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TECH INTERCESSOR

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ASTOUNDING Numbers!

Eternal Results!!

Our contemporary world is rapidly changing. I recently read that there were more changes in the 1990's than in the entire previous nine decades combined. That's more changes in 10 years than in the previous 90 years!

The rate of change we are experiencing in this second decade of the 2000's is quickly accelerating. This ever-escalating rate of change and all the new technology coming on the scene is one of the reasons that Missionary TECH Team has a Computer Services Division!

TECH is committed to helping our sister ministries stay abreast of such changes and to use technological advances to help them maximize their fruitfulness in the fields of harvest. In this issue of the *TECH Intercessor*, we want to make you aware of what TECH's ministry is doing and how it is serving other missions and churches through its Computer Services Division.

I recently reviewed TECH's service and accomplishments and was astonished by the huge number of people who are being reached and ministered to as a result of Missionary TECH Team's help and ministry partnership with those we are privileged to serve.

One example that "jumped out at me" is **The Mailbox Club**, a ministry based in Valdosta, Georgia, started by George and Laura Eager. Their story is one that speaks loudly to us who

believe that changing the lives of young people can positively change the world.

What started in 1958 as a regional ministry of presenting the Good News of Jesus Christ in the rural schools of Georgia, Florida, and Alabama has grown to annually touch over 1.1 million children and adults in 90 languages who live in 85 different countries.

Based on The Mailbox Club's 2012 report **1.1 million children and adults completed close to 13 million lessons; with over 228,000 professing faith in Jesus Christ as a result of the Bible Lessons.** Those are astounding numbers with eternal results!

Missionary TECH Team has had, and continues to have, a very important part in **The Mail Box Club** accomplishing and sustaining those astounding numbers. It's a blessing, and inspiring to know that those who have been reached have also been rewarded with eternal results, and we are humbled that Missionary TECH Team has helped make it happen. (For more insights on our ministry partnership with The Mailbox Club, please see the back page.)

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The following is a brief overview of how Missionary TECH Team's Computer Services Division serves missions and churches in the United States and around the world:

Contribution Management System (CMS) – A mailing list, receipt writing, donor development tool used by both mission organizations and churches. In addition to the processing and tracking capabilities, there are numerous reports to summarize and analyze the mail lists and giving patterns.



CAMP – A system that streamlines camper registration and check-in for Christian camping ministries. All related lists, financial reports and statistics based on data entered can be printed as needed.

Contact Conversion Utility – A system that converts church contact lists from Excel files to Outlook for Awana.

Literature Distribution – A web-based solution for tracking Bible and related literature distribution.

Flight Billing – A system for entering flight info as well as varying charge rates for different types of clients. This system can easily be modified to a billing system.

Inventory – A system to track inventory of parts or supplies that enables listing of items used for work orders, vendor sources, and to generate orders when minimum quantity is reached.

LEGUP LegUp – A system to track people involved with services, or goods that are distributed by a church or church-based community service organization.



MasterLink – A system related to the Master Clubs ministry that tracks all the information for clubbers.



MICAH – A system for tracking the unique data needs of a mission's personnel/human resources.



Missionary Support Team (MST) – A system for a missionary that tracks prayer and giving partners as they raise and maintain their support. It tracks all contact information as well as the needed support level and the actual committed/support amounts.

Performance Booking – A system to track information related to performances booked by a ministry group. It includes tracking of contact info, tasks, communication history as well as performance info, map of performances, and performance agreement.

Smart-Phone Apps – We have developed iPhone and Android apps that find all the contacts near where you are as well as update data on a centralized, web-based database.

If you or your organization would like to explore how Missionary TECH Team's Computer Services Division might help you, please call us at 903.757.4530 or email us at info@techteam.org.



The Mailbox Club is a Bible Correspondence Club. Bible lessons are sent to a student through the mail or they can now be accessed on-line. The student reads the lesson, fills out the question page and mails or sends it back. The question page is graded and returned with the next lesson. There are currently 20 lesson series containing over 250 lessons in approximately 90 languages. The students range in age from 4 through adult and live in approximately 85 countries.

TECH's Computer Services Division currently provides **The Mailbox Club** with the following custom-designed systems and on-going support:

- Student Tracking System
- Word-wide Reporting Tool
- Bible Lessons On-Line
- Contribution Management System

If you would like more details on any of these systems, how they are used, and all that they enable, please email us at info@techteam.org and we'll contact you with the information.



Comments by
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The Mailbox Club

"**The Mailbox Club** has been reaching and teaching children, teens, and adults about Jesus for over 48 years.

