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Kosova

Providing relief
and hope in the
world's newest
country

Trujillo, Peru

Team Expansion partners with
Project New Hope International
to impact the lives of an entire city



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State of the mission



Team Expansion is striving to better implement God's calling for the organization

Doug Lucas
President, Team Expansion

Welcome to this latest edition of TELL!

Today, as I met with a visiting Team Expansion family from the Balkans, I once again marveled at the commitment it takes to step out, sell out, move out and speak out for our Lord. I'm so thankful for the privilege of working with them, even as they express gladness for being part of the Team Expansion family.

At the same time, however, we identify with the Apostle Paul in Philippians 3:13 where he writes: "Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it." Frankly, we want to become even better at chasing God's calling for Team Expansion. From March 31, 2008 through Nov. 30, 2009, our entire organization is involved in 20 months of self study, with the goal of improving our capacity for:

- Church partnership and vision
- Community
- Coaching
- Care of our workers worldwide
- Crisis prevention and conflict resolution
- Christ-likeness
- Clarity of call

In addition, we are excited about the fact that International Services -- and, in fact, the whole Team Expansion family -- will soon move to Emerald Hills, our new 61-acre campus. Thank you for your prayers as we pursue these quests -- and thanks for your partnership as, together, we glorify God!

Sincerely,
Doug Lucas



Doug Lucas, left, jokes with children in a Peruvian barrio near Trujillo, Peru. To learn more about the work going on in Trujillo, see page 4.



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Revelation 7:9-12 paints a beautiful picture of every nation coming before the throne of God to worship Him. The **tell**, Team Expansion's Log of Love, has functioned as a bridge between ministries around the world and the local church since 1992.

It has been our hope to radiate the goodness of God and the progress that we are making together through this publication. Until that moment before the throne, may we all continue to play our part in fulfilling the Great Commission!

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Team Expansion exists to glorify God by partnering with local churches to send and sustain teams of interdependent missionaries to plant indigenous churches among the least-reached people groups worldwide.

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A woman in Kosova talks about her family living in poverty (Photo by John Palmer Gregg)

A young boy rolls a tire through the sand near his straw-thatch home in a barrio near Trujillo, Peru. The slum barrios are home to several hundred thousand Peruvians in Trujillo alone.

Trujillo

Peru

Story and Photos by
John Palmer Gregg



Giving hope to those who are physically suffering, socially abandoned, economically trapped and spiritually seeking

The team, led by Team Expansion's John Hendee, oversees nearly 20 different ministries from Bible storytelling (Scriptures in Use) in the barrios to outreach among the city's professionals.

Such a varied and wide-ranging approach to reaching an entire city is a new idea for some in the missionary community.

"I've learned that we have to stop doing what we have been doing for the last 500 years," Hendee said. "We're not going to reach the world that way."

Often missionaries arrive in a community and begin working with a small group and hope to expand from there. Hendee describes that strategy as being "a pebble in a pond."

He describes their strategy as being a boulder.

They hope, by being an ubiquitous presence in nearly all aspects of Trujillo life, that they will be able to positively impact the entire city, not just a single community, for Christ.

The team has found that partnering with non-governmental organizations and businesses has helped them become that boulder.

"We seek partnership, not ownership,"

Hendee said.

Project New Hope has begun several micro-businesses including a guinea pig farm, a delicacy in Peru.

They also have the largest snail farm in the country.

These "Kingdom Businesses" have multiple goals: they provide employment for the nationals; help build personal relationships with those employees, which leads to evangelism opportunities; and these businesses will hopefully allow the team to become self supporting.

"How can we reach them if we don't work side-by-side with them?" he asked.

The workers focus on evangelizing through building personal relationships with the nationals, rather than through mass evangelism or humanitarian aid.

There are dozens of organizations that provide aid for the needy in the community, so instead of focusing on their material needs they focus on their spiritual needs.

Because of this focus on providing spiritual, rather than material, support, they believe that the interest in the Gospel message is more genuine and less self-seeking.

