



February-March 2014

An Example of Serving God Where We Are

Our evangelism and servant efforts elsewhere are only a partnership extension of what each of us is called by God to do in our own community, where we are. Some of us relocate to serve God far away from where we used to live. Most folks stay where they are. But all can serve God globally as well as locally, and everyone can be part of what God is doing in Africa. The evangelism and social justice needs of the world are indeed staggering, but there are many people doing something about them. An example is the Innocent Voices Children In Crisis Concern Group connected to local churches. I have served as one of their members for 10 years, attending meetings while in the US, and as their foreign correspondent while overseas. They are actively supporting efforts to help street children, sexually exploited children, AIDS orphans, child soldiers, and similar social justice issues. These children are rescued from their situation and given a Christian education. The group raises awareness in the local community, raise funds for projects and programs, and visit those they support both locally and overseas. They are networked to many organizations working in the US and overseas, the “boots on the ground.” It is not difficult to get involved in making a difference in peoples lives, just takes interest; join an existing group where you are or start one.

Praise God that the Ruffs have been able to download the Jesus Film in 25 Ghanaian languages while in the US. That’s 3,100 files that would have been next to impossible to download in Ghana with the much slower internet speed. We now will be able to not only provide the whole Jesus Film in all these languages but also the Jesus Film divided into 61 segments that can be viewed on cell phones and discussed in small groups. The Ruffs have also been able to download recordings from the Global Recordings Network in multiple Ghanaian languages. People are fascinated with anything they can watch or listen to in their own language.

Timeline for arriving in Ghana

I need more prayer partners and more financial partners before returning to Africa. I hope to arrive in Ghana by June 1st 2014 to help with the work listed above. For that to happen I must have pledges for 100% of my \$4,000 monthly support for my ministry and personal expenses before I will be permitted to leave for my missionary post. In addition there are start up expenses to pay such as \$3,000 advance rent for my house, moving expenses, and to buy a vehicle. Contributions can be sent to: Team Expansion c/o Mike Squires, 38451 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536-6030. **Online donations:** <http://web.teamexpansion.org/#/give-online> Donors can set up a bill pay with their bank and then the check is mailed directly to the forwarding agent. Let me know if you would like me to visit your church congregation or other group to explain in person how together we can help advance God’s Kingdom in Africa, my missionary service with Team Expansion and what God is accomplishing through evangelism, Bible translation, literacy and community development. I would love to share with you how to “think globally and act locally,” how everyone can be part of what God is doing in Africa, and how you can serve God wherever you are while supporting those who serve God elsewhere. Please contact me if you would like more information.



We are trying to reach the children of Ghana with the Gospel message. Some children in Ghana are victims of child labor in the market vendors, Lake Volta fishing, and the cacao (cocoa) farms in the chocolate industry.

Praise & Prayer:

- **Praise God** for the partnership we are developing with Renew Outreach. They have been very helpful in providing cutting-edge technology for planting churches in oral cultures.
- **Praise God** that the Ruffs have been able to download the Jesus film in 25 Ghanaian languages while in the US.
- **Praise God** for the four interns coming in June to spend two months with our team.
- **Pray** for the installation of Buipe city water being run to Terry and Amy Ruff's house, that it can be hooked up before their return in early April.
- **Pray** for Jeremiah Couch who plans to join our team in 2015.

Serving God Where We Are While Supporting Those Who Serve God Elsewhere.

God created each of us to serve Him, the Great Commandment and the Great Commission, to love Him and our fellow people, despite obstacles. Our evangelism and servant efforts elsewhere are only a partnership extension of what each of us is called by God to do in our own community, where we are. Transformational development focuses on reconciliation of broken relationships with God, self, others and creation. Teaching transformational development in a community leads to community transformation. *We know from the example of Job that a purpose in man's suffering is God's testing of faith. Our earthly trials produce perseverance or spiritual endurance, and the outcome of perseverance is spiritual maturity - a stronger relationship with God.*



January 2014 Finances

Balance 1/1/2014	7,136.93
January receipts	2,158.00
January expenses	2,410.00
Balance 1/31/2014	6,866.16
Churches	673.00
Individuals	1,485.00
Expenses Detail:	
100 Salary	722.79
130 Social Security	1,133.93
160 Utilities	50.00
900 Unspecified Equipment	503.28

February 2014 Finances

Balance 2/1/2014	6,866.16
February receipts	1,068.00
February expenses	1,500.00
Balance 2/28/2014	6,434.16
Churches	673.00
Individuals	385.00
Expenses Detail:	
100 Salary	1,450.00
160 Utilities	50.00

From Team Expansion's

President

Dear Co-workers in the Gospel,
Perhaps you've been following events in Ukraine, where a political firestorm has created unrest in Kiev and Crimea. Across the globe in other regions like South Sudan and North Africa, our teams are wrestling with daily uncertainties. Whom can they trust? Upon what can they depend?
Here at Emerald Hills, our Director of Global Security carefully monitors world events, interacts with international communications networks, and communicates regularly with workers facing security issues in troubled lands. He helps our team members seek the balance between courage and commitment on the one hand, and safety and security on the other-- all in the midst of uncertainty. Your prayers and financial partnership encourage your favorite Team Expansion worker to hang in there. Ultimately, the only real security comes from trusting in God's sovereign power. Thank you for your support for Christ's work through Team Expansion.



Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

Thank You

Partnering with every successful ministry is a strong team of believers who are praying faithfully, investing financially, and supporting physically. Thank you for being my prayer and financial partners in advancing God's Kingdom in Africa. I couldn't do it without you, and feel privileged to be on the same team with you, honoring God by helping people improve their lives both spiritually and physically. It's your faithful support in prayer and financial gifts that allow me to use the gifts that God has given me to serve in Africa. Together, we can bring the good news to the people of Ghana. Your financial contribution is tax-deductible.

Contact Us

Please send financial support to:

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Make the checks out to Team Expansion. Include a separate note to indicate your interest in the ministry of Mike Squires.

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