Missionary TECH Team, and more specifically the Computer Services Department, has assisted us with our growth and outreach

We have used their **Contribution Management System** since late 2003. In 2013, we enlisted Computer Services of TECH to do a major re-write of a Student Tracking data base that has become the central information and management tool for our Discipleship Center located at our Valdosta, GA home office. The result has been a solid program that is faster and more efficiently used in tracking the 4,000 to 5,000 students we serve on a daily basis."

TECH INTERCESSOR

*"Let us come boldly to the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."
Hebrews 4:16*

Thank you for joining our Missionary TECH Team family in prayer for needs that we have in the areas of personnel, equipment, and finances. These perceived needs are for the sole purpose of fulfilling Missionary TECH Team's motto: "To Know Christ and Make Him Known"

1. March Birthdays & Anniversaries - 14th Ken & Sandra Chin, 15th Arnold Von Hagen, 17th Les Brown, 26th Les & Gina Brown.

2. Governing Board - Thank God for the commitment of those who faithfully serve and for wisdom as several more men consider if the Lord would have them serve. Service is both a privilege and awesome responsibility that is not to be taken lightly. The annual Board of Trustee meeting will be March 27-29.



3. Joel Kreider - Please pray with us as we evaluate our current and future equipment options for this new year, along with wisdom in discerning market trends. Our goal is to provide creative, useful and budget-minded products for our sister ministries while staying away from fads and leading edge technology.

4. Ministry Partners - The Lord has blessed us as an organization, and as individuals, with faithful prayer and financial partners. These persons, coupled with our faithful missionaries, enable significant ministry accomplishment worldwide. Pray that the Lord of the harvest would cause many more of His people to join this faithful band!



5. Patrick & Hannah Schnell - As a young "intern architect" at TECH, the care that our architects take to give hands-on experience is a blessing. Please pray that God would call more architects to serve with TECH, particularly in our Longview office.

6. Graphic Services - Computers, large form printers, cutters, are a few of the pieces of equipment that we use daily. Keeping equipment current and up to date is a financial drain. Pray with us that the Lord would supply this equipment as needed.



7. Matt & Molly Ackerman (Sam) - We have been blessed in Facilities Planning by the significant contributions of volunteers across the country. However, my prayer is for more architects and engineers willing to work in the office here in Texas to allow us to more effectively serve other ministries.



8. Tim & Kay Meadows (Alex) - We have plenty of work to do and only so many hours to do it in. I have always appreciated pastors and teachers who say that you should personalize scripture. With that in mind, "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out geeks (or nerds) into His harvest." Matthew 9:38



9. James & Ruth Wood - Philippians 4:19 "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." May the Lord bless us with a clear understanding of what our needs are.

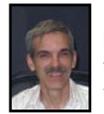


10. Teri Comroe (Brenna) - I am increasingly aware of how much we in the body of Christ need each other to do His work. It is not "Jesus and me" so much as it is "Jesus and us". When people reach out and help me I appreciate it but it is the encouragement of not being alone in this walk, of having the support of my family, the body of Christ that actually encourages me. Pray that we at TECH will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's guidance in meeting needs of those we serve in a way that not only meets the technical needs, but more importantly, meets their need for feeling supported by the body of Christ.

11. Mechanical Services - God has wonderfully provided mechanically reliable and cosmetically clean vehicles for missionaries to use during deputation and furlough. However there is constant need for replacements and/or additions to the fleet. Pray that God will direct in the selection and purchase of at least four new (to us) cars by the end of April.



12. David & Nancy Leventry (Tim) - A greater number of projects would help meet the financial needs of Missionary TECH Team. Pray that we can improve on our turn-around time with these projects by becoming more efficient with quality personnel expertise and equipment. Ask the Lord to enable us to better communicate these needs through our web site.



13. Dan & Renee Harding (Maria, Jonathan, Ruth, Bethany, Grace, Sarah, Philip, & Nathanael) - It's hard to say in the Computer Services Department at TECH which comes first, the projects or the staff. A lot of times it seems God sends them at the same time. Pray for our impact on these opportunities to assist other ministries.

14. Mission Interns - This is a valuable program whereby persons having skills commensurate with the services provided through TECH can work alongside skilled professionals on actual projects, be exposed to special skills needed in missions and interface on an intimate basis with "real live missionaries" who have struggled with the same issues that they often face. Prayer is needed both for persons to serve, as well as those of us on staff as we serve them.

15. Bob & Jan Schill - Pray that God would bring more professional Architects, Engineers and Planners to strengthen TECH's capabilities to serve more ministries in more locations. Pray that many more ministries around the world be served by more and more men and women whose singular desire is to glorify God.

16. TECH Reserves - It is our belief that there are many very capable individuals knowledgeable of TECH's ministry that may not ever be led to be fulltime in missions but who could provide significant and valuable assistance on the various aspects of our ministry from their home. We thank God for each of those presently serving, but join us in asking God to identify additional men and women to serve in this manner.



