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WANTED DEAD & ALIVE

Here at Missionary TECH Team we are praying for, looking for, and diligently seeking to “capture” the imagination, desire, and vision of a number of persons who are **dead to self --BUT alive unto Christ**. These individuals have a strong desire to make life count for time and eternity!

In New Testament times, the then-known world was turned “upside down” by 12 of Jesus followers who were called by the Lord and totally committed to Him. Just think, you and I are recipients of salvation because of the faithfulness of those disciples - fishermen, tax collector, tanner, etc. - who chose to respond to the call and follow Jesus. You and I must obediently model those early disciples so that others may too come *“To Know Christ and Make Him Known”*.

Right now, gifted and mature persons are urgently needed to serve in virtually every area of Missionary TECH Team’s ministry of serving churches and missions located right here in the United States and around the world. We are being used of God to enhance their ministries by providing them with much-needed technical, engineering, and consultant helps.

A clarion call is currently going out to those who are dead to self and alive unto Christ. That

call is being used by the Lord to bring glory to Him and salvation to countless numbers ... and at the same time fulfill an urgent need at Missionary TECH Team.

The fact is ... while you may not be “called” to preach, **EVERY** believer is “called” to be faithful, to be a witness and to use his or her God-given skills and abilities for His glory! Remember, to the believer there should not be a difference between the so-called “secular and the sacred”. Our total focus should be to reflect Christ in every aspect of our life regardless of vocation or situation in life.



*Amy Carmichael~ (1867-1951)
Missionary to India 55 years.
Founded a mission and an orphanage and wrote many books.*

Our current Team here at TECH is fervently praying for the Lord to call and send dedicated and alive Christians to serve in management positions, accountant/business manager, public relations and recruiting, clerical skills, architecture, engineering, CAD drafting, artists, writers, software developers, web design, and auto mechanics.

Today’s world conditions underscore the urgent need for every believer to be about the Father’s business. God has graciously gifted every believer to respond to the Great Commission of taking the gospel to the end of the earth.

Far too often when the call or invitation is given for full-time mission service, it is perceived to be only or



Steve Saint~ (1951~) works with the Huaorani people of Ecuador and travels around the world, preaching the gospel, often accompanied by Mincaye, the man who killed his father, missionary Nate Saint.



Lotti Moon~ (1840-1912) Teaching, discipleship and writing in China for 39+ years. She pioneered changes in the role of women missionaries, missions societies, furloughs and fund-raising.



Adoniram Judson ~ (1788-1850) First missionary to Burma for a significant time (39+ years). Bible Translator, church planter.



William Carey ~ (1761-1834) The father of modern missions. Founded Baptist Missionary Society. Bible translator. Served in India.

predominately to the “young person.” That simply is not the case! In reality, there is great need for persons of all ages to be involved. Youth exudes enthusiasm and optimism. Middle age provides the consistent productivity needed while wisdom from years of experience and dealing with the hard issues is provided by the older generation. TECH has been privileged to have missionaries serving from all age groups and with a wide variety of financial support models.

In years gone by, the greatest hindrance to young people going into missions was parents discouraging their children to leave the USA. Today, the greatest hindrance is the huge academic debt encountered by a majority of graduates. The ripple effect is that when these enter into a regular employment situation, they become comfortable with most likely a higher degree of income and the comforts and pleasures it affords. Typically, the longer one gets away from that initial commitment for ministry the more difficult it is to actually engage in full-time missionary service.

A very encouraging factor for mission leadership today is that more Christians are sensing that there is

more to life than collecting a paycheck. I am reminded of a little saying that I frequently use when talking with people about the challenge of reaching people for Christ.

“Only one life, ‘twill soon be past;

Only what’s done for Christ will last”

Your avenue of service could be as a full-time missionary, a part-time ministry or as a volunteer. Perhaps it could even be while at your secular job or profession. Pray and ask God what He would have you do and the Lord will direct you.

It seems that now more and more believers are beginning to give serious consideration to how they can use their years of training and experience to reach others for Christ. For these individuals, regardless of age, perhaps the greatest hurdle is the idea of having to live by faith support.

However, the exciting fact is that the God who calls you is Jehovah Jireh, the God who provides! It is exciting, challenging and richly rewarding to experience His call and His provision for living in obedience to the Great Commission.

God may be calling you to missionary service!

Your calling could be to serve on a full-time basis, possibly part-time involvement, or as a TECH Volunteer. If you would like to further explore how God might use you in missionary service, please give Randy Harris or Birne Wiley a call at 903-757-4530. They will discuss the various service opportunities with you and how you can be used of the Lord through your serving with Missionary TECH Team.



*In Loving memory of
Donald R. Smith
TECH Architect 2008-2014
Unexpectedly promoted to glory on October 8, 2014.
Don was extensively involved in numerous projects and will be sorely missed.*

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“Faithful is He who calls you, and He will bring it to pass.”

1 Thessalonians 5:24

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called...”

