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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.

Stuff of Life

Last month, we faced several hurdles, some of which continue. My brother Kevin, for whom we act as caretakers, was admitted for a fifth time to the hospital this year. He had aspirated and was dealing with an inflammation of his lung tissue. Kevin had his trach removed several months ago after a long period of preparation and weaning. He can handle it about 80% of the time. Unfortunately, you can't insert a trach for solely the 20% of the time when he needs it, it's all or not at all. When he was readmitted in the ICU, we had to face the difficulty of making the decision to replace his trach. He is doing better now, and as of this writing still in the hospital (five weeks after admission), but we should be bringing him home this week right before Halloween. This has been an extra stress.

If you'll remember from previous newsletters, I have had an odd health situation going on. Starting around the first of July, what began as major inflammation and joint pain has turned into a daily hindrance. Some days, I cannot turn a key in a door or lift a styrofoam cup. Other days, it's not as bad. I've been tested for several conditions including Lupus, Gout and Rheumatoid Arthritis - all of which were negative. It did turn out that I have a vitamin D deficiency, but it seems like there is more to the story. I am taking 18 different pills/supplements on a daily basis with little change. It affects joints all over my body, but the toughest thing is my hands. It makes it difficult to draw or type or create on a laptop when you experience intense pain, stiffness and swelling. However, God is helping me to complete my tasks.

A major task this month has been

working on a logo for Jonathan Projects. Partnering with Team Expansion, Jonathan Projects exists to train nationals and missionaries all over the world. As they grow their logo helps tie together their various ministries. This is also important for recognizing who they are and what they do. In the project showcase, I've shown a few of the dozens of logos I have created as we embark on bringing them the best that God has for them, even in this subjectively small thing such as a logo.

As we have been reading news from the teams in Italy lately, it has made me want to mention them. Please pray for three Team Expansion teams in Italy. In Ancona, the small church community continues to experience growing pangs, as they discover what God has in store for them. In Verona, the Blackburns continue language learning even while they reach out and study the Bible with a few that have been drawn to the work there. And in Santa Maria delle Mole, just south of Rome, a new work is being launched in a city with no evangelical witness! Please be praying for these teams and families as they seek God and His direction for these mission fields. Please pray for the believers in these cities to grow and become the leaders that God has intended them to be!

All these things, whether they are health issues, stress, advancing the good news, are in God's hands. God has been more than enough as we traverse the waves of this life and the ups and downs they offer. Thanks for partnering with us!

In Christ, Matt & Angie

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Notes from the President



Dear friend of the Unreached,

My son has recently started a Ph.D. degree. He called the other night, burdened by the sheer number of deadlines he was facing. He asked for tips. The suggestion I gave bordered on the obvious: "Make a list." Write it all down, prioritize and organize by date and strategic priority. He called me back a couple of days later to say he had followed my advice and it had really helped. He was already feeling like he had a better handle on what was coming next - and he was at least sleeping five hours/night now. :-)

Some time ago, researchers took a similar route with the world's unreached peoples. They made a list, which has been steadily improved and corrected with each passing month ever since. (See joshuaproject.net as a prime example.) All Team Expansion missionaries are dedicated to telling the tribes, castes and kindreds on that list. When you support his or her work, you're helping check off a global to do list -- one that has needed attention for centuries. So thank you for your help with the Task Remaining. God bless!

For the sake of unreached peoples,
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 September 2011

Benefits	
100 · Salary	324.11
110 · Medical Insurance	161.00
111 · Special Medical Expense	530.02
130 · Social Security	550.00
180 · Contributions	38.00
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	65.68
Christian Education	
300 · Printed Material	38.84
320 · Hospitality	93.50
Postage	
550 · In the States	19.56
Office	
650 · Supplies in the States	220.90
660 · Mission Phone	77.68
661 · E-Mail	83.88
Promotion/Representation	
700 · For More Support	85.49
720 · Newsletters	73.88
730 · Reporting to Supporters	54.80
Travel	

800 · Car/Transportation	197.11
Miscellaneous	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	282.93
920 · Banking Fees	140.00
TOTAL	3,037.38

Monthly Receipts Recap For September 2011

	Total
Individuals (10)	\$615.00
Churches (5)	\$2900.00
Edmond CC	650.00
First CC Sapulpa	100.00
Highland Park CC	1050.00
Osage Hills CC	200.00
Sunnybrook CC	900.00
TOTAL	\$3515.00

Running Ledger	
Sep Beginning Balance	\$ 2168.91
Sep 2011 Receipts	+ 3515.00
	\$ 5683.91
Sep 2011 Expenses	\$3037.38
Sep 2011 Ending Balance	\$ 2646.53

Project Showcase

How many logos are too many? One more than it takes! These are several different variations of a logo I am working on for Jonathan Project. Jonathan Project partners with Team Expansion to train missionaries and locals all over the world!



for more art projects go to www.mattskechpad.com

Prayer (Requests & Praises)

- * Pray for Kevin getting out of hospital with trach & night vent.
- * Pray for Matt's health - tested negative for lupus, gout & rheumatoid arthritis. Good, but pain/swelling still exists.
- * Pray for all the art projects that Matt does for missions.
- * Pray for help to offset our 2010 Italy moving loan.
- * Pray for Matt & Angie as caretakers for Matt's brother, Kevin.
- * Pray for Matt & Angie as they "parent" a niece and nephews.
- * Pray Kevin to stay out of the hospital for now. He's had five admissions this year. Last year, he had none!
- * 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.

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