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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.

Do Not Merely Listen To The Word

What is it that you do well? What is it that you do miserably? God wants our all.

In I Corinthians 12:9, Paul says, "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'" Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."** This means that God wants to use us in our weaknesses. Our failings, our limitations. However, you state it he wants to use us in the condition that we find ourselves in now. Not after we're "good" enough. That doesn't mean we shouldn't ever train or plan, but what it means is that if we are training or planning for some future task our Christian responsibility is not on "pause".

Then we see in Luke 12 that Jesus has been talking about *Watchfulness*. We are to be ready and be obedient now! And Jesus says in verses 47-48, "The servant who knows what his master wants and ignores it, or insolently does whatever he pleases, will be thoroughly thrashed. But if he does a poor job through ignorance, he'll get off with a slap on the hand. Great gifts mean great responsibilities; greater gifts, greater responsibilities!"** I love the way that Stan Lee stated it in the mythology of SpiderMan comics, "With great power comes great responsibility."

So it seems God does indeed want your all. The talented and the inadequate, the powerful and the powerless. We then have no excuse but to yield to His will if we are true followers. What other choice do we have?

So I restate my original questions.

* NIV
** The Message

What is it that you do well? Are you doing it for God's glory?

And what is it that you do miserably? Have you still attempted it and relied on God's strength to make it His and bring Him glory?

For instance, I use the gifts of creating that God has given me for his kingdom. I use this vocationally to create resources for missionaries to spread the gospel around the world. And I also do this as a volunteer in my local church, to create inspiring lessons for adults/students, develop interactive times with our small group and design resources that are used throughout the ministry here. Sometimes, I can see my talents at work and other times I am thankfully for the safety net of grace.

Above all, I want to be used where God wants to use me and to be used how he wants to use me. My life is not mine since I chose to follow Christ. "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but it is Jesus Christ who lives in me." Galatians 2:20a*

I continue to create children's curriculum for an area of the world that is closed to the gospel and has never had a children's curriculum. Also, I continue to work on the conversion of digital training materials into low-tech illustrated flipcharts to take this training into villages within various countries around the earth.

Pray for these creative missions efforts, along with all the other projects I'm working on right now! Pray for us as we use *creative arts* to spread the gospel.

In Christ,
Matt & Angie

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Using Creative Arts to Spread the Gospel



Notes from the President



Dear Friends of Team Expansion,

A couple of months ago, I wrote about Team Expansion's team in Osaka, Japan. Ever since the tsunami there in March, 2011, they've been caring for the people in northeastern Japan in the aftermath of one of the greatest catastrophes in recorded history. Perhaps your favorite Team Expansion missionary doesn't work in or near Japan. It doesn't matter. You can still be glad that, directly or indirectly, you are a part of a global team of people who made a difference. After a recent visit to the field, we worked together with the team members there to create and submit a grant request in support of a vision to bring long-lasting help and hope to a couple of affected communities. The good news this month is that IDES, the foundation to which we sent the request, said yes! Our team members working in the region now have an extra \$175,625 to apply toward the cause. Thanks God. And thank you for being a part of a global organization focused on launching church planting movements among unreached peoples -- and helping those who are hurting.

Doug Lucas,
President, Team Expansion

Monthly Finances

Monthly Expense Recap For August 2012

Benefits	
100 · Salary	1,221.27
111 · Special Medical Expense	50.69
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	103.93
Christian Education	
300 · Printed Material	26.16
320 · Hospitality	58.79
Office	
640 · Facility/Utilities	72.00
650 · Supplies in the States	332.45
660 · Mission Phone	62.24
661 · E-Mail	10.00
Promotion/Representation	
700 · For More Support	25.00
720 · Newsletters	25.00
730 · Reporting to Supporters	34.95
Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	137.37
806 · Vehicle Maintenance	31.94
810 · Meals While Traveling	44.37
Miscellaneous	

920 · Banking Fees	142.00
TOTAL	2,378.16

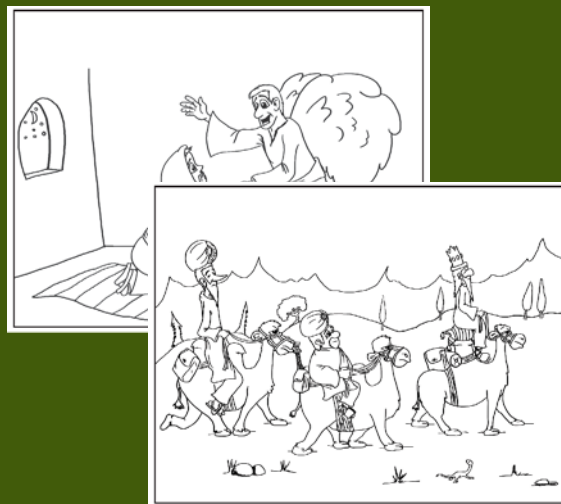
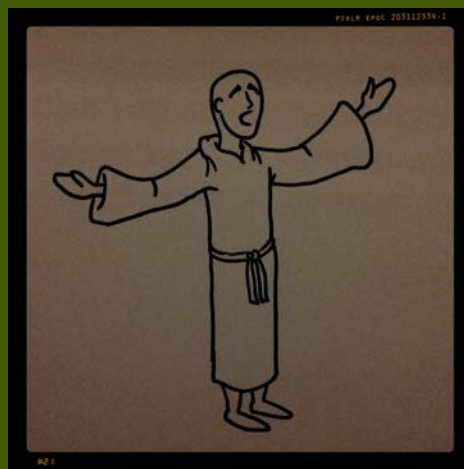
Monthly Receipts Recap For Aug 2012

Individuals (8)	Total
	\$500.00
Churches (5)	\$1900.00
Edmond CC	650.00
First CC Sapulpa	200.00
Highland Park CC	1050.00
TOTAL	\$2400.00

Running Ledger	
Aug 2012 Beginning Balance	\$ 60.79
Aug 2012 Receipts	+ 2400.00
	\$ 2460.79
Aug 2012 Expenses	- \$ 2378.16
Aug 2012 Ending Balance	\$ 102.63

Project Showcase

Here are illustrations from two different projects that I'm working on. On the left is a concept piece for the Kairos illustrated training tools and on the right are illustrations for a children's curriculum being used in a closed Muslim field. Pray for the impact of these two large projects.



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Prayer (Requests & Praises)

- * Pray for the development of new Jump VBS materials
- * 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.
- * 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.

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