Ephesians 4:1

1. **Missionary Quotes: William Carey** – Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God. **Hudson Taylor** – Unless there is the element of extreme risk in our exploits for God, there is no need for faith. **C.T. Studd** – Christ wants not nibblers of the possible, but grabbers of the impossible.

2. **Family of Don Smith** – Don’s unexpected home going has obviously left his family and our TECH family in shock. He carried a heavy project load as a key architect in our Facilities Planning services. Please remember Carole (his wife) and their two children and families in prayer. Ask the Lord to quickly send another skilled architect to serve in Don’s place of service.



3. **Gene & Maxine Williams** – I am blessed, eternally thankful and grateful for the opportunities to use my skills and equipping to serve and help missions and churches. Through TECH, God has afforded me multiple occasions to be used of Him to further the cause of Christ. Thank you Lord!!! I also praise and thank God for the opportunities to work with the TECH team. It has been both fulfilling and inspiring.



4. **Doug Shively** – I am very thankful that a few Texas state prisoners are growing in the Lord. Personal Bible study, group Bible studies, Christian books, preaching and other Spiritual activities are a part of their daily schedules. They still have their ups and downs, but basically they are doing well. I am also thankful and humbled that God has called me to help disciple these men, as well as serving in other ministries.

5. **Missionary Quotes: David Brainerd** – As long as I see anything to be done for God, life is worth living; but Oh how vain and unworthy it is to live any lower end! **William Carey** – Is not the commission of our Lord still binding upon us? Can we not do more than now we are doing? **Jordan Grooms** – If God calls you to be a missionary, do not stoop to be a king.



6. **Matt & Molly Ackerman (Sam)** – This year, especially, Molly and I find ourselves thrilled that God would choose to use us as His hands on earth. We hope to be able and willing as long as we breathe to do whatever God directs, because it’s an honor to serve Him.



7. **Dan & Renee Harding (Maria, Jonathan, Ruth, Bethany, Grace, Sarah, Philip, & Nathanael)** – We are thankful for the opportunities that we have to share about the ministry of Missionary TECH Team. We are amazed at many of the unique ways to share about God’s work in our lives and encourage others as we travel around the country.



8. **Tim & Kay Meadows (Alex)** – Through providing software support, I have been privileged to work with a number of amazing ministries run by gifted people reaching the lost around the world with THE Good News.

9. **Missionary Quotes: David Livingstone** – God had an only Son and He was a missionary. A poor, poor example of Him I am. But in this work I now live. And in this work, I wish to die. **Peter Marshall** – Let us not be content to wait and see what will happen, but give us the determination to make the right things happen.



10. **Patrick & Hannah Schnell (Emogene)** – Before coming to TECH I had in mind to work in a secular workplace. This is a valuable place for Christians to be a witness, however God closed many doors so that He might direct my path to TECH. After the disappointment that I felt from the lack of opportunities I have found nothing but fulfillment from the value of the work we do and the needs that we are able to meet for so many ministries.



11. **Les & Gina Brown** – I am thankful I found Missionary TECH Team 35 years ago. I learned that there was a way that I could use my mechanical engineering background in missions. Here I could have a part in developing building plans to be used by ministries here in the US, and around the world, to expand their ministry, and reach more people with the Gospel. Pray that the building plans that we develop here at TECH would be used effectively to expand His kingdom.



12. **Justin & Lee Foster** – Three years ago my wife and I asked God to remove everything from our lives that kept us from fully serving him. Within days, the floodgates opened and we moved from Colorado to Longview. My wife began teaching at a Christ-centered university. We met Missionary TECH Team where I am able to volunteer regularly. We are both grateful to directly serve God’s Kingdom through the missions opportunities afforded us here in Longview.

13. **Missionary Quote: J. Herbert Kane** – God is a missionary. The Bible is a missionary book. The gospel is a missionary message. The church is a missionary institution. And when the church ceases to be missionary minded, it has denied its faith and betrayed its trust.

14. **Graphic Services** – We are thankful for each co-worker, for their talent, skills and abilities for without each of them the work would never be accomplished. We are praising God for current staff and asking Him for two additional skilled missionaries.



15. **Birne & Lynella Wiley** – The Lord called both of us to missionary service at an early age. A significant factor of that call was the influence of our parents and the impact of a regular stream of missionary hospitality and interaction with those missionaries. Praise God for faithful parents and for patient missionaries willing to answer a ‘zillion’ questions from inquisitive kids! This has given us the joy and privilege of serving others for more than forty years.



16. **Randy & Connie Harris** – We have had opportunity to serve as faith supported missionaries for 39 years. Two separate times with another organization and now twice with Missionary TECH Team. God’s providential will is a mystery and yet very real. We praise God for His leading in our lives and are thankful for this season of service with TECH.

17. **Missionary Quote: John R. Mott** – It is possible for the most obscure person in a church, with a heart right toward God, to exercise as much power for the evangelization of the world, as it is for those who stand in the most prominent positions.