The team's ultimate hope is to have the staff and finances in place, after being in Trujillo for a total of six years, to be able to replicate their multi-faceted approach to another city in Peru, and from there, after another six years, expand again. The team has currently been in Trujillo for just over two years.

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A new and different way

Sand is everywhere here. It is impossible to ignore -- impossible to forget, as it works its way into the fibers of your clothing. The breeze off the nearby Pacific Ocean blows the airborne grains into your mouth; they're gritty and taste like salt.

As far as you can see are 10-foot by 10-foot houses. Many are made from adobe, bricks made of mud mixed with sand, but more are simply straw mats tied together.

The only water to be found is brought in by the government and stored in cisterns. There are no bathrooms and only few outhouses.

There are around 200 of these barrios surrounding the city of Trujillo, Peru. The city's population is officially 275,000, however the numbers of people living in the barrios has been estimated to be even larger. In 2001 the United Nations estimated that 68.1 percent of urban Peruvians live in these slums, a total of 13 million people.

Team Expansion, in partnership with Project New Hope International, is working to bring hope to the thousands who have lost hope, not only those in the barrios, but the spiritually hopeless in the city of Trujillo as well.

(This page) Marcos, a Project New Hope worker, tells a Bible story to a group of gathered mothers in a barrio home. (Facing page) Believers in Trujillo worship in the city's convention center during a "Celebration of Hope and Faith" for the members of the city's professional community.

Inside the city evangelized professionals and college students gather regularly for a “Celebration of Hope and Faith.” These gatherings offer a chance for the new believers to come together and enjoy community with other believers.

They spend time in worship and learn more about God through songs,

messages and the performing arts.

Through these type of experiences many are introduced to the message of Jesus for the first time.

The combined efforts of Team Expansion and Project New Hope International in the city of Trujillo, Peru provide the hope that only trust in Jesus can give. 🌍



To learn more about Project New Hope and their continuing work in Peru, visit their website at: www.projectnewhopeinternational.com

(Top) Snails and (right) cattle are two microfarm Kingdom Businesses incorporated into Project New Hope's overall objective. (Bottom) A barrio resident sits on top of a pile of adobes he made by mixing sand, water and dirt. The water and dirt had to be brought into the barrio by the local government since neither can be found locally.



W.I.N.G.s meetings empower women in their faith

C Spirituality in a Cuppa

Most Thursday mornings for the last seven years, a group of women in Dublin, Ireland have met to pray, study and basically: inspire and nurture growth spiritually.

So we call ourselves W.I.N.G.S. - Women Inspiring and Nurturing Growth Spiritually.

Four of us started at my dining room table. We have done all kinds of study series and discussions and crafts. Mainly though it's the prayer and the chatting that brings our spirits together.

Our goal has always been to empower women in greater steps of faith and ministry. Many have found our focus on the simple Good News of Jesus refreshing in a land where Christianity has become a burden, and at times a tyrant. We have a long history of Christians behaving in very un-christian like ways.

We always start with a cuppa and a chance to catch our breath. Our ladies never like to be mentioned by name in any reports, but I want to tell you about a few. We have several worn out, burnt out Sunday School teachers.

We have encouraged a missionary who returned from Sri Lanka to adjust to life here, and to renew her nursing licence. She and a few of our members started a Mums In Touch group that has had a vital impact

