Of note are the designs I did above for an article about missionaries being expelled from a country where they were serving. And one of my favorites is a design below that I did of Team Expansion's headquarters, Emerald Hills. I did a stylized version of our main building surrounded by nature and fencing.



The first impression for many programs and ministries is its logo. I have worked on several logos for different aspects of Team Expansion's mission strategy.



Above is a logo that I did for Connections, which is Team Expansion's program for getting people involved via short term trips.



Here's a new logo I am working on for PACE. PACE stands for Pray, Activate, Commit and Enlist. PACE enables churches to adopt an unreached people group around the world and partner with Team Expansion and its missionaries to reach that people group. You may remember that the work in Italy is part of a PACE project.



And the Engage logo and header was done for one of the newest offerings of Team Expansion. It's a regular email filled with various opportunities around the globe. Let us know if you want to get this and we can get your email address added!



Until next time! Thanks for praying for us and the projects we're involved in!  
- Matt & Angie