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Editors Note:

At various times during 2014 we want to introduce you to those who serve faithfully as either a member of one of the boards, missionaries or regular volunteers. In this issue of the TECH Intercessor we introduce you to the Board of Trustees, the legal governing body of the Mission, and Board of Advisors.

Scripture tells us that in the multitude of counselors there is great wisdom and safety. (Proverbs 11:14; 15:22 and 24:6) No organization is going to be stronger than its key leadership and Missionary TECH Team has been richly blessed with such counselors from its founding in 1969!

TECH's current board structure has served us well for 45 years of ministry. There have been a total of 46 men who have served in one or more of the following five distinct groups:

- Founding Trustees** – identifies the five founders.
- Board of Trustees** – the legal governing body of TECH.
- Board of Advisors** – individuals whose additional counsel and wisdom augments the Trustee board and further prepares such individuals for potential legal governance.
- Honorary Trustees** – those having served as Trustees but due to age, health or other responsibilities have chosen to remain connected with TECH but without defined assignment.
- TECH Associates** – persons having more than a cursory interest in the ministry of TECH but who may not desire a more formal responsibility.

Each of the eight current Trustees and three Advisors are highlighted in this issue of the TECH Intercessor by noting place of residency, years of service with TECH and the particular skill and experience set they bring to the table.

TRUSTEES:

▷ Ken Chin – 27 years, Florida

Born in Canton, China, came to the United States in 1956. Attended LeTourneau University and graduated in Mechanical Engineering. Worked in industry and then worked for the Department of Defense, US Army in research and development of tools for military intelligence users. I retired as Division Director for Modeling and Simulation after 35 years with DoD. With a combination of industry and government business dealings, I bring a wealth of knowledge in project, human resources and



financial management with a budget of \$350 million a year with over 90 people working in the division. Active church member, served as board member of the church and Sunday school teacher.

▷ Dan Cunningham – 7 years, Trustee Secretary, Texas

I was born of missionary parents in the Dominican Republic. Later, Dad served in the pastorate for forty-plus years following missionary service. Upon completion of college, I spent five years in military service and am a Veteran of the Vietnam conflict. I owned and managed a small business (material handling and farm equipment dealership) for twenty-five years. I am now Regional Manager of a similar business. I've served as National Chairman of the Dealer Council organization. My wife and I are active church members, Sunday school teacher and deacon and I also serve on a Christian college board.



▷ Pete Ellison – 15 years, Trustee Vice-Chairman, Florida

With 40 years of experience in the business community I have learned the wide variety of skills needed to operate a small business effectively. In the world of small business the owner is responsible for planning, sales building, human resources, accounting, cleaning, repairs and anything else that is necessary to make a business run effectively. I bring this wide variety of experiences with me to share a perspective from the arena of small business and how it relates to operating a missionary organization. My wife, daughter of a pastor, and I have served extensively in a local church wherever we've lived. Missions is a vital part of our lives and it is a joy to serve with Missionary TECH Team.



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▷ **Richard Hardin – 18 years, Texas**

I have been involved in technology for over 50 years, from becoming a ham radio licensee in elementary school, through starting a radio/television repair business in junior high school, my first job with the telephone company, then again into my own business. Jane and I started Hardin Electronics in 1965, the same year we married. Among other technology, we installed sound systems in churches, helped equip KCBI when they first started, sold ham radios to missionaries, and employed seminary students. When personal computers first came out, we became an Apple Computer dealer, through which we met Birne and began our relationship with MTT, eventually becoming a board member in 1998.



▷ **Glenn Harris - 38 years, Tennessee**

My wife and I had the privilege of growing up in strong Christian homes that instilled a love of, and burden for, evangelism. Dad was a pastor and had unusual opportunities for ministry outreach due to his professional skills. I have been a general contractor in a variety of endeavors since 1973 and have used my license to assist several mission organizations in their building projects. My expertise is in construction and management. We own and manage several residential and commercial properties. It has been my privilege to serve in various capacities at TECH over these years. In addition I have been an active board member of the Nashville Rescue Mission for thirty years. We are very active in our church where I am an elder.



