



# MATT & ANGIE CROSSER ARTIST MISSIONARY

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

**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.*

## So Close

The Jump Vacation Bible School is so close to being done. By the June newsletter it will be done. In this issue we want to show you some of the curriculum and explain better how it will be used.

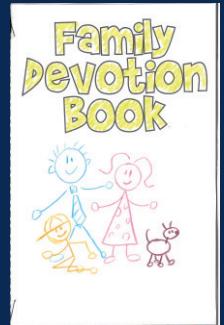
Jump VBS is a full fledged curriculum package that can be used to host an entire week of VBS at your church. If your church is supporting Team Expansion you can use the curriculum for free! There will be a digital version (better for printing and no cost) as well as a printed version available at the cost of printing. We ask that the mission offering for that week's VBS go toward Team Expansion.



First page of one of the daily handouts.

The material is divided into sections or modules. That means that someone can pick and choose the different modules depending on how much time is needing to be filled. I even included three sample schedules and what to include. Jump VBS could be used in a traditional VBS setting with five days in a row, or on five separate Sunday mornings during Children's Church. The possibilities are plenty.

Jump VBS is also for Team Expansion missionaries. If they want to offer it to all their supporting churches to use for VBS that's great! If they have been asked to supply material for a VBS that is supporting them, they can use any of the Jump materials. It's a free tool for our missionaries on the field that they can use to challenge and encourage their supporting churches and children's ministries with a better understanding of God's heart for all people and all nations.



A sample craft.

If you are interested to using Jump VBS for your children's ministry, please contact us. We would love for you to use these materials and help your children learn more about missions.

We can't say it enough, but it is due to your financial and prayer support that we are able to use the gifts that God has given us for missions around the world. Thanks for partnering with us.




A room decorating idea from story five, Undercover Missions.

In Christ,  
Matt & Angie

## FIND US ON ONLINE

 **Find Matt** on Twitter and Facebook:  
Twitter: <http://twitter.com/mcrosser>  
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 **The Crossers Life** - about our life and ministry  
Blog: <http://www.thecrossersblog.com>  
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 **Matt's Sketch Pad** - highlighting various personal and ministry art projects  
Blog: <http://www.mattsketchpad.com>  
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# Notes from the President



Dear Fellow-Helper,

David Platt, author of the New York Times bestseller, "Radical," has just released a companion book entitled, "Radical Together." Chapter five ("Our Unmistakable Task") ties together our "longing for the end of the world" with Matthew 24:14 -- "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Platt clarifies the meaning of the original Greek word for "nations" -- it actually might be better understood if it were translated "people groups." Platt goes on to explain the concept of "ethnolinguistic groups." He invests the entire chapter in teaching this truth: Jesus' profound passion is that everyone must have a witness in his or her piece of the global mosaic. Team Expansion workers are all about that. When you assist your favorite Team Expansion worker in carrying the truth to a piece of the global tapestry, you are also assisting in bringing about the fulfillment of Matt. 24:14. Thank you for doing your part in delivering Heaven. Thank you for empowering the expansion of Jesus' life-changing message to the globe that God created.

- Doug Lucas

## 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

## Pastors of Encouragement

**John & Judy Webb**  
Hope International University

# Monthly Finances

### Monthly Expense Recap For April 2011

<b>Benefits</b>	
100 · Salary	-7.85
130 · Social Security	550.00
180 · Contributions	110.00
<b>Education</b>	
200 · Books/Periodicals	96.58
220 · Conferences/Classes	150.24
<b>Christian Education</b>	
320 · Hospitality	120.38
<b>Office</b>	
640 · Facility/Utilities	894.45
650 · Supplies in the States	401.81
660 · Mission Phone	102.99
661 · E-Mail	88.45
<b>Promotion/Representation</b>	
700 · For More Support	67.31
720 · Newsletters	40.00
730 · Reporting to Supporters	30.00
740 · Home Office	100.00
<b>Travel</b>	
800 · Car/Transportation	118.55
806 · Vehicle Maintenance	79.14

### Miscellaneous

900 · Unspecified Equipment	772.94
920 · Banking Fees	-0.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3714.42</b>

### Monthly Receipts Recap For April 2011

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Individuals (11)</b>	<b>\$2220.00</b>
<b>Churches (4)</b>	<b>\$2000.00</b>
Edmond CC	650.00
FCC - Sapulpa	200.00
Osage Hills CC	250.00
Sunnybrook CC	900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4220.00</b>

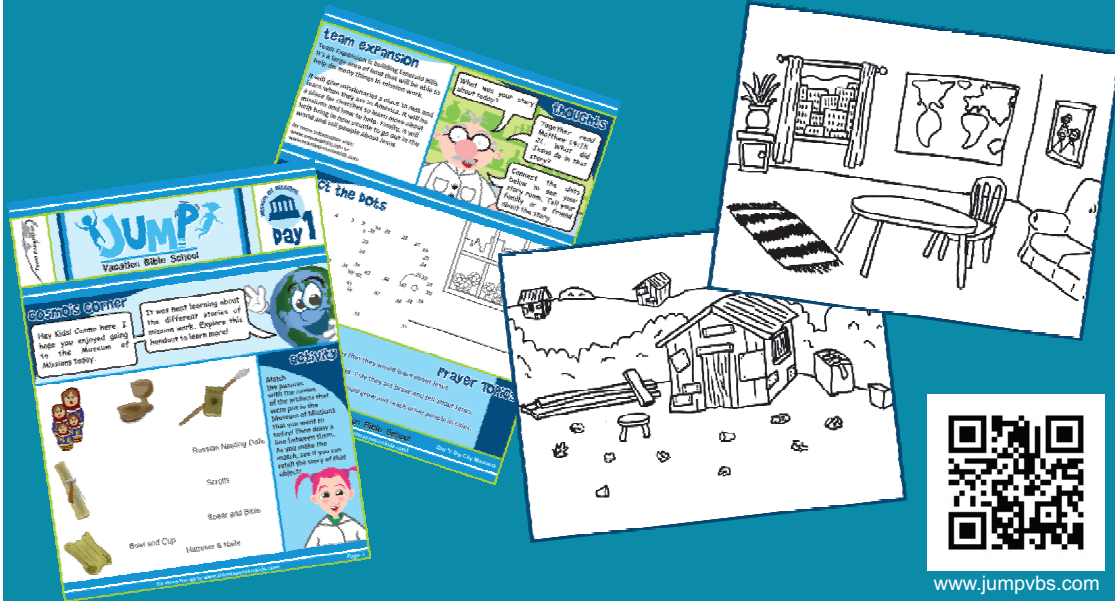
### Running Ledger

<b>April Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 945.92</b>
April 2011 Receipts	+ 4220.00
	<b>\$ 5165.92</b>
April 2011 Expenses	\$3714.42
<b>April 2011 Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1451.50*</b>

\* This includes \$1400 for carpeting of the new office.

# Project Showcase

For the past couple months, I have been focusing on a missions centric Vacation Bible School called Jump VBS. Here are some illustrations from the curriculum package I'm putting together.



www.jumpvbs.com

## Prayer (Requests & Praises)

- \* Pray as we finish the new VBS curriculum for Team Expansion to be available in 2011.
- \* Pray for money to come in, offsetting the loan which enabled our trip to Italy last October.
- \* 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, as well as 24 hour nursing approval.
- \* 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 our artistic outreach role in missions!