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# TECH INTERCESSOR

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## *the Next Step*

*Evangelism?*

*Discipleship?*

*Church Planting?*

**M**ay I ask you a question? As a follower of Christ and desiring to live in obedience to the Great Commission, how does one sort out his or her life priorities in fulfilling His command to take the gospel locally, nationally, or to the uttermost part of the world? How does one determine the greatest need, or the most needful geographic area, or the most urgent ministry focus?

Beyond any doubt, the responsibility of every Believer is to proclaim Jesus Christ and the knowledge of His saving grace. Obviously, this begins in our home and to those closest to us --- relatives, close friends, casual acquaintances, or business relationships.

But, how does one determine the next step in his or her ministry and journey of life? And, how does one determine how such responsibility can best be accomplished with the skills, experience and training God has given him or her?

The answer to that question is to pray and ask God to reveal your next step to you and to provide the resources and strength to take the steps He calls you to take both in your ministry and journey of life. As you sincerely pray this

prayer with a complete willingness to do His will, He will most assuredly show you your next step.

Frequently, churches equate ministry or missions to only "front line" activities; i.e. evangelism, discipleship and church planting with little regard for all that it requires for those activities to take place, let alone be efficient and effective. Placing an emphasis on those specific activities inadvertently negates the ministry of those who have been given special giftedness and are using those gifts to render much-needed support services. Sadly, this perspective sometimes results in not viewing the individual as a person worthy of missionary support.

Scripture tells us that every member of the body is fitly framed together to make up the whole person. Spiritually, this means that as each Believer exercises his or her specific giftedness to further the cause of Christ there can be great accomplishment. When one helps and serves those who are called to evangelism, discipleship and church planting, he or she is stepping out in faith in their life journey and fulfilling their calling as a fellow servant of God with those who are in the front-line ministries.

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In this issue of the *TECH Intercessor*, we share the story of Pastor Dave Ferris, a church planting missionary serving in the Philippines. Following are some of his comments as he recently spoke at a TECH Chapel Service:



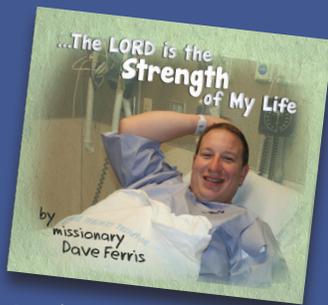
Front of most recent prayer card done by MTT for the Ferris'

*"My family and I have been missionaries in the Philippines since January 2003. We love the Filipino people and had no plans of ever being anything but missionaries. Then, in 2011 it seemed that the hand of God was moving us back home to the U.S.*

*However, when we got to the U.S. life did not seem to go the way we thought or had planned. We longed to be back in the Philippines with the people we love so much. After much prayer and counsel my wife and I decided in April of 2012 to go back with our family, but I could not understand why God had us come home to America only to turn around and go back!!!!*

*Two weeks later the picture became clear when I was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. I asked my doctor, "Had I stayed in the Philippines and gone undiagnosed, how long would I have lived?" She replied, "Maybe a year." Wow! The lights came on and now I understood why God moved on our hearts to come home!! It was not for the specific reasons that I had in mind but it was to be treated for a disease that I did not know I had. I know it was God who brought us home to receive the necessary treatment. Whatever may come, whatever may happen, God is with me and none of this is a surprise to Him. This peace, this rest, comfort, and lack of fear, is not from myself but from a relationship I have with my Savior Jesus Christ.*

*I do not know what you are going through or trial you may be facing, but I do know Jesus can give rest unto your soul!!!*



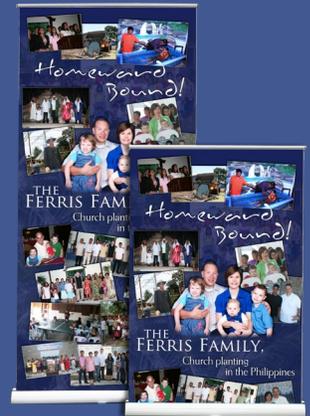
Gospel tract cover done by MTT to tell about Dave's experience with cancer.

Missionary TECH Team recently received the following communication from Pastor Ferris and he gave us the privilege to share it with you:

*"I write this to recommend your consideration of monthly support of Missionary TECH Team. I have been using TECH services for the better part of twelve years and can personally attest to the help they provide missionaries. I think many do not realize the vital necessity of this ministry.*

*I have absolutely no skill in the areas of computers, graphic design, or any other such technical matters. Missionary TECH has all of the above and more!! The process of raising support can be a very bumpy road full of potholes and delays. I think of Missionary TECH as the sidewalk that allows me to arrive at my destination quickly and safely. If it were not for TECH, the ministry partner development process would have taken me much longer.*

*I know times are tight and mission's money is at a premium! But as a veteran missionary I encourage you to pray about taking on Missionary TECH Team for monthly financial support. It is an investment in your current missionary and it is an investment in souls. I thank God for faithful men and women of MTT who hold the ropes while our family battles for the souls of men and women in the Philippine Islands!!"*



The Ferris' tested our new Telescoping Retractable which lets you set your banner at different heights. It will be available in our new Catalog which we will launch soon.