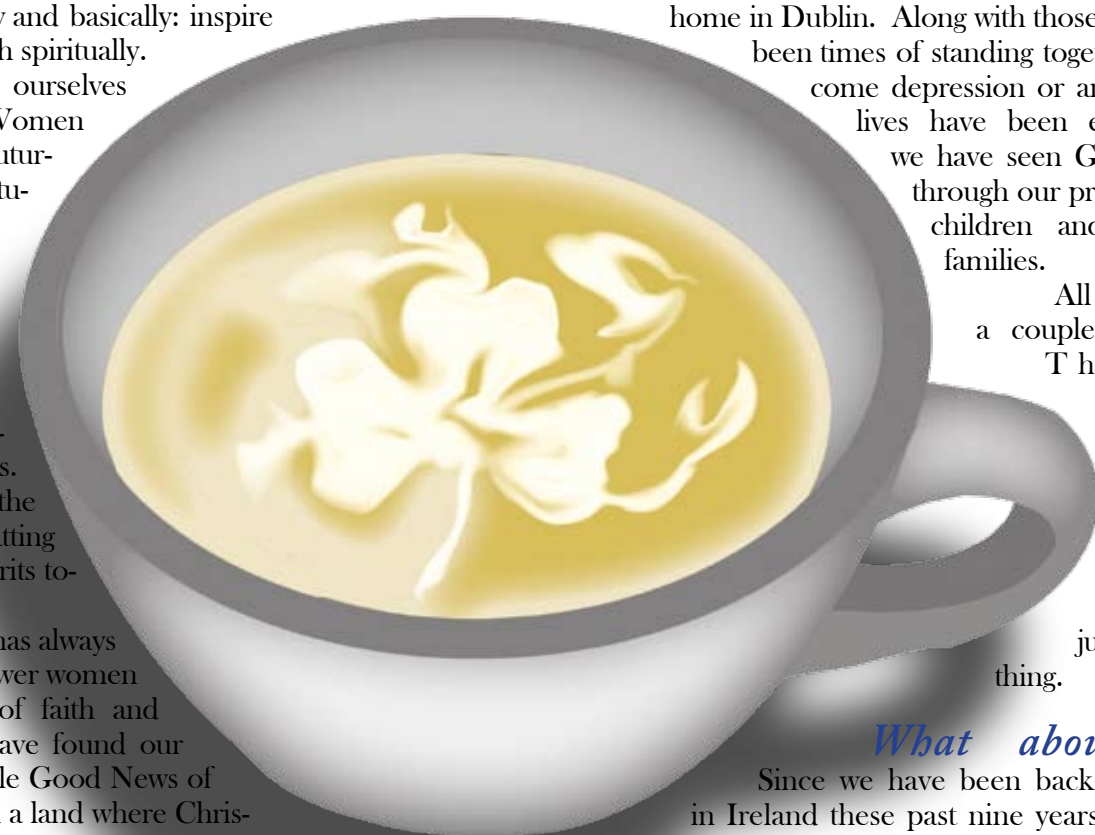
on a local high school. A minister's wife from Australia fellowshipped with us for a while and as a result felt more at home in Dublin. Along with those, there have been times of standing together to overcome depression or anxiety. Our lives have been enriched as we have seen God working through our prayer for our children and extended families.

All this from a couple hours on Thursday mornings. I don't really know how to write a strategy for it - it's just a God thing.

What about me?

Since we have been back in ministry in Ireland these past nine years, my family and I have experienced one crisis after another. This group has sustained me through each one. Jesus has hugged me with their arms, and reassured me with their words. I have been so blessed being their “teacher,” I really wonder who has learned more. My 14-year old daughter wanted a W.I.N.G.S. for her and her friends so we started ‘Bangle’ last fall. (No acronym here -- we just wanted to accessorize their lives.) They meet once an month and have been using the “Wild About You” lessons by Angela Thomas. -We've outgrown the dining room table again. 🌍

Shirley Thompson
serving in Dublin, Ireland



*Our current list of the **most needed** and identified openings are just some of the **many positions** available **throughout** the world*

Full time opportunities

Africa

North Africa

-Therapist: Physical, Occupational, Speech and Language

-Nanny

Tanzania

-Youth worker that can teach how to do youth ministry

-Micro-enterprise coach

-Community Health Evangelism (CHE)

Uganda

-Teachers

-Orphanage supervisor

-Member care/Counselor

-Business manager

-Hospitality director

-Maintenance manager

Asia

Southeast Asia

-Nurses to work alongside our doctors

-Business accountant

-International marketing

-Agriculture

-Coffee shop manager

-Community development

Japan

-Church planter/Mentor

Philippines

-Professor to teach in theology department

-Librarian

-Campus minister

Taiwan

-Building relationships/leading Bible studies with university students

-Working with teens and leading cell groups

Thailand

-Working with English as a Second Language (ESL)