18. **Facilities Planning Services** – One of our Registered Architects, Don Smith, recently was promoted to glory. Don developed architectural designs for a number of projects that are being used to reach others for Christ. We will miss having Don’s extensive experience available to us and his always “willing to serve” attitude. Also, pray that the Lord would direct another registered architect to us that could help continue the architectural project work here at TECH headquarters in Longview.



19. David & Nancy Leventry (Tim) – Ever since I was saved at the age of 12, I wanted to serve the Lord. I enjoy working with my hands, drawing buildings and making things, especially for those “of the household of faith”. God brought me to Missionary TECH Team over 23 years ago, but it does not seem that long.



20. Teri Comroe (Brenna) – I love that we have works that He has called us to, appointed to us from the beginning of time. I love that He has called me to TECH Team, using the gifting He has given me to accelerate the vision of missions and churches world wide with graphic design. It is exciting, challenging, and so fulfilling. I praise God for our joint calling to make disciples, to love others, and to share in the work of Jesus Christ in a myriad of ways in which He has gifted us.

21. Missionary Quotes: David Sills – Some of us are senders and some are goers. Neither is more important than the other. Neither is possible without the other. **Thomas Hale** – God’s call doesn’t register in a vacuum; only a person who is committed to doing God’s will can receive a call.



22. Bob & Jan Schill – It has been our joy and privilege to serve a ministry in Nagpur, India for a number of years. The seminary and Bible college outreach is reaching hundreds of students each year who in turn reach thousands in the villages throughout India. Pray for our five-week ministry there during the month of November plus preparations for a ministry trip to Cameroon in early 2015.



23. Bill & Joyce Daniel (Paul) – Joyce and I are thankful to be a part of a ministry dedicated to helping other ministries reach people with the Gospel of Christ. Every day, our goal is to help bring about the salvation of souls through those with whom we work. It is a joy for us and we give praise to God that we are allowed to serve Him and His people in this manner. To God be the glory!



24. Ken & Katie Selden – While serving with the “team” - Missionary TECH Team - for more than 12 years, we have encountered a variety of obstacles (significant heart attack in Mississippi, broken shoulder in Longview, broken wrist in Dallas; in addition a number of mishaps during travel). None have deterred us from fulfilling our call to the Lord’s service. We strive to follow Paul’s example of being faithful through whatever crosses our path.

25. Missionary Quotes: C.S. Lewis – I have discovered that the people who believe most strongly in the next life do the most good in the present one. **Isobel Kuhn**, China – Part of the heartache of all missionary work is the bright promising convert who turns out to be a mere puffball, crumbling like a macaroon under the least pressure.

26. TECH Reserves – We are so grateful for the people God has led to partner with us with their expertise and experience. For many the opportunity to utilize those skills and backgrounds for the cause of Christ is most encouraging. Ask the Lord to cause many more to avail themselves of this opportunity and privilege so that even more projects can be accepted and completed in a timely manner.



27. James & Ruth Wood – I remember thinking that God was calling us to TECH for the good He could accomplish in our lives and not what we could do for Him. Fifteen years latter, I am thankful for His continuing work in changing each of us into the image of His Son.

28. Computer Services – We have already had the names of two college students passed along to us as possibly interested in an internship next summer in Computer Services. Please pray for interns as well as for more full-time staff.

29. Missionary Quotes: John R. Mott – It is possible for the most obscure person in a church, with a heart right toward God, to exercise as much power for the evangelization of the world, as it is for those who stand in the most prominent positions. **Eric Liddell** – Wherever we go, we either bring people nearer to Christ, or we repel them from Christ. We are working for the great kingdom of God – the time when all people will turn to Christ as their leader – and will not be afraid to own Him as such.



30. Joel Kreider – I am increasingly thankful for all the little things in this life that I have the luxury of taking for granted. Ease of breath; living in a relatively conflict free society; lack of worry in times of need; a dry, temperature controlled place to sleep; only to name a few. Thank you for partnering with us in one way or another that makes this work of service to missions possible.

31. Mechanical Services – This area of ministry has proven to be a God send to many missionaries. No longer do they have to locate a reliable vehicle, purchase it, use it, and then arrange to sell it before returning to the field. Join us in fervently praying for someone to serve as a regular auto mechanic in Longview.

Because You Prayed . . .

The summer interns continue to express their gratitude for their time of service at TECH and report that they are encouraging fellow students to consider doing the same next year.

Additional TECH apps are now available to assist in keeping abreast of prayer requests and activities. (Please note information at the end of this page.)

Bob Schill and Bill Daniel had a successful planning trip for two ministries in Ghana.

Project requests continue at a rather heavy pace but God is giving strength and abilities to handle the workload.

Heavy summer travel for those using TECH’s fleet was without mishap and car breakdowns.

Encouraging contacts have been made on three university campuses for summer interns and alumni for future service.



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