



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 Statistics
Team Expansion currently consists of more than 320 full-time adult workers serving in 48 countries in 72 distinct church planting projects. Team Expansion has planted about 250 churches and has ushered over 12,000 new believers into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Power of a Creative Atmosphere

Last year at this time, we were putting the finishing touches on my new office and studio at the 220 Center behind Highland Park Christian Church. Clean-up, painting and carpeting were all part of the renovation.

Can I tell you how thankful I am for this workspace? Last week, I read a book called, *Imagine: How Creativity Works*, that highly emphasized your workspace atmosphere when it comes to being creative. From this space, I have created projects for Venezuela, Peru, Spain, Taiwan, Closed Countries and other materials made available to missionaries all over the world! It has become a true launchpad for creative missions resources around the globe.

As we move into year two for this office/studio space, we want to invite you to see it for yourself. And really seeing the office is only part of it. This will be an open house of our ministry. If you're near Tulsa, Oklahoma, we would love to see you on April 21. Around the room, there will be projects that I have worked on and resources that I have created. We want to share with you in person what God is doing in this ministry to which God has called us. There's only so much we can share in newsletters.

So feel free to drop by anytime between 2-4PM. Refreshments will be provided. For more info, check out the invitation on the right! ----->

Thanks so much for your partnership, prayers and friendship as we seek to use Creative Arts to Spread the Gospel.

In Christ,
Matt & Angie

You're Invited to our Open House!

We're having an open house at Matt's Studio/Office on Saturday, April 21, 2012

From 2-4PM you can stop by and see his office and many of the projects that Matt is working on for missionaries all over the world!

This invitation is open to all who are interested in this ministry.

Matt's office is in the 220 Center ministry house on the campus of Highland Park Christian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

It is directly behind the main church building, which is located at:

5708 East 31st Street
Tulsa, OK 74135

refreshments will be provided

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Twitter: <http://twitter.com/mccrosser>
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 **The Crossers Life** - about our life and ministry
Blog: <http://www.thecrossersblog.com>
Twitter: <http://twitter.com/thecrossers>
Facebook: <http://bit.ly/thecrosserslifeonfb>

 **Matt's Sketch Pad** - personal and ministry art projects
Blog: <http://www.mattsketchpad.com>
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Using Creative Arts to Spread the Gospel



Notes from the President



Dear Partner and Friend,
In the little one-chapter book of Ill John, the apostle writes to a friend named Gaius to thank him for the "hospitality" he has shown to a group of travelers on a journey "for his name's sake." These men were similar to our modern-day missionaries, in that they were on a journey "for His Name's sake," taking nothing from the people with whom they labored. Not only does John reinforce Gaius' good work, but in addition, John goes on record saying that we would do well to "send them on their way." This concept of "sending them on their way," is clearer here than in most other locations in scripture, partly because we know well the meaning of the original Greek word here. It can mean providing a) food, b) housing, c) funds, and even d) accompanying someone somewhere in person. These four meanings all seem to apply to you as well. Like Gaius, you have provided all these and more for your favorite Team Expansion missionary. So like John, I want to thank you today for "doing well" and I give praise for your life!

Gratefully,
Doug Lucas
President, Team Expansion

Monthly Finances

Monthly Expense Recap For February 2012

Benefits	
100 · Salary	508.25
111 · Special Medical Expense	150.86
180 · Contributions	158.00
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	151.52
Christian Education	
300 · Printed Material	35.00
320 · Hospitality	47.58
Postage	
550 · In the States	8.40
Office	
600 · Supplies In the Field	746.87
640 · Facility/Utilities	200.00
650 · Supplies in the States	40.00
660 · Mission Phone	50.71
661 · E-Mail	71.85
Promotion/Representation	
700 · For More Support	44.95
720 · Newsletters	146.94
730 · Reporting to Supporters	117.74
740 · Home Office	100.00

Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	131.65
Miscellaneous	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	179.99
920 · Banking Fees	140.00
TOTAL	3,030.31

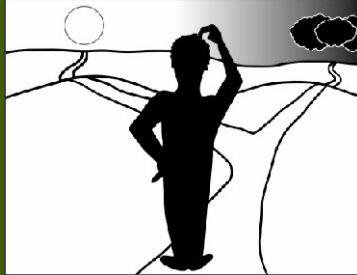
Monthly Receipts Recap For February 2012

	Total
Individuals (10)	\$800.00
Churches (4)	\$3350.00
Edmond CC	1300.00
First CC Sapulpa	100.00
Highland Park CC	1050.00
Sunnybrook CC	900.00
TOTAL	\$4150.00

Running Ledger	
Feb 2012 Beginning Balance	\$ 636.24
Feb 2012 Receipts	+ 4150.00
	\$ 4786.24
Feb 2012 Expenses	\$3030.31
Feb 2012 Ending Balance	\$ 1755.93

Project Showcase

OGIJARES is the name of an English Camp that will be taking place in Spain this summer. I asked to design the logo based on the London Olympics logo. The other three illustrations below are part of the work that I am creating for a Bible study guide that is being used in Peru in South America.



for more art projects go to www.mattsketchpad.com

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Prayer (Requests & Praises)

- * Pray for the Kairos conversion to portable illustrations..
- * Pray for the Outreach Center in Spain and the tasks related.
- * Pray for Peru material's completion & its use for God's glory.
- * Kevin has been home from the hospital since Dec. 30. Would you pray for a year of good health & recovery?
- * Pray for Matt's health. Slowly continuing to improve.
- * 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.

Email us if you want to be a Prayer Partner!

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