Europe

Eastern Europe

-Humanitarian aid (ESL, BAM, agriculture, radio, medical, agriculture)

-Pioneer

-Business as Missions (Agriculture)

-Working with English as a Second Language

Hungary

-Church planter

-Leadership training

-Sports ministry

Mediterranean

-Educational consultant

-Students

Romania

-Church planter

-Leadership training

North America

Inner-City Cincinnati

-Church planters

-Building relationships/Discipleship

Louisville

-Assistant church planter among Hispanics

New Orleans

-Church planter

-Community development

Oregon

-Couple to be assistant church planters

South America

Peru

-Short-term medical trainers

Venezuela

-Director or Administrator to develop Bible Institute

-Teachers to work at Bible Institute

The privileges of PACE



*There are **6,747** unreached/least-reached people groups totaling **2.72 billion** individuals*

The survival of the Jews hung in the balance. The day for their annihilation was marked on the calendar. An edict had been issued throughout Susa. The plan was ready to be executed.

Mordecai approached Queen Esther with these words: "If you remain silent at this time," he said, "relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish."

In his approach to Queen Esther, Mordecai makes clear his beliefs concerning the sovereignty of God, "relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place..." Even if Esther should refuse to go before the king on behalf of the Jews, God will not allow His people to be destroyed. His plan for their deliverance will still be accomplished.

Now Esther stands on the threshold. If she goes to the king and pleads for him to spare the Jews, she will be used by God and enjoy the privilege of being part of God's plan. If Esther chooses not to go before the king, God's plan will still happen -- the Jews will be delivered, but Esther will miss out on a grand op-

Betty Byrd,
Director of Prayer, Operations
and Personnel

Members of Hazelwood Christian Church in Indiana pray for the city and the people during a trip to Spain in June.

All holistic ministries lead to church planting

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Updates and information about a few of Team Expansion's other fields around the world

NEWS AND NOTES

Romania - A team in formation

Jenny Lotter and Kelly James work in different areas of ministry to develop contacts for a possible future church plant among the Roma Gypsies who live in the area.

Jenny is a physical therapist and works in children's homes, day care centers and in the Gypsy villages. Kelly is beginning to develop a sports ministry in the villages.

The team needs a strong team leader who will focus on the church plant. The Romanian church and our partner organization, Remember the Children, is already reaching out to the Gypsies in various ways and some groups are meeting with one overworked pastor who is trying to get a church started.

Much of the groundwork is in place, but the greatest need is someone, preferably a couple, who could focus on the Gypsy church plant. 🌍



Venezuela - Amazing things

Over the course of time, a great deal of energy has been invested into the development of a future leadership team overseeing the work in Venezuela.

We rejoice to report that the Casarapa church, in spite of our absence, continues to reach new heights. On one particular Sunday this past month there were 671 in attendance. The monthly average was 542.

Also during the month of June, 11 more were added to the Lord in baptism, bringing the year total to 65!

We are still hopeful of reaching the 100 mark this year for God's glory and the growth of His Kingdom!

I'm doubly encouraged! God is doing amazing things and is transforming cultures that are hostile to the Gospel, making them fertile for His amazing church! 🌍

David Linn

Philippines - Focused on colleges and churches

Team Expansion Church planting ministries are carried out by two teams in the Philippines involved in the Central Philippines Bible College, a student center for university students, Christian Military Fellowship, PNP Moral Recovery Program, the City Church and the Hi-Way Church of Christ. We thank God that the ministries have been fruit-

ful and that both churches have seen new life and baptisms. The Bible College has recently moved to a new location and are in the process of improving the facilities. They are also close to gaining government recognition as an accredited college. This will allow them to eventually offer courses on the graduate level as well. 🌍

Nueva Vida - Medical clinic keeps growing

It just keeps getting bigger and better! Nueva Vida's latest medical clinic and outreach event for the Hispanic community in Louisville in August saw 255 people registered to see a doctor, a 100 percent increase over the March clinic.

