



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.

An Empty Canvas

Very few things excite an artist more than an empty canvas, a blank sheet of paper or an untouched block of clay. It represents a new start and that anything can be created. Sometimes nothing frightens an artist more than those same things. I suppose it's because each time I start a new project or creation, I am putting a little of myself into it. I choose the strokes when I



paint. I pick the colors when I design. It's my images that are put down on paper when I draw. And it's my hands that mold the clay. I am invested in it. Therefore, if someone criticizes it harshly, it comes across as very personal, almost an intimate invasion of my tender creation. On the other hand, if someone appreciates it, even gushes over it, I find myself puffed up, enjoying that someone received joy out of something that I designed and created, yet it remains mine. That could be why many artists are hermits, they can't stand or don't want the intense scrutiny.

Beginning a new year, it's like we have a fresh canvas. This year has nothing painted on it. At this point, almost anything

can happen to color the next twelve months. Choices have not been made, decisions have yet to be

cast. I am not a slave to the previous year's choices, nor am I guaranteed to repeat any unwise choices. Each year...each day in fact is a new start. I am white as snow and loved by the Father.

In this new year, would you prayerfully consider your role in this mission of supplying tools and resources to missionaries all over the world? We ask as we turn this corner on 2012 together that you might think over if you could give financially towards this ministry. Any amount is valid and brings glory to God. We also relish your involvement in praying for us and our task. Would you let us know if you can do this? Thanks for partnering with us!

In Christ, Matt & Angie



Paintings I made to decorate my office at the 220 Center.

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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 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.

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 December 2011

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Benefits | |
| 100 · Salary | 1,393.23 |
| 111 · Special Medical Expense | 393.65 |
| 180 · Contributions | 188.00 |
| Education | |
| 200 · Books/Periodicals | 100.21 |
| Christian Education | |
| 300 · Printed Material | 110.94 |
| 320 · Hospitality | 21.67 |
| Postage | |
| 550 · In the States | 84.47 |
| Office | |
| 650 · Supplies in the States | 545.28 |
| 660 · Mission Phone | 95.05 |
| 661 · E-Mail | 84.90 |
| Promotion/Representation | |
| 700 · For More Support | 84.85 |
| 720 · Newsletters | 74.90 |
| 730 · Reporting to Supporters | 84.38 |
| 740 · Home Office | 100.00 |
| Travel | |

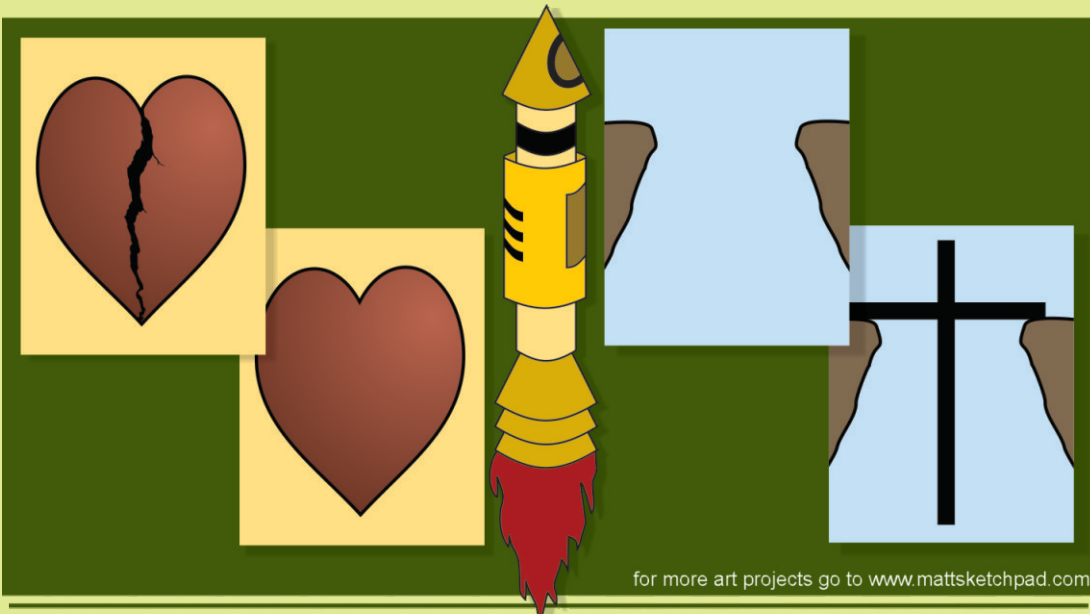
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| 800 · Car/Transportation | 119.31 |
| TOTAL | 3,480.84 |

Monthly Receipts Recap For December 2011

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Total |
| Individuals (9) | \$700.00 |
| 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 | \$3600.00 |
| Running Ledger | |
| Dec Beginning Balance | \$ 1880.13 |
| Dec 2011 Receipts | + 3600.00 |
| | \$ 5480.13 |
| Dec 2011 Expenses | \$3480.84 |
| Dec 2011 Ending Balance | \$ 1999.29 |

Project Showcase

Here are some illustrations that I created for an evangelism handbook to be used in Peru.



for more art projects go to www.mattskechpad.com

Prayer (Requests & Praises)

- * Pray for all 2012 goals to come to fruition & impact the world.
- * Kevin's been home from the hospital since Dec. 30. Would you pray for him to have a year of good health & recovery?
- * Pray for Matt's continued health improvement. Still some pain & swelling, but a new med seems to be helping.
- * 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 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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