

# TECH INTERCESSOR

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## What's in a Name?

The 2012 issues of *TECH Intercessors* were written to give you insights into specific aspects of TECH's ministry. And, more importantly, some of the "bottom line" reasons why Missionary TECH Team exists - namely in partnering with "front line" ministry projects all over the world. Scripture tells us that "God has set some in the church for helps." Furthermore when "every member of the body is fitly framed together" much is accomplished. Together, they constitute the whole body—the Church. The combination of helps and being fitly framed together is used by God to make it possible for spiritual victories to be accomplished in the lives of believers and reach the lost with the gospel!

The name of Missionary TECH Team was given by God after much prayer and the strong desire that the organization's name was to clearly express the ministry's very essence of being. "**Missionary**" expresses a commitment to Christ and fulfillment of the Great Commission. "**TECH**" (an acronym for **T**echnical, **E**ngineering and **C**onsultant **H**elps) identifies the services that are provided. "**Team**" emphasizes the manner in which the services are provided.

A ministry having so many divergently named program services, (Computer Services, Graphic Services, Facilities Planning Services, Mechanical Services and Ministry Development Services) calls for diversified Board members in order to provide the necessary oversight and accountability. Additionally, TECH is a member of the Association of North American Missions (ANAM), which gives further assurance of doctrinal purity, fiscal responsibility and administrative integrity.

Missionary TECH Team has four named Boards. (1) Board of Trustees, ten in number, has the operational legal responsibilities for corporate oversight. (2) Honorary Trustees,

seven in number, are those recognized for prior service but may continue to provide wisdom and insight into operational policies. (3) The Board of Advisors, presently just one in number, comprised of individuals having skill sets that would be helpful in governing the affairs of the mission and (4) TECH Associates, three in number, are learning the operational needs of TECH and make themselves available for a deeper level of involvement. There are currently a total of 21 men serving in these capacities.

Board Members are chosen on the basis of their individual spiritual maturity, evident interest in missions and in particular Missionary TECH Team, business acumen, professional expertise and sensitivity to people issues. The average tenure within these groups is 23.1 years and represents a total of 486 years of service. What a wonderful resource!

To provide the Team's services to like-minded missions and churches located here in the United States and around the world, God has sovereignly brought together a quality group of full-time missionaries who provide the various TECH services. There are currently 15 missionary units (families or singles) on the Team. In addition, God has provided very skilled and faithful co-laborers to augment the full-time missionaries with needed skill disciplines. This pool of talented and dedicated men and women who serve on an on-call basis are known as TECH Reserves.

TECH Partners is a group of Godly praying and giving individuals that provide the resources needed to help the Team minister and fulfill its many callings. Each and every TECH Partner is a vital participant in the Missionary TECH Team that God has fitly framed together. Together, although relatively few in number, much is done for so many. As a result, countless numbers are involved in making Him known. Only eternity will number the multitudes coming to know Christ and being nurtured in their faith by our being fitly framed together!

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**The following is just one of many representations of the 2012 ministry projects from each of our Missionary TECH Team Divisions:**

## Computer Services

Over the summer we finished an online version of our Awana Record Keeping software as well as related smartphone apps. Within two months of releasing the ARK Online we have over 100 churches signed up and using it. In the same time period we have over 190 smartphones being used to check in clubbers and mark what sections clubbers say each week. It is a blessing to see such a wonderful response.



Here you see the opening screen of the tablet and mobile versions of our ARK software.

## Facilities Planning Services



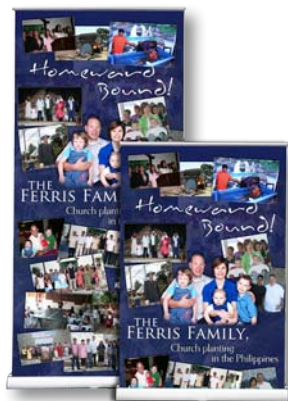
Architect Matt Ackerman works on a presentation rendering of the new campus for The Master's Vineyard Ministry in Kenya.