Some people came in without signing up at the desk and went right to the clothing and food.

Some 540 sandwiches were served compared to 430 served in March. Seventy people saw the dentist.

There were probably ten times more clothes to give away than before.

One of the Nueva Vida ladies who was working the clothing tables, to keep them straightened, had people coming up to her asking how much the clothing cost and she kept telling them it was "Free, Free!"

Many, many people brought children to take advantage of the back to school physical exams. Volunteers had put together LOTS and LOTS of back-to-school bags with all the supplies that were so

generously donated, and ALL of the bags were distributed!

Over 40 volunteers organized the donated items, cooked the hot dogs and hamburgers and helped with set up and clean up before and after the event. What a great day of service to the community in the name of Jesus Christ. 🌍

Chris Bushnell



Italy - Two teams: One on field, one ready to go

Throughout the beautiful country of Italy, there are church buildings. Once full and active, today they are primarily forgotten used as museums and places for weddings, memorials and christenings.

Eighty-five percent of the population of Italy doesn't darken the door of a church building in one year. Six percent are practicing Catholics and less than one percent are evangelical.

There is a great need in this vast dark country. Two projects are in motion for impacting this country of sixty-five million people.

The first team is in the city of Ancona, where a small body of believers has formed a church. The team, there since 2001, is continuing to stoke the ember into flame while

combating humanism, new age philosophy and apathy.

The second project in motion is in the city of Verona, where a team is preparing to go in order to launch a new work. They are hoping to arrive in 2009 in a city of 270,000 people where it is less than half a percent evangelical. The mission is to plant a church there that glorifies God.

Both teams need more financial backing to combat the euro/dollar exchange rate. Both need prayer warriors to stand firm and pray for the overcoming of the world in Italy. The Ancona team is currently hosting interns and short term groups; the Verona team will do the same once it is stabilized. 🌍

Matt Crosser

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Southeast Asia - Ministry through coffee

In a sensitive country in Southeast Asia we have an exciting ministry of a coffee business.

At present there is a coffee shop that employs believers who meet for discipleship. Others are busy with distributing and planting thousands of coffee trees.

The shop is applying to be a coffee business beyond the shop in order to buy and sell coffee internationally. The workers are involved in a discipleship ministry of regular worship, mentoring and Bible study, forming the basis for a simple church. This non-profit business also provides an alternative to poppies, which are used in opium and heroin, as a cash crop. 🌍

*Special problems face the spread of
the Gospel in the world's **newest**
country*

KOSOVA

*a war-torn country ravaged by
poverty and rampant unemployment*

The crumbling shells of homes at an abandoned farm stand empty and forlorn on a mountain top near the Kosova/Serbia border.

"They [Serbians] used to take potshots at us from over there," said *Behar, an Albanian Kosovar, pointing toward hills in the middle distance. He ducked down and held his hands over his head while retelling the story.

Like many of the residents in that part of the country he was forced to flee his home during the Serbian/Kosova conflict that recently saw its dramatic conclusion in the birth of Kosova as an independent nation February 17 of this year.

Now, just a few months after the country's independence, Behar is helping to clear a road from the nearest village to the spot he stands.

Team Expansion workers are starting a model farm on that piece of land just a few kilometers from the Serbian border.

"Our goal is not to have a commercial farm," said J-, a Team Expansion worker, "but to show the Kosovar people that there is a better way."

The farming techniques of an average Kosovar farmer are, at present, best described as being 50 to 100 years behind farmers in the West, he said. Even advice that they receive through official government channels is often unreliable and ill-informed.

"Another goal of the model farm is to help bring people back out to their families' lands and live some off the land, as well as help grow much needed food for the country," J- said.

Most basic food needs, such as flour and milk, are expensive, and growing scarce. Even their cattle only produce a fraction of the milk that cattle do in America. The scarcity and high demand for such basic foodstuffs has only increased the population's dependence on foreign aid.