▷ **Randy Harris – 15 years, Trustee Chairman, Michigan**

Connie and I have had the privilege to serve as faith-supported missionaries, part of this time at Missionary TECH Team, since 1975. More recently my main responsibilities have been a facilities manager for a year round Christian camp in northern Michigan. I have had the opportunity to serve on a board for local and state wide non-profit organizations. We have launched new ministries and have been involved in organizational mergers. It is fascinating to see God's hand in all of these. Being a faith-supported missionary also lends itself well to understanding some of the situations we find ourselves in at TECH. It has been my great honor to serve with the men on the TECH board.



▷ **William Slothower – 26 years, Trustee Treasurer, Pennsylvania**

The northeast is my home except for the years attending and graduating from LeTourneau University. Working with a local government contractor on local and international projects gave me opportunities to use skills in product development, marketing, and sales. This exposure enhanced skills that became most useful and beneficial in serving the local church as elder (mission chairman 25 years). Additionally I've served on the board of the oldest mission in North America and with other charitable organizations. My wife and I have a passion for reaching the lost and seeing believers grow in their walk with the Lord. Our service with Missionary TECH Team helps accomplish that life goal.



▷ **Birne Wiley – 45 years, Founder/President, Texas**

I knew in junior high school that God wanted me to go into missionary service. I graduated from LeTourneau Technical Institute, now University, and began my mission career in 1960 serving a Christian boarding school and later on the staff and faculty of LeTourneau College in a wide variety of assignments. For four years I served full-time with a mission in Alaska and in 1969 I had the privilege of founding Missionary TECH Team along with David Carnahan. It has been an honor to serve as a faith-supported missionary ever since. It likewise has been a joy and privilege to serve on a number of boards as well as interact with dozens of ministries on leadership issues all these years. I'm blessed to have my wife Lynella serve with me in ministry.



ADVISORS:

▷ **David Mosow – 6 years, Alabama**

I first became aware of Missionary TECH Team when my father-in-law retired as a mechanical engineering professor at Washington State University. He and his wife Alice came to TECH and Longview where they served for 27+ years. Over the years I have become more and more familiar with the organization and its goals. During those years, the Lord began to mold me so that I grew more and more to identify and personalize TECH goals (To Know Him and Make Him Known). Skill as an entrepreneur and in computer science help me make a meaningful contribution to TECH as a good Advisor because I completely identify with TECH and its ministry. When the Lord molds a person to be effective in a role, it does not matter what he/she thinks about specific skills. When the Lord calls He always equips!



▷ **Kirk Reynolds – 2 years, Indiana**

God has allowed me to serve on staff with The Navigators for over twenty years. From the beginning I have given my life to reaching ethnic people in diverse communities for Christ. During my service with the Navigators, I have launched two not-for-profit urban ministries; served on the Executive Team of the Navigators' African American ministries; worked in the Development Department assisting ethnic minorities in fund-raising; served on a number of National Ethnic Task Forces; and continue to develop a local ministry at home with African American men and women. I find it a great privilege to serve on the TECH board. As with other boards that I sit on, I find that there is a give and take relationship of learning: my contributions and skill-sets help TECH, and I learn equally as much, as we work together to advance HIS KINGDOM into the Nations. My wife Janis faithfully serves and stands beside me through all my travels and national responsibilities.



▷ **Nathan Winters – 2 years, Wyoming**

I was born into a Pastor's home and felt called of the Lord to serve in full-time Christian ministry at the age of fourteen. I finally surrendered to that call during my first year of college. Christie and I have served the Lord in full-time Christian Service for 12 years and more specifically to the First Baptist Church of Thermopolis, Wyoming where we have served since 2007. In 2012 I was elected to the Wyoming House of Representatives and serve with the Minerals, Business and Economic Development Committee and the Agriculture, State and Public Lands Committee. It has been a blessing to serve with the faithful men of Missionary TECH Team.