Introduction brochure designed for the Ferris' by MTT

If you would like more information on supporting the Missionary TECH Team ministry of serving ministries and missionaries, simply complete the Response Slip included with this issue of the *TECH Intercessor* and send it to us in the envelope enclosed for your convenience.



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July/August 2012

Please join with our Mission family in praying for effective outreach that we personally have in addition to the immeasurable spiritual impact of the services of **Missionary TECH Team** from behind the scenes.

*" . . . praying also for us,  
that God would open to us a door for the word,  
to speak the mystery of Christ . . ."  
Colossians 4:3*

1. **David & Nancy Leventry** (Tim) - For the past eight years I've had the privilege of ministering at the local Hiway 80 Rescue Mission women's shelter. I am grateful for the opportunity to share the book "The Other Side of Love" (dealing with anger issues) by Gary Chapman. What's really encouraging is when I meet one of the ladies later and they stop and ask me if I remember them, and share how the book has helped them!
2. **Partnering Churches** - The faithfulness of our partnering churches is such a blessing and encouragement. Many will have special outreaches during the summer months in VBS, 5-Day Bible Clubs, etc. Pray that these endeavors will draw many to Himself and strengthen the faith of believers.
3. **Patrick Schnell** - This summer I am starting to assist in the children's Sunday school at my church with my girlfriend, Hannah. Pray that I might teach effectively so the boys and girls may feel God's love, and that God would also use this opportunity to teach me through them as well.
4. **Representation Ministry** - Each of us face deputation with mixed emotions. On one hand there is anxiety in public speaking and meeting new people. On the other hand there is joy in sharing what God is doing at TECH and in our personal lives. Ask the Lord to use the message as well as the messenger during these outreaches.
5. **Ministry Development Services** - Our program of God centered, faith based and prayer driven approach to church growth and/or financial needs assessment seems to be resonating with more churches and ministries. Pray that God will give direction in the selection of ministries to serve and to the implementation of the best methodology for accomplishing these goals . . . all that others may come to know Christ and make Him known.
6. **Joel Kreider** - Discovering and implementing practical ways of sharing extraordinary love with those around me has been on my heart for some time. I'd like to ask prayer for wisdom and strength to abandon civil societies' pretensions, in order that the true gospel not be hindered.
7. **MTT Board Members** - TECH is blessed to have men who represent a variety of businesses and professional skills. Each has a burden in being sensitive to those with whom they work as well as the contacts they make during the course of everyday "business". Join in praying for wisdom, discernment and effectiveness in these relationships.
8. **Sister Ministries** - Summer outreach activities provide numerous opportunities for significant ministry. However, those missionaries often are entering into these programs on the weary side from extensive school or local outreach programs. Pray for spiritual vitality, physical strength, mental alertness and sensitivity to the needs of those whom the Lord brings into their lives.
9. **Doug Shively** - Looking back over my many mission trips, two people come to mind. Please pray for these young men. Joseph is an orphan in Kenya, East Africa. He told me he sincerely wants to be a pastor when he's older. Then I met a man in Communist China. We can call him "John." He is very uneasy about being a Christian in his country.
10. **Mission Representation** - We desire to significantly increase the awareness of this God-given ministry in a variety of venues; i.e. churches, schools, missions and individuals during the remainder of 2012. We anticipate the program for this calendar year to culminate with participation at the Urbana 2012 conference in St. Louis at the end of the year. Pray for adequate preparation of that time and for the Lord to prepare the hearts of those who need to hear.
11. **James & Ruth Wood** (Christina & Stephen) - Kid's Camp, five days of fun and craziness. Or a golden opportunity to reach kids with the Gospel. Our church's kids camp is not the only one. Pray for your church's camp days for the kids and for effective sharing of the Gospel.
12. **Gene & Maxine Williams** - We thank and praise God for the various opportunities to serve others in His name. Our request is for God to enable us to be ever mindful of Him, recognize His leading, and in all that we do be done Soli Deo Gloria - For the Glory of God alone!
13. **Mechanical Services** - Rejoice! The Lord has graciously answered prayer regarding the need for a mechanic as well as helping us overcome a huge obstacle pertaining to insurance. We are most grateful for the Lord directing Dan Larsen, retired missionary, to serve with us in this capacity.
14. **Tim & Kay Meadows** (Isaac, Ethan & Alex) - I have the opportunity through July and August to teach