"Things cost as much in Kosova as the rest of Europe, but they live on a Tanzanian salary," J- said. The average salary, for those that can find work, is between 150-200 euros/month, approximately \$230-\$311, with a really good salary bringing in about 300 euros/\$450 a month,

**Names of all individuals changed for their protection*



Corn is being ground in preparation for delivery to needy families in Kosova. The bags of ground meal given to the families have "Presented in the name of Jesus Christ," printed in bold black lettering in several languages.

**Story and Photos by
John Palmer Gregg**



Converts from Islam to Christianity also face persecution among their families and neighbors, sometimes being ostracized completely from their families and their villages. Because of this discrimination many new Christians are afraid to tell their families. Some families know, but pretend the convert is only pretending to be a Christian to gain the favor from our workers there.

Throughout the country the name of Christ is being brought to the thousands of Muslims through the work of Team Expansion missionaries.

Each week Team Expansion workers, converts and those curious to learn more about Jesus meet to spend time in prayer and worship. It is in these home churches that many Muslims have heard the Gospel presented for the first time.

Through humanitarian aid and other evangelistic tools Team Expansion workers hope to impact the fledgling nation in a powerful and continual way. 🌍

and nearly 40 percent of the working-age males are unemployed.

Because of these conditions, some Team Expansion workers there have chosen aid work as their main tool of evangelizing the Muslim population, which is about 99 percent of the country's total population.

"We do whatever we can to be a blessing for the Kosovar people," J- said. "It's kind of hard to talk about the love of God without showing it."

J- also helped in the procurement and delivery of 20 tons of flour and 16 tons of cornmeal to approximately 200 of the country's neediest families.

"You have come and say, 'I will help you,' and you came and helped us," said Indrit, an Albanian Kosovar neighbor of J-'s family. "The hoja [the village's Islamic leader] says he will help us, but he does not. You also invite our children to your church's festivals and everyone is welcome to come. Our children have never been invited to anything at the mosque."

The hoja warned the villagers about J-'s family when they arrived in the village - telling them not to go to their house because "they will make you Christians."

"But I could not stay away," said Shtjefen, a convert to Christianity from the village. "I guess what he said was true."

Shtjefen is now considering getting a Bible college education and returning to work among his Albanian neighbors.

Team Expansion workers in another city helped a group from Manchester, United Kingdom, along with help from some Kosovar youth, plant 300 trees in a city park.

(Above) A young Kosovar talks about what life is like in his country. (Below) Memorial wreaths lay on the graves of a family that was shot while fleeing their small village when Serbian forces invaded.



Providing aid is an integral part of the ministry of Team Expansion in Kosova. If you can show Christ's love through aid, then a door will be opened that otherwise would remain closed in the hearts of the Muslim people.

For many of the Muslims in the country, the only contact they have with Christians have been the Serbian attackers who tried to ethnically cleanse the Albanian people. The attackers, members of the Serbian Orthodox Church, sometimes cut the form of the cross on their victim's chest or head. Such a negative view of Christianity's predominant symbol is a serious obstacle to the spread of the Gospel.



(Above) Young boys help plant donated trees in a city park. (Far Left) School children play outside their village school. (Left) A social services worker looks through a list of potentially needy families to help determine those that have the greatest need for additional flour and cornmeal.

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Pathways is our ten-week internship program. Since the first team was sent out, there have been countless lives transformed through this program. It is our goal that each participant will actively and obediently pursue God's vision and command to make disciples of ALL nations. Will you allow Pathways to be your stepping stone into discovering God's heart for His people?

If it is, your journey will begin in Louisville, Ky., where all interns gather for Prefield Orientation (PFO.) During this intense week of training, you will bond with your teammates, spend time in worship and attend sessions to help you prepare for the summer. Then it's off to the field where you will put your training into practice as you learn from, and serve beside, missionaries. We send Pathways' interns to many places, including: Asia, East Asia, Venezuela, Italy, Tanzania, Central Asia, North Africa, Latin America and many more. After your time abroad, you will return to Louisville for post-field debriefing. This is a chance for you to process your experiences and to prepare for transition back into life at home.

