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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.*

## Does All Pain Weigh The Same?

This month, I took a trip to Louisville for a Creative Arts team meeting/retreat. What should have been a great time learning and growing with my creative arts associates became one of my most painful memories ever. It had nothing to do with the meetings themselves. The sickness that arose on my flights and subsequent trip to the ER in Louisville might have something to do with it. While my brother, Kevin was in ICU in Tulsa, I ended up becoming stricken with some sort of viral infection that took every joint and tendon in my body out of commission. I was swelling up and feeling intense pain. I couldn't even clasp the pen when it came to sign my name at the hospital. The doc checked me out and sent me away with antibiotics and muscle relaxers. I was able to make it to over half the meetings the next day and the plan was to fly back to Tulsa that night. Unfortunately, the airline had other plans. My symptoms were coming back in full force and my flight got cancelled. I was stuck another night away from home while the agonizing pain

mounted and my body stiffened. The airline put me up at a nearby hotel, and I have never felt so helpless as that night in the hotel room. I wanted to be home so badly. I felt so alone. Yet God got me through the night and the two flights home the next day.

This month, I completed a manual that will help churches, missions agencies and missionaries partner together in reaching the unreached for Christ. I used materials from Team Expansion and material from author Ellen Livingood - with her permission - to compile a guide to put people into action. The final edit is in the process of being done, but the end result will remain the same. Just think how many people feel in a spiritual way the way I did on that neverending trip? Those least reached people have never been so helpless as they are now. They are alone without Christ. My earthly pain will be no comparison to what they will experience separated for eternity from God. And my joy upon returning home will wane in contrast with the undescribable joy they will encounter when brought into

the saving grace and eternal love of God. I don't know how much impact this little manual I have put together will be, but I would hope that my attempt might be the tool needed for some unreached people to become reached for Christ. For more information on the entire outreach you should visit the website at [www.unleashedfortheunreached.com](http://www.unleashedfortheunreached.com). Thanks for partnering with us.

In Christ,  
Matt & Angie



*Stretched above can be seen the chapters of the manual broken down for design purposes*

## FIND US ON ONLINE



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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** - personal and ministry art projects

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# Notes from the President



Dear friend of the Great Commission,

I'm sure that somewhere in the world, there is a big non-profit organization with hourly employees who open the mail with very little thought as to individual donors. With near robotic detachment, they enter gift amounts and prepare reports for higher-ups who have no relationship with those writing the checks.

Team Expansion is not that organization.

As a Team Expansion missionary myself for 33 years now, I can testify that whenever we receive a gift of any amount, it's like Christmas all over again. My mind recounts, "Someone cared enough to sponsor our work!" or "Someone sacrificed for Jesus so that others can know His love." "Someone gave up coffee (or a new boat), and I won't forget it." Your favorite Team Expansion missionary is exactly the same. How do I know? Because I talk with them every day. Like Paul, they "give praise to God at every memory of you," (Philippians 1:3, Bible in Basic English). So next time you send a gift, please realize -- the person opening that envelope knows you, thanks God for you, and praises God because of you.

With a grateful heart,  
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.

**Sauna 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 June 2011

<b>Benefits</b>	
100 · Salary	1,941.00
110 · Medical Insurance	161.00
130 · Social Security	550.00
180 · Contributions	158.00
<b>Education</b>	
200 · Books/Periodicals	67.61
220 · Conferences/Classes	150.24
<b>Christian Education</b>	
300 · Printed Material	300.58
320 · Hospitality	134.59
<b>Office</b>	
640 · Facility/Utilities	144.00
650 · Supplies in the States	376.36
660 · Mission Phone	45.53
661 · E-Mail	40.00
<b>Promotion/Representation</b>	
700 · For More Support	22.30
730 · Reporting to Supporters	10.00
740 · Home Office	100.00
<b>Travel</b>	

800 · Car/Transportation	123.78
850 · Shipping	79.00
Miscellaneous	
920 · Banking Fees	4.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,407.99</b>

## Monthly Receipts Recap For June 2011

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Individuals (8)</b>	<b>\$710.59</b>
<b>Churches (5)</b>	<b>\$4100.00</b>
Edmond CC	650.00
FCC - Sapulpa	200.00
Highland Park CC	2100.00
Osage Hills CC	250.00
Sunnybrook CC	900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4810.59</b>

## Running Ledger

June Beginning Balance	\$ 1451.50
June 2011 Receipts	+ 4810.59
	<b>\$ 6262.09</b>
June 2011 Expenses	<u>\$4407.99</u>
June 2011 Ending Balance	<b>\$ 1854.10</b>

# Project Showcase

A major focus over the last year has been a project that has a focus of teaching church planting partnerships to reach the least reached people around the world. It is a guidebook for the concept launched at the NACC 2011, called Unleashed for the Unreached. Below are some of the illustrations in it.



For more info go to: [www.unleashedfortheunreached.com](http://www.unleashedfortheunreached.com)

## Prayer (Requests & Praises)

- \* Pray for all the Unreached people.
- \* Pray for Matt's health.
- \* Pray for all the art projects that Matt does for missions.
- \* Pray for any money for our 2010 Italy move loan.
- \* Pray for Matt & Angie as caretakers for Matt's brother, Kevin.
- \* Pray for Matt & Angie as they "parent" a niece and nephews.
- \* Pray for Kevin to recover from traumatic brain injuries.
- \* Pray for Angie as a homemaker and preschool teacher.
- \* Pray for us to be leaders in our family, church and community.

Email us if you want to be a Prayer Partner!

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