17. Les & Gina Brown - We are thankful for how the Lord has provided volunteer professionals as needed to assist on project design work. However it is still our hope that He would provide additional full-time staff in the office. Pray for a full-time registered Architect, Civil Engineer, Structural Engineer and Electrical Engineer.



18. Doug Shively - I would like to improve my graphic design skills. I've designed a number of things over the years, but it seems my design skills could be better. These skills could be improved so that our department can graphically help to get the gospel out more effectively and more quickly. Thanks for praying.

19. Computer Services - So far we know of one intern coming for the summer months. Pray that more student contacts from LeTourneau, Cedarville and/or Texas A&M will commit to working with us this summer. We have several potential projects on which interns could be most helpful.

20. Mission Representation - The diverse makeup of staff needs discipline wise, age-wise and experience wise make this a distinct challenge. Youth is always encouraging and needful for the long-term success of an organization. However, there is also a requirement that experienced and certified persons be a part of the team to assure protection of our organization.



21. Randy & Connie Harris - Rejoice with us in God's abundant direction and provision in our move to Longview and assumption of responsibilities as Vice President Creative Ministries. The challenge is great. Pray that I (Randy) will be able to quickly interface with those missionaries serving in each of our five areas of ministry. Too, it is my desire to be used of God in representing and recruiting of additional staff.

22. "To know Christ and make Him known" - This is the motto of Missionary TECH Team. Ask God to make this be a passion of each of our lives and not just nice words. Only as we really know Christ, let Him live in and through us, will we be effective in the work to which He has called us!



23. Birne & Lynella Wiley - God has graciously answered our prayer for administrative help with the addition of Randy and Connie Harris to our full-time staff. We continue to ask the Lord to provide other experienced and capable persons to assist in the areas of business management, recruiting, personnel development and funding for both the organization and individuals.

24. Facilities Planning - We have recently acquired new "Revit" software for developing facility plans on CAD. Most of the facility design industry is converting to this type of software. There is a significant learning curve in converting to this software. Pray that our Architects and Engineers are able to quickly learn and quickly become productive using this new software.



25. Bill & Joyce Daniels (Paul) - Of the many personnel needs for staffing at our Missionary TECH Team headquarters is someone to do maintenance services both inside the building and on the grounds. I have many project design responsibilities that keep me from doing grounds maintenance chores in a timely manner as they should be done. Please pray with us that God would send the person of His choosing to help with these two very important tasks on a regular basis.

26. Sister Mission Projects - It brings us great joy to use our skills and expertise in helping other missionaries and ministries. However, the work we do will be of no value if those sister ministries do not have the funding necessary for implementation of the services or products we provide. Ask the Lord to provide the financial needs for accomplishment.



27. Ken & Katie Selden - As technology expands and changes, so must TECH. In Facilities Planning we are learning a new complex (add costly investment) CAD software system in order to be competent in today's market-place, provide the latest software our interns are learning in college and be able to produce the best possible end product.

As with all our work at TECH, we want to honor the Lord in everything we do. Psalm 111:3, 4 *"Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever. He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful."*

28. Our Nation - As believers we are aware of the great spiritual needs of our beloved country. It behooves each of us to evaluate very carefully the qualifications of those serving in our local, state and federal government. Ask God to give us great discernment as we vote but also to be alert to ways in which we can personally be involved on a day-to-day basis in this regard.

29. Technology - Ask the Lord to give the Administrative Team great wisdom and discernment in being aware of technology that can enhance our ability to serve others. At the same time we need to carefully evaluate what is really practical, useful and economically prudent rather than simply desiring the "latest gadget that is cool" but not relevant to the task of reaching others for Christ.

30. Chapels - Our board members have faithfully provided special funding for the purchase and installation of video equipment that will permit us to record chapel programs and other special speaker occasions when missionaries we serve communicate how our partnership together is reaching out to the unsaved and building up believers. Ultimately we want to have these chapels available on the web site and over various Internet venues to increase the exposure and knowledge of TECH's ministries.

31. April Birthdays & Anniversaries - 4th Kirk & Jan Reynolds, 5th Irene Edgar, 9th James Wood, 13th Dan & Renee Harding, 16th Bill Slothower, 21st Sue VonHagen and Richard Hardin, 27th Katie Selden, 28th John & Jan VanWingerden, 30th Bill Crow.

Because You Prayed...

- Projects are being completed and ministries are being enabled for greater effectiveness.
- Several staff health issues are improving by His grace.
- We've had the privilege of participating in three college mission conferences since the beginning of the year with encouraging responses.
- The supporting church in Nashville rejoices in God's provision of a new pastor.
- God is opening our eyes to additional opportunities for personal evangelism and discipleship.

