



# 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.*

## PRAYER...What's it Good For?

Absolutely so much!! Prayer is our constantly open connection with God. Prayer is an opportunity to share our fears, gratitude, concerns, praises and requests to God. The power isn't in the process of prayer, but in the recipient. God is able to do immeasurably more than we could ever ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us (Ephesians 3:20). I don't know about you, but I find that incredibly comforting! I can imagine quite a bit and I feel like I ask for way too much already! But I can't, you see, not according to Ephesians 3:20. That is good news. I think the enemy wants to make us afraid to return to God's throne, by making us feel like we are in God's way or problematic for his schedule.

God's door is ALWAYS open! One of the things that I remember fondly at Ozark was the habit of most of the professors to make themselves available to students throughout the day. Sometimes, you went to their doors in awe, thinking, "Do I really want to interrupt these great men of God to discuss my issues?" Yet, they were more than happy to see you. God is that way, but so much more! It's as if he drops everything he is doing just to hear from you. He loves you. He cares for you. He wants to be in your life and know what's on your heart.

So, how does this affect missions and missionaries? Anytime that work is being done to share the message of Christ, the enemy pounces. The devil wants to discourage, damage, distract and destroy those who have followed God in the task of spreading God's word. The missionaries themselves should be praying and relying on God, but we can assist them. Our habit of praying for the work of God around the world

is our opportunity to be part of God's work and partner with his servants.

One of the things that I really enjoy doing in the Creative Arts department at Team Expansion is creating prayer cards. On page two, you can see some examples of prayer cards that I have made recently. Images of missionaries and the places they minister make my prayers come alive and



seem more vivid. It takes my prayers to the next level and they become more relational. I become more invested.

So, pray...because we can. Pray because we should. Pray because it's our opportunity to unite with workers on the front lines. And pray because it's the model found in scripture.

And thank you, for your prayers, partnership and friendship as we use *creative arts to spread the gospel*.

In Christ,  
Matt & Angie

## FIND US ON ONLINE



**Find Matt** on Twitter and Facebook:

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

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



**The Crossers Life** - about our life and ministry

Blog: <http://www.thecrossersblog.com>

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

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**Matt's Sketch Pad** - personal and ministry art projects

Blog: <http://www.matts sketchpad.com>

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## Using Creative Arts to Spread the Gospel



# Notes from the President

Dear Fellow-Laborers,

During a recent trip to Southern California, just when I was trying to make good time on the freeway, I hit a gridlock. Then it happened: my "traffic-aware" GPS asked me if I wanted to take an alternate route to avoid "some bad traffic ahead." Duh. Soon I was sailing along a set of scenic switchbacks on a hilly backroad that I had never heard of before. And just when I began to wonder where in the world I was, a right turn revealed the destination I was seeking!

GPS devices had been around for years, but TRAFFIC-AWARENESS was new for me. As I reflected, I wondered -- what if Team Expansion could act as a "traffic aware" guidance system for your church and your favorite missionary? What if God enabled us to help you figure out the opportunities, challenges, and barriers to cross-cultural work, then power you up to be all the more effective in conjunction with your favorite Team Expansion missionary. Well guess what: That's exactly what we're in the business of doing! And Emerald Hills, our home base, is our center of operations for that mandate. Our International Services team contacts your worker regularly to coach, support, and hold him or her accountable. And your worker networks with a host of folks throughout the whole organization for mutual "peer mentoring" and networking. Today, we're thankful for the way you undergird your favorite Team Expansion missionary to tackle the work. May God bless you this week as you labor for him!!!!

Doug Lucas - President, Team Expansion

## USE OUR FREE MISSIONS-FOCUSED VBS!



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*Pray for our team as you pray for us*

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# Monthly Finances

## Monthly Expense Recap For May 2012

<b>Benefits</b>	
100 · Salary	1,749.35
111 · Special Medical Expense	53.00
130 · Social Security	350.00
150 · Housing Allowance	18.99
<b>Education</b>	
200 · Books/Periodicals	69.28
<b>Christian Education</b>	
300 · Printed Material	40.00
320 · Hospitality	65.80
<b>Office</b>	
640 · Facility/Utilities	272.39
650 · Supplies in the States	377.71
660 · Mission Phone	25.00
661 · E-Mail	40.00
<b>Promotion/Representation</b>	
700 · For More Support	49.95
720 · Newsletters	239.00
730 · Reporting to Supporters	76.02
740 · Home Office	100.00
<b>Travel</b>	
800 · Car/Transportation	204.52

806 · Vehicle Maintenance	61.81
Miscellaneous	
920 · Banking Fees	315.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,107.82</b>

## Monthly Receipts Recap For May 2012

<b>Individuals (9)</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$570.00</b>
<b>Churches (5)</b>	<b>\$2500.00</b>
Edmond CC	650.00
First CC Sapulpa	100.00
Highland Park CC	1050.00
Osage Hills CC	200.00
Sunnybrook CC	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3070.00</b>
<b>Running Ledger</b>	
May 2012 Beginning Balance	\$ 1237.44
Apr 2012 Receipts	+ 3070.00
	<b>\$ 4307.44</b>
Apr 2012 Expenses	<u>\$4107.82</u>
<b>Apr 2012 Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 199.62</b>

# Project Showcase

Prayer cards are an important way for people to remember to pray for missionaries around the world. Having an image stuck on the fridge or bathroom mirror makes it easy for a family to share in multiple daily prayers for those missionaries and the people they are reaching for Christ. Here's two examples.



for more art projects go to [www.mattsketchpad.com](http://www.mattsketchpad.com)

# Prayer (Requests & Praises)

- \* Pray for missionaries and the fields that come to your mind.
- \* Pray for the Kairos conversion to portable illustrations..
- \* Pray for the Outreach Center in Spain and the tasks related.
- \* Kevin's at an LTAC specialty hospital. Pray for his 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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