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Team Expansion

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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.

Guests to an Open House

This month we hosted an Open House of our ministry at Matt's Office Studio. In celebration of 2 years using creative arts to spread the gospel. About forty people showed up representing four area churches to see what God is doing in this ministry to which God has called us.

On the TV was a video that showed me drawing/designing in a program called CorelDraw on my computer. There were stations all around the room highlighting and describing all the various projects that we are involved in around the world. On the projector, we had my laptop equipped with a graphic tablet for people to try their hand at using a pressure sensitive pen to draw digitally. There was a prayer area with music softly playing from countries around the world. And of course even the refreshments were created with an artistic eye. There were plenty of finger foods and lemon water.

Make sure and look for the images on the back under the Project Showcase to see some of the current projects we are doing.

Thanks so much to everyone that came and especially those who helped set up, host and tear down afterward. We couldn't have done it by ourselves. Check out pictures of the event 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



Pictures from the Open House at Matt's Studio Office.
Middle pic - Jacob, Angie & Brandon helped so much!

FIND US ON ONLINE



Find Matt on Twitter and Facebook:

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/mcrosser>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/mattcrosser>



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 Friend of the Great Commission,

"Extraordinary prayer: That's what it will take to start church-planting movements in the toughest fields in the world today." At a recent training course at Emerald Hills, one particular Team Expansion team took this admonition seriously. They went home to their work in North Africa and, over the next few months, rolled out a prayer initiative that has resulted in 40,000 people per day, praying for the field (seriously). You can learn more about the incredible story at their website, pray4tunisia.com. But I mention them today to ask -- if you can't give money, would you at least pray? If you already are giving financially, would you consider adding to your efforts a new initiative to raise up prayer for the work of your favorite Team Expansion missionary? Prior to pray4tunisia.com, we thought it was great if 200 people committed to pray. But now, the bar has been raised. Will you join us? Make prayer more than a token word. Make it core to your commitment to missions, Team Expansion, and your favorite Team Expansion missionary. Thank you!!!

Doug Lucas
President, Team Expansion

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a team expansion kids resource www.jumpvbs.com

Pray for our team as you pray for us

CREATIVE ARTS TEAM:

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REPRESENTATIVE ELDERS:

Jimmy Foreman
Sandusky Avenue Christian Church, Tulsa, OK

Jayson & Janice French
Christ In Youth, Joplin, MO

PASTORS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

John & Judy Webb
Hope International University, Fullerton, CA

Monthly Finances

Monthly Expense Recap For March 2012

Benefits	
100 · Salary	1,286.60
110 · Medical Insurance	161.00
111 · Special Medical Expense	51.60
130 · Social Security	350.00
180 · Contributions	38.00
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	313.36
Christian Education	
300 · Printed Material	40.00
320 · Hospitality	21.64
Office	
650 · Supplies in the States	327.99
660 · Mission Phone	68.64
661 · E-Mail	92.85
Promotion/Representation	
700 · For More Support	75.95
720 · Newsletters	41.00
730 · Reporting to Supporters	818.15
Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	119.93
810 · Meals While Traveling	50.58

820 · Fees/Tolls	20.00
830 · Housing While Traveling	112.74
Miscellaneous	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	168.98
TOTAL	4,159.01

Monthly Receipts Recap For March 2012

Individuals (9)	Total
	\$705.00
Churches (5)	\$3100.00
Edmond CC	650.00
First CC Sapulpa	100.00
Highland Park CC	1050.00
Osage Hills CC	400.00
Sunnybrook CC	900.00
TOTAL	\$3805.00

Running Ledger

Mar 2012 Beginning Balance	\$ 1755.93
Mar 2012 Receipts	+ 3805.00
	\$ 5560.93
Mar 2012 Expenses	<u>\$4159.01</u>
Mar 2012 Ending Balance	\$ 1401.92

Project Showcase

The images below represent two different projects I am working on. Top left is for a children's curriculum that will be the first for a closed people group in Africa. The remaining images are for a study used in Peru for bringing people closer to Christ. They are rough illustrations that need cleaned up/finished.



for more art projects go to www.mattskechpad.com

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 was admitted to the hospital on April 10. Would you pray for his health & recovery?
- * Pray for Matt's health. Joint pain 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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