



# 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.*

## A New Year

January has us facing a new year. What will it bring? What will it offer? We've already seen some of the most snow ever in Tulsa, what more will there be?

Toward the end of January, Angie and both our nephews, Jacob and Kohl got the flu. It happened during the blizzard so nurses couldn't make it to the house to care for my brother Kevin. That meant the brunt of caring for the three with the flu as well as for Kevin fell to me. Snowed in, our other nephew, Brandon, was able to help too making a very difficult situation a little easier.

Starting out this year, I spent time working on the new VBS curriculum that I am developing for Team Expansion. It's called JUMP VBS, with the idea that kids can 'jump' into missions. The sample packet should be done soon and shortly afterwards, the entire curriculum will be available for churches to order. The idea behind this curriculum is that any church can use it for free. During offering times, the children are encouraged to take up an offering for the work of Team Expansion that is going on all over the world.

If your church is interested in getting a sample packet, please email me at [mcrosser@teamexpansion.org](mailto:mcrosser@teamexpansion.org) or call 918-850-9828 and I can send you a VBS sample packet via mail or email.

To prep this curriculum, I communicated with several children's



ministers about VBS curriculum to determine what's essential and what's not. JUMP VBS will be a full fledged curriculum with material for up to five days of programming.

Each day will be centered around a different kind of mission outreach. There will be decorated story rooms, crafts, outreach activities, handouts, etc. The stories are about Medical Missions, Physically Needy Outreach, Big City Urban Fields, Undercover (Closed Fields) and a Museum of Missions that focuses on several places at once. We are really excited to put this together and have several volunteers involved in the process.

I also want to highlight some of the other things that I will be working on this year. One is a new PACE manual for churches looking for more resources to help in their adoptions of spiritually needy cultures. This will also help them partner with the mission teams going to those places. I will also be continuing to get kids' videos prepped for translation for secure fields and will keep working on the new Exodus curriculum series as well. Throughout the year, as needs of our missionaries arise, I will continue to supply graphics, logos, web creation, video editing help, etc.

Please pray for the funds to come in for carpet for the LOFT office space that Highland Park CC will be letting me use. Once the walls are painted and carpet is bought I can move my office and books in. 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 Partner of the Great Commission,

In Ephesians 2:10, Paul writes, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." I love this verse, especially because of the beautiful word picture it creates in the original language of the New Testament (Greek). The root word for the term that is translated "handiwork" or, in some versions, "workmanship," is actually the same root from which we get our English word, "poetry." Interestingly, Paul's point is that God has created acts of service for us to fulfill. When we do them, we become living poetry, made alive through the Spirit so that all can see the mighty hand of God at work in their midst. So when your favorite Team Expansion missionary carries out his or her ministry in the field, that's poetry in motion. And when you, as an undergird, make that work possible, that's more poetry for the whole world to enjoy. For this reason, on behalf of unreached people who still need to hear the gospel, I'd like to say thanks! Thanks for making something spiritually beautiful out of what might have otherwise just been plain old cold cash. God be praised for your service!

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 December 2010

<b>Benefits</b>	
100 · Salary	2,544.29
110 · Medical Insurance	161.00
111 · Special Medical Expense	175.00
130 · Social Security	550.00
180 · Contributions	38.00
<b>Education</b>	
200 · Books/Periodicals	171.88
220 · Conferences/Classes	150.24
<b>Christian Education</b>	
300 · Printed Material	25.00
320 · Hospitality	39.30
<b>Evangelism</b>	
400 · Printed Material	25.00
<b>Postage</b>	
550 · In the States	15.84
<b>Office</b>	
650 · Supplies in the States	865.26
660 · Mission Phone	59.84
661 · E-Mail	44.95
<b>Promotion/Representation</b>	
700 · For More Support	46.59
730 · Reporting to Supporters	25.00

<b>Travel</b>	
800 · Car/Transportation	70.52
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
920 · Banking Fees	4.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	5,011.71

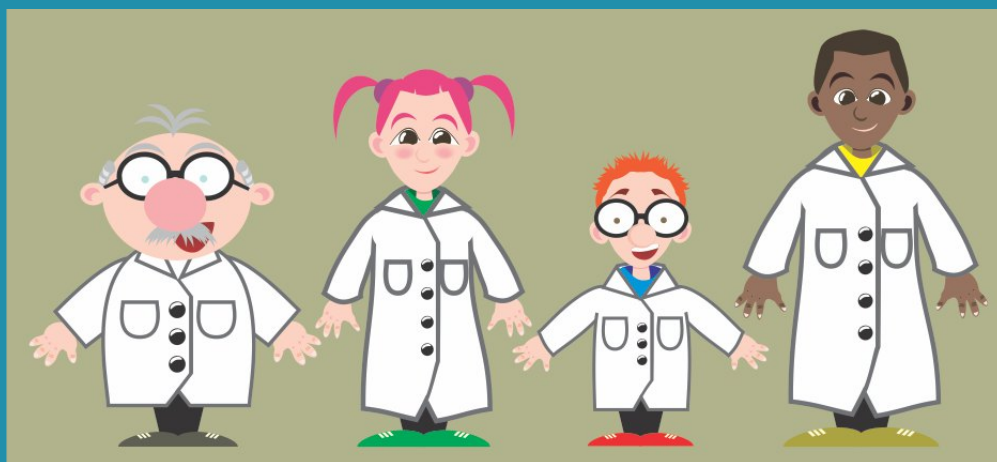
## Monthly Receipts Recap For December 2010

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Individuals (14)</b>	\$1200.00
<b>Churches (6)</b>	\$3870.00
Edmond CC	1100.00
FCC - Sapulpa	200.00
Highland Park CC	1,050.00
Osage Hills CC	420.00
Sunnybrook CC	900.00
Woodland CC	200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$5,070.00

<b>Running Ledger</b>	
Nov 2010 Balance	\$- 7,378.27
Dec 2010 Receipts	+5,070.00
<b>Dec 2010 Sub-Total</b>	\$- 2,308.27
Dec 2010 Expenses	\$5,011.71
<b>Dec 2010 Balance</b>	\$- 7,319.98

# Project Showcase

This month, we wanted to show you some of the characters that will be populating our new JUMP VBS curriculum.



## Prayer (Requests & Praises)

- \* Pray for money to come in for my office space (it's approximately \$800-1000)
- \* Pray for the various tasks that we will be doing this year.
- \* Pray for money to come in, offsetting the loan which enabled our trip to Italy last October.
- \* 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.
- \* Give thanks for the increased healing of Matt's back in large part to custom insoles he got in Dec.

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