Team Expansion

The Quest is our apprenticeship program designed for those wanting to go longer, usually three to 12 months. Questers are able to become engaged in ministry more, learn language and culture, participate in a number of projects and build lasting relationships with nationals. Questers are mentored by a missionary. They also have times of training and debriefing with our International Services staff in Louisville, Ky.

the Quest

Looking for a doorway into missions?



CrossRoads
MISSIONS

CrossRoads Missions provides opportunities for churches & individuals to get involved in service on the local level and beyond. Our emphasis is to engage people in meaningful missions/ service.

If your passion is to serve, our desire is to allow you to do that. Let us plan and facilitate your short term mission trip.



The first stage of the ministry campus nears completion.

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Emerald Hills Making Dreams a Reality

Thanks to the prayers of many saints, along with the power of God the dream of Emerald Hills is becoming a reality.

Where there once was a falling down farmhouse, there is now a grassy green Great Lawn that will double as a soccer field. Where there once were barns and outbuildings, there is now a beautiful building that will point people to prayer. Where there was once a barren land there lies a campus full of hope and promise.

By the time many of you read this, we will have full occupancy of the Prayer Center and Atrium. This first stage, of a five-stage building plan, provides: a full size commercial kitchen, a dining room for 150 people and will also serve as interim housing for the International Services staff. Once the International Services wing is built, the Prayer Center and Atrium will be the center of the campus pointing visitors to unreached people groups around the world and equipping them to pray for those who have never heard the hope of Christ.

Going from a 4,000 sq. ft. building to a 10,000 sq. ft. building will allow us to do so much more for our missionaries and supporting



churches.

At the same time, we eagerly anticipate the rest of the building stages and what they will allow us to do.

A Family Life Center with auditorium space for 150 to go through training, plus apartments for 40 people, will be added to the east side of the Prayer Center and Atrium.

The International Services wing will have office space for 70 people, twice the number of staff we currently have.

A Lodge will provide housing for 110 people and will include gathering spaces to discuss training and to relax with a good book.

Our final stage, a gymnasium, will provide an indoor place to exercise and to burn off steam. We look to build teamwork throughout the campus, as evidenced by the low ropes course that has already been installed.

Horses and alpacas will provide a soothing touch for MKs (missionary kids). MKs will also be able to play on the playground, or see who can fly the highest on the

swings.

Our prayer trails will eventually double in length.

The next building phase will soon begin.

Look for more details coming soon!

Until then, please call and plan a visit to Emerald Hills. The future has never been brighter. 🌍

Emily Heeringa
Development Director

(Background) The Prayer Center and Atrium, the centerpiece of Emerald Hill's building plans, is shown during construction in August. (Opposite/left) A group from Walnut Grove Christian Church works during a missions trip to the campus. (Opposite/right) Doug Lucas, Team Expansion's president, speaks during a dedication ceremony Aug. 24, 2008 for the Fern Creel Christian Church Prayer Pavilion. (Photos By Emily Heeringa and John Palmer Gregg)



Real-life emergency teaches during Sports and English camp Taiwan

In Taiwan, once a student reaches middle school, they eat, drink and sleep school. This high-pressure environment of competition and big expectations often leaves youth with limited time to discover God's purpose for their lives.

With that in mind, Team Expansion missionaries have come together over the last three summers to create an environment unlike anything Taiwan youth have experienced before -- Sports and English Camp.

The camp takes them away from homework, parents and schedules, and gives students a healthy environment where they can ask tough questions, build meaningful relationships and experience God's love and truth.

With over half the campers being non-Christians, this is an awesome opportunity to speak truth into the lives of students from all over the island.

This year's theme was "It's Gonna B Alright." All the lessons and sharing times focused on the reality that everyone face trials, pain and injustice; but we have a GOD who is right there with us, offering us strength and hope to get us through it.

On Wednesday, as we talked with the students about how to respond when situations are out of our control, we were immediately faced with one -- Typhoon Kalmaegi.

Around 4 a.m. Friday morning, we woke to the news that the gym where the girls were sleeping was starting to flood. As we ran down the outside stairwell through a torrential downpour, we couldn't believe our eyes.