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*And whatever you do (no matter what it is) in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in (dependence upon) His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.
Colossians 3:17 (Amp)*

Please join our Missionary TECH Team board members and staff as we share what we desire God to do IN and THROUGH us in 2014.

- 1. January Birthdays & Anniversaries** - 4th Barbara Slothower, 7th Larry & Lois Turner, 9th David Leventry, 10th Beverly Kanewske, 14th Basil Bickel, 18th Nancy Leventry, 20th Becky Ellison and 29th Ray & Peggy Tenpenny.
- 2. Mechanical Services** - Rejoice with us in this service that provides such help to missionaries during their furlough time. Many missionaries have had reliable and affordable transportation without having to find a car, make sure of its dependability and then dispose of it upon their return to the field. We need to have several people to pick up responsibilities in this area, not necessarily on a fulltime basis, in order that other staff don't have to do double duty.
- 3. Facilities Planning** - This year it's our goal in Facilities Planning to become more familiar with each of the ministries we are serving, so that in addition to providing facilities planning support, we can also support them by praying for any needs or challenges that they might be facing. Pray that we would be faithful in our prayer support for each of these ministries.



4. Ken & Katie Selden - Pray with us, for continued health and strength; in addition to His wisdom and the knowledge necessary to lead some of our client partners through tough huddles.

May the eventual completion of their projects bring Glory to God. *Psalm 18 "I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."*

- 5. Evangelism & Discipleship** - God continues to give challenging opportunities for each of us at TECH to be involved in this type of ministry although our specific giftedness and assignment at the Mission is of a more technical and creative nature. It is our corporate desire that each of us become more alert to, and involved in, such relationships.



6. Joel Kreider - My hope for this coming year, is to be an effective follower of Christ - a servant to my fellow believers, as well as to the community that surrounds me.



7. Bill & Joyce Daniels (Paul) - It is our prayer that the Lord would strengthen our faith and give us compassion, understanding and ability to help not only the ministries who call on us for expertise, but those who are around us on a daily basis this year.

- 8. Nation of Israel** - World conditions underscore for the Christian community the enormous pressure that is put upon Israel. Even our beloved USA is showing weakness in standing with Israel during these tumultuous days. We are commanded to pray for the peace of Jerusalem - let's be faithful in this command!



9. David & Nancy Leventry (Tim) - That I would be fulfilled in what God has prepared for me to do as I continue to serve others, starting with family, Missionary TECH Team, church and wherever else.

- 10. Mission Representation** - One of the most urgent needs within TECH is that of getting our story told in a much broader way. Several venues opened up during the past year and we are so grateful. However, we are asking the Lord to multiply this effort and its effectiveness many times over during 2014. This is needful for all age and discipline groupings.



11. Tim & Kay Meadows (Alex) - *"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."* Philippians 4:8 ESV

- 12. Ministry Partners** - Words seem totally inadequate in expressing our gratitude and appreciation for each person that faithfully prays and gives in order that TECH can function. At the same time, we know that many also face challenges in their own lives but choose to put Christ first that others may also know Christ and make Him known.

- 13. Glenn & Judy Harris** (Trustee) - Their church, one of six that support TECH's general fund, is seeking God's face in the selection of a new pastor and asks us to join them in asking for unity in that selection and that the mission emphasis will continue unabated.



14. Teri Comroe (Brenna) - My husband's passing this year continues to be very painful. However, I am aware that dealing with his illness these past three years has shaped the way I could serve God. I am now at a different phase in my life. Please pray with me that as I move into 2014 I will become very solid in my depending on God as my husband. In doing that I wish to be open to new or different areas where He can use me.

- 15. Boards** - Continued wisdom and discernment is needed as the needs, opportunities and challenges of TECH's ministry are faced. We are asking God to direct those of His choosing to join in accepting the awesome responsibility upon our shoulders in charting the course for the future.

16. Don & Carole Smith - It is a great joy and blessing to be used of God in using my architectural skills and experience in retirement. We both are facing significant health challenges but rejoice in our loving Father's love and watch care. We look forward to more years of involvement as the Lord carries His return.