Architects in Facilities Planning Services developed plans for a new Office Headquarters & Ministry Outreach Center located in Kenya's Rift Valley Province for The Master's Vineyard Ministry. The new campus will provide offices, classrooms, meeting room, medical clinic, staff apartments and guest housing

facilities. These accommodations will be used to meet the needs of primitive and semi-nomadic peoples affected by years of war and widespread disease. The goal is to establish multi-faceted ministry opportunities throughout Kenya to provide evangelism and discipleship outreach, educational facilities, vocational training, agricultural projects, housing projects and community development.

## Graphic Services

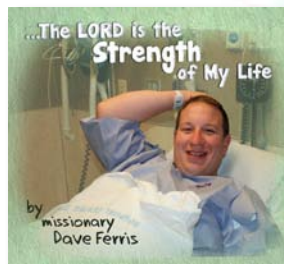
Dave Ferris, a church planter in the Philippines, diagnosed with stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma was receiving chemo treatment when he contacted us to assist him with his deputation materials. We first helped Dave in developing a tract telling of his experience with cancer. We then developed a prayer card, letterhead, brochure and a retractable display. Dave, enthusiastic about our work, helped us by testing a new product and by sharing with



Dave tested a Retractable banner for us that can be set to multiple heights.

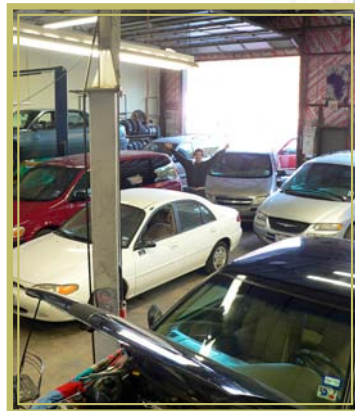
others of his satisfaction. Dave's cancer is now in remission. He and his family look forward to being back in the Philippines soon doing the work they love.

The Gospel tract Graphic Services developed for Dave Ferris was very successful.



## Mechanical Services

One Wednesday morning we received a phone call from a missionary needing a car. They had arrived stateside on Tuesday after having planned the trip on Monday following a doctor appointment where they learned the wife would need surgery. They were stateside for only about two months before they were able to return to the field. Another missionary has had a van for 4 months and put on over 15,000 miles. These are just two examples of the ministry needs for vehicles we have been able to meet.



Mechanical Services maintains a nice fleet of vehicles to lease to missionaries home on furlough

## Ministry Development Services

First Baptist Church of Prescott Valley, Arizona is launching a God-centered, Faith-based, Prayer-driven Capital Campaign to fund their new Family Life Center that was designed by TECH's Facility Planning Services Division. Ministry Development Services has provided advice and guidance in planning the capital campaign, recommended the campaign plan, conducted a Leadership Training Retreat to prepare and train the church's leadership for implementing the plan, and will be available for advice and guidance throughout the church's implementation of the Capital Campaign Plan.



First Baptist Church of Prescott Valley is set in the heart of the city. We are honored to be assisting them with the expansion of their building and ministries and the capital campaign to fund it.

As you can tell from the above information, there's a lot of ministry in the name of Missionary TECH Team!

As a valued Team Member, please accept a special **Thank you!** for being a member of the soul winning team – you are loved and greatly appreciated!

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Please join with the staff of Missionary TECH Team as we share ministry goals for 2013.

"And the LORD will continually guide you, And satisfy your desire in scorched places, And give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail." Isaiah 58:11

"Teach me to do Thy will, For Thou art my God; Let Thy good Spirit lead me on level ground." Psalm 143:10

1. **Tim & Kay Meadows** (Isaac, Ethan & Alex) - Over the last couple years we have had the privilege of meeting very specific needs of a couple ministries with custom written software written specifically for them. Pray for additional opportunities to come along side our sister ministries in this way.
2. **Mission Representation** - We are grateful for the opportunities to present TECH's ministry in churches, schools, homes and, occasionally, in businesses. Our goal is to increase the frequency and effectiveness of these presentations.
3. **James & Ruth Wood** (Christina & Stephen) - It has been a joy to watch our children grow into adults. Now our goal and prayer is that we provide good, Christ centered advice to them as they continue to mature. Whether it's buying a house, starting a business, finishing college, or personal relationships, our advice could be important in their choices.
4. **MTT Board Members** - The involvement of this group is vitally important to the ministry of the Mission. Ask the Lord to help us identify additional individuals that can effectively serve in these important roles. We need persons with spiritual insight, a love for missions, professional acumen and a love for our missionaries.
5. **Worldwide Ministries** - An increasing challenge for ministries throughout the world are impacted due to political and economic conditions. Ask the Lord to give great wisdom and discernment to those in leadership in being, as the men of Issachar, "men of understanding the times and knew what to do."
6. **Ministry Development Services** - Our three-fold Spirit led, faith based and prayer driven approach to assisting ministries in having increased spiritual outreach, enriched relationships and enlarged physical facilities has seen increased usage this past year. Pray that we will see even more increase in 2013.
7. **Government Leaders** - Regardless of political party identification, all those serving in our various local, state and federal governments need our prayer. Slowly, but consistently, many of the foundation building blocks upon which our nation was founded are being eroded away. Ask God to intervene in the lives of those having a different agenda than what our founding fathers envisioned.
8. **Interns** - The opportunities for college students to get a first-hand look at missions by using their academic training and desire for future work assignments by serving at TECH is a win-win situation. They gain practical experience under seasoned professionals and we gain the help of enthusiastic hands and minds. Pray for additional opportunities for TECH to serve in this way.
9. **David & Nancy Leventry** (Tim) - I, David, am looking forward to being able to produce our new Table-top Display product for those who travel on airlines this new year. We just need a suitable way to carry them! Nancy is very much looking forward to being a part of a prayer group with a counseling ministry while they are in session. She is hoping to become active in a few months!
10. **Les & Gina Brown** - Please pray that as we develop projects during this year, that we would not trust in our own strength to get the work done, but that we would more fully trust the Lord to provide all the resources needed to complete each project.
11. **Supporting Churches** - During 2012 God provided 8 churches that participated in giving to the general fund needs of the mission and 55 churches that contributed to the support for missionary staff. For this we are humbled and gratified. Our prayer for 2013 is that 20 additional churches will be led to participate in one or both of these areas.
12. **Graphic Services** - Our goal is to complete TECH's web site upgrade including mobile versions. Too, we need to complete our new product catalog updates for regular web and mobile versions. It is our desire to bring three or four new products into our display line with a hope of better serving our "clients" with useful products.
13. **Medical Care** - The challenges facing our nation pertaining to healthcare defies human comprehension. We are so grateful for Christian Healthcare Ministries that addresses the need to provide such care by the mutual sharing of expenses. Ask the Lord to provide a solution to our nation's leaders in realistically meeting this need.
14. **Mechanical Services** - The Lord has graciously provided assistance in being able to provide this service because of the part-time service of Dan and Nonie Larsen. However, there is urgent need to have a full-time mechanic and assistance in the clerical needs associated with this service.
15. **Bill & Joyce Daniel** (Paul) - We have not kept those who are interested in our ministry as informed and encouraged as we would like. It is our desire to take more time to inform others and encourage them to give God the glory along the way. Ask the Lord that we become better able to use electronic means to share our ministry with others.
16. **TECH Volunteers** - These individuals predominately serve from their home via the Internet. Commonality of computer software enables interaction with those having like skills in TECH thereby enhancing, and even expanding, our ability to serve sister missions. We are most grateful for this dedicated group, but are asking the Lord to double, or even triple, active Volunteers in 2013.
17. **Computer Services** - During 2013 it is our desire to increase our ability to provide smartphone apps initiated last year. This will be greatly limited, or increased, by



personnel. Pray that the Lord will send full-time, volunteers and interns to enable accomplishment of the above goal along with new specialized software development.

**18. Gene & Maxine Williams** - First Thessalonians 5:18 tells us "in everything give thanks for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Every project that Ministry Development Services of Missionary TECH Team has done or is doing is a calling of God. We thank God for each and every project because they are all callings of God and God-given opportunities to be used of Him to show His love.

**19. Facilities Planning Services** - Please pray that as we develop designs for new facilities for our sister missions, we would not focus on what the new building will look like. Pray that we would focus on how the new building can best increase their ministry capabilities so more lost souls can be reached with the Gospel.

**20. Joe & Terri Comroe** (Brenna) - I, Terri, love what I do at TECH, enhancing the vision of other missionaries and Christian workers with various Graphic Design applications, but I have a tendency to become overwhelmed with fast deadlines and large workloads. In 2013 I want to learn better how to lean on Jesus' strength and peace, to follow in His footsteps instead of running around in my little bunny trails. Please pray Isaiah 40:31 with me on this.

**21. Patrick Schnell** - It is always my hope that the work I contribute to Missionary TECH Team will assist others in reaching the world for Christ. I pray that God will give me more opportunities to hear from ministries we have worked with about the impact our work has had for the kingdom. But whether or not I hear, I pray that God would do His work through us and that He would be glorified!

**22. United States of America** - Pray that believers will respond to the call of God for Christ-like living, sensitivity to spiritual needs of those around us, and boldness in proclaiming the message of salvation. We truly need as a nation to turn back to God!

**23. Our Retirees** (Basil & Ada Bickel, Tom & Pat Brewington, Jim & Alice Englund, Ken & Irene Edgar, Mary Ann Kuechler, Phyllis McClelland, Buel & Gerry Meadows, Larry & Lois Turner, Betty Wiklund) - Each of these individuals is being used of God in a great variety of ways -not always to their preference but with a strong desire to be used of God in this time of life.

**24. TECH Organization** - We rejoice in the ministry our loving Father has enabled us to have for 46 years. Ask the Lord to keep us alert to needful changes that can assist our sister ministries and missionaries to serve more effectively.

**25. Ken & Katie Selden** - Our prayer for the year 2013 is to live, work and serve as described in 1 Peter 4:11, "If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

**26. Doug Shively** - We might not always know how this goal is met here on earth, but never the less, it's a good goal. This goal is that all the many projects done here at Missionary TECH Team might further God's kingdom in some way.

**27. Facilities Planning Interns** - We praise God for the four Student Interns that God led to serve with us in Facilities Planning this past summer. We are thankful for their servant's hearts, their willingness to learn and their eagerness to do whatever needed to be done. Pray that they would continue to be open to God's direction for their lives.

**28. Employment** - Many in our nation are without employment. This has serious impact on individual, families, our country . . . and on ministries and their outreach. Pray that the financial needs in each of these situations will be met and that Christ will be exalted. Ask the Lord to help each of us to recognize His provisions in our lives and respond appropriately to the needs of others.

**29. Birne & Lynella Wiley** - Our personal goal mirrors TECH's motto, "To know Christ and make Him known." Pray that we will not become so encumbered in the daily responsibilities at TECH that we fail to see the direct opportunities to live out that motto in our personal lives through our interaction with family, friends, neighbors, etc.

**30. Sister Ministries** - Thank God for each ministry that is reaching out to those whom God has entrusted to their outreach. New challenges with great opportunities abound. Ask the Lord to give great wisdom and discernment that will result in many coming to know Christ and grow in Him.

**31. Our Military** - We are blessed to have men and women serve in our military that helps to assure that we have the freedom to worship and serve the Lord here and abroad. Ask the Lord for their protection physically, and most of all spiritual closeness, while they serve. Many will have opportunities to meet spiritually needy people that you and I will never meet.

## *Because You Prayed...*

- ✓ Ministry financial partners of this ministry are so faithful! Monthly support remains very consistent which relieves some anxiety even when the total recommended support may be low.
- ✓ We continue to be ministered to through the teaching ministry of Larry Bock during our Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday chapel periods.
- ✓ A number of project ministry trips were made in November/December. Thank God for safety in travel, both in and out of country, and for effective assistance to our sister ministries.
- ✓ God continues to affirm His plan and direction in each of our lives and for the overall operation of the Mission.