The entire right side wall of the gymnasium looked like a waterfall. Water was streaming down the wall, down over the bleachers and splashing on to the gym floor.

Girls were frantically moving their belongings to the other side of the gym. Most of the staff and several campers spent the next several hours continuously moving the water out the front and back doors with squeegees and mops, trying our best to keep the water from moving across the basketball court.

As this situation was getting under control, a new problem outside was threatening even more trouble for the building. Water run-off from campus

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construction was rising in the field behind the gym and began to flow like a river down the sidewalk right into the front doors.

A new battle was on as we worked hard to move the muddy water away from the doors and down the sidewalk to lower ground. The water also poured into the locker rooms from the back doors, and several of the campers found ways to build barricades to keep the water from completely overtaking the building. Campers and staff came together in the early morning hours and worked together to save the campus gymnasium.

When we finally made it to the auditorium for our morning worship time, the camp theme song took on a much greater meaning for every-

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portunity to a play a part in God's plan. Esther made the right choice -- the choice to stand in the gap for a people who were facing destruction.

PACE, Team Expansion's least-reached people group adoption program, is designed to bring a church into a one-on-one relationship with a least-reached people group -- a group, much like the Jews in Esther's day, who are facing eternal destruction unless someone decides to stand in the gap and approach the King on their behalf. With 6,747 unreached/least-reached people groups, totaling 2.72 billion individuals worldwide, many "Esthers" are needed. You, and your church, could be one of them.

P.A.C.E. is an acronym for Pray, Activate, Commit and Enlist.

-PRAY for renewal among all God's people, and for His message to spread worldwide.

-ACTIVATE all the church membership in sharing Christ around the block, and around the planet.

-COMMIT to planting a vibrant new church in a piece of the least-reached world.

-ENLIST the help and potential of others in the expansion of Jesus' global kingdom.

The hopeful outcome for a P.A.C.E. project is the establishment of a grass-roots movement within a currently un-evangelized people group, in which communities of worshipping, obedient, evangelizing believers (churches) are reproducing other communities like themselves (new churches) in ways which are culturally adapted to the people group.

It's going to happen. Every one of those 6,747 people groups will be reached with the Gospel. John testified in Revelation 7:9 that he looked and that there before

one. "Hey! You are my sunshine. On a rainy day, it's gonna be ok. Hey! You are my sunshine. It's gonna B Alright!"

Though many of our plans had to be changed, at the end of the week God's job of working in hearts continued despite the outward inconveniences. On Friday evening 13 students made decisions to accept Christ, and seven were baptized the next morning, just as the sun was coming out of the clouds for the first time since the Typhoon hit.

God always likes to give us 'real life' applications to his truths, and this week was no different. Even through the typhoons of life, with God on our side, It's Gonna B alright!



Chad Edwards
serving in Taiwan

him "was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb." The question is: Would you and your church like to have the privilege of playing a part in the salvation of one of these groups?

Melanie, a member of a church of 450 members, stepped up to lead a P.A.C.E. project on behalf of unsaved, un-evangelized people in Europe. She, like Esther, could have sat back and let someone else take the Gospel to these people. Instead, she answered God's call and experienced the privilege of knowing first-hand that "God can use the small, the weak and the poor as well as the big, the strong and the rich".

Dan, the P.A.C.E. project coordinator for a church that has adopted a Middle Eastern country, said this about the privilege of being a part of reaching the unreached: "Go into all the world...." is not really a suggestion, as many Christians seem to believe. Each day we are all called to obey the Lord, because that is how we show love for both God and our neighbor. Therefore, when the Lord gives us an opportunity to serve Him by 'going,' we are foolish to say no."

Opportunities for making THE difference in a people group abound.

"I'm humbled to play a small part in God's plan to reach the world," said Greg, Okolona Christian Church's PACE coordinator. "I look forward to seeing how God will use me and others in very specific ways to take the Gospel to people who would otherwise not have an opportunity to hear."

WOW!

Will you and your church be an "Esther" who grabs one of these opportunities and experiences the accompanying privileges of PACE? 

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