17. Retirees - Basil & Ada Bickel, Ken & Irene Edgar, Mary Ann Kuechler, Phyllis McClelland, Buel & Gerry Meadows, Larry & Lois Turner, Betty Wiklund. Several are facing physical challenges but remain faithful in serving their Lord in this walk of life.



18. Matt & Molly Ackerman (Sam) - My prayer is that this year my focus will be on God's will rather than my own. It is crazy how many times I see God bless actions that fall in line with His will, but then I choose to do what seems to be in my own best interest anyway... and it rarely works out as well for me or anyone else.

19. Generational Understanding - Balancing the uniqueness of varying ages, experience, professional qualifications, levels of spiritual maturity, financial issues, etc., is a constant personnel challenge. God has graciously enabled a very high degree of acceptance and compatibility within our Mission for which we are so grateful. Join us in asking for God's continued work in our individual and corporate lives in this regard.

20. Pete & Becky Ellison (Trustee) - 2013 was a good year for me, and I am very thankful for that. I look forward to what God has in store for me in 2014. My prayer is that I will be used in the Awana cubbies (3 and 4 year olds) program to help lead boys and girls to Christ and to show them that godly men can be part of their lives. I'm praying that my ministry of encouragement to others will always be used to honor our Lord.



21. Les & Gina Brown - This year it's my desire that I would grow in the area of my personal witness. Pray that I would allow God to work in my life in a way that others can see Him at work in me.

22. Bob & Jan Schill - Pray that we will serve the Lord this year with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength as the Lord gives physical and mental strength.



23. James & Ruth Wood - As I grow older (and wiser) I see that there are times that we are more teachable than other times. My prayer is that whether a teacher or a learner we would take advantage of these opportunities.



24. Ministry Development Services - Services in this department have assisted a number of organizations in recent months. Gene Williams, who provides leadership in this area, is facing the possibility of kidney dialysis. Please join us in asking the Great Physician to intervene and make it possible for him to continue to provide wisdom through his years of experience in this field.



25. Doug Shively - For 2014, I would like to see the Lord use each of our projects in each department to help get out the gospel in many technical ways.



26. Birne & Lynella Wiley - Our prayer is that God will grant us wisdom and discernment in ordering our lives in accordance with His plans for us during 2014. We desire to know Him better and serve Him with greater fervency in reaching others for Christ.



27. Dan Harding and family - That as we help people with their technical needs we would show Christ is love to them and encourage them in their personal walk with the Lord. Pray with us the prayer of Paul in Ephesians 3:16-19.

28. Missionary Kids - Our missionary kids span a wide range of ages – pre-school through college. Some foresee marriage in 2014 while others anticipate movement to the next level in their academic/career pursuit.

29. Computer Services - We have continuing need for qualified personnel in this department. One gentleman is now serving approximately halftime, which places an additional burden on the other person serving fulltime in this area. Interest is being shown by others although no known commitments have been made for future service.

30. Graphic Services - Our desire in Graphic Services would be to see a significant increase in projects. We have the ability and the time to do much more. We would like our time to be much more productive.

31. February Birthdays & Anniversaries - 1st Sandra Chin and Tim Meadows, 11th Kay Meadows, 18th Gerry Meadows and Molly Ackerman, 19th Pat Brewington, 23rd Ruth Wood, 27th Jonathan Harding and 28th Founding Trustee Charles Willis.

Because You Prayed...

- God is giving great peace to Anne Whiteman and Teri Comroe who recently lost their spouse and Ruth Wood in the loss of her father.
- Unanticipated opportunities for evangelism and discipleship have developed for several of our missionaries.
- Appreciation is frequently expressed for the insight we have been able to share with others due to our learning from the partnership with so many ministries through the years.
- Graphic Services received an order for 40 displays. PTL
- The fall Board of Trustee meeting was a great blessing as we continued to experience God's hand of direction in the life of TECH.

