



# 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.

## Lean On Me

Most everybody knows the lyrics to the song, Lean on Me...

*Lean on me, when you're not strong  
And I'll be your friend  
I'll help you carry on*

*For it won't be long  
Till I'm gonna need  
Somebody to lean on*

*Please swallow your pride  
If I have things  
You need to borrow*

*For no one can fill  
Those of your needs  
That you won't let show*  
excerpted from Lean on Me by Bill Withers

In many ways, we have experienced leaning on others in the family of Christ since we started this process of missions and living on support thirteen years ago. Through the years, you have stood in our place when we couldn't travel. Been our friends before we made friends in Italy. Provided support when it appeared our lives were crumbling down. And partnered with us through prayer and financial support to enable us to do the ministry that God has set us apart to do.

God has continued to provide for us in strong times and in lean. He is our comfort and guide, yet he chooses to use you for this task as well. It isn't often that we request direct help toward our mission, but have done so when it has been appropriate. It is appropriate now.

Some of you have been constant in your giving. Some from day one. Some have

been strong prayer warriors and have told us of your commitment to pray for us and our ministry daily. However, our giving has dropped greatly over the years. In fact, the amount committed now is the lowest it has been since around 2002-2003. This impacts our ministry and salary directly. The quantity and breadth of our projects are limited.

We are excited about the many missions projects that God has prepared for us to do, but hampered by the inability to purchase required equipment, software and



Sometimes money feels like this, but God has power over all!

tools to be most effective. This says nothing to the reduced salary that we normally must take.

Would you pray and consider what partnership God might have for you in our ministry? Whether that be financial, prayer or something else. We thank you.

We know that no matter what happens, God will provide for us and lead us in His will. Pray for us as we to use creative arts to spread the gospel.

In Christ,  
Matt & Angie

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**Matt's Sketch Pad** - personal and ministry art projects  
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## Using Creative Arts to Spread the Gospel



# Notes from the President



Dear Partners, I've just returned from a trip to Japan to help lead prayer walks in various locations around the country. In addition, I was humbled by the opportunity to mentor some of our newest workers while encouraging some of our seasoned veterans there in 3 different locations. One team is working hard in the city of Ishinomaki, which was heavily impacted by the tsunami of March 11, 2011. You would have been so proud of all of them. While everyone else was fleeing the disaster, they were seeking it out, driving toward it. They were among the first to arrive. Immediately, they developed innovative and effective methods of transporting life-sustaining supplies to those who needed them most. As soon as the situation allowed, they moved their families directly into some of the hardest-hit areas so they could work shoulder-to-shoulder with local people to rebuild homes, lives, and futures, and just BE with the people, life on life. They're still there today. There's something about Team Expansion culture, the world over. They aren't afraid of work. They invest their entire lives into the local people. They stretch every dollar to maximum impact with maximum love. Your favorite missionary is cut from the same mold. Please join me today in giving thanks for hard workers... and thank you for helping make possible their labor! God bless you this month!

Doug Lucas,  
President, Team Expansion

# Monthly Finances

## Monthly Expense Recap For June 2012

<b>Benefits</b>	
100 · Salary	592.31
111 · Special Medical Expense	10.68
130 · Social Security	200.00
<b>Education</b>	
200 · Books/Periodicals	123.91
<b>Christian Education</b>	
300 · Printed Material	43.00
320 · Hospitality	33.91
<b>Office</b>	
650 · Supplies in the States	555.60
660 · Mission Phone	108.28
661 · E-Mail	60.43
<b>Promotion/Representation</b>	
700 · For More Support	87.68
720 · Newsletters	97.19
730 · Reporting to Supporters	227.55
<b>Travel</b>	
800 · Car/Transportation	192.94
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
920 · Banking Fees	280.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,613.48</b>

## Monthly Receipts Recap For June 2012

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Individuals (10)</b>	<b>\$875.00</b>
<b>Camps (1)</b>	
Sunset Bible Camp	\$69.81
<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>\$3444.81</b>

## Running Ledger

June 2012 Beginning Balance	\$ 199.62
June 2012 Receipts	+ 3444.81
	<b>\$ 3644.43</b>
June 2012 Expenses	\$2613.48
June 2012 Ending Balance	<b>\$ 1030.95</b>

# Project Showcase

I mentioned in a previous newsletter that I was getting to create a new evangelistic website for one of our teams in Italy. It's found at <http://www.lucesulle mole.it> and I absolutely loved getting to work on something directly impacting the people of Italy. Please pray for these people who are so dear to my heart!



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

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Pray for our team as you pray for us

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- Nathan Holt
- Betty Byrd - director

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- Jayson & Janice French  
Christ In Youth, Joplin, MO

### PASTORS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

- John & Judy Webb  
Hope International University, Fullerton, CA

# Prayer (Requests & Praises)

- \* Pray for new support to be committed toward our mission.
  - \* Pray for the children's curriculum for a closed Muslim field.
  - \* Pray for the Kairos conversion to portable illustrations.
  - \* Pray for the Outreach Center in Spain and the tasks related.
  - \* Kevin came home June 29th! And we got approval for 16 hours per day of home nursing! Praise God!
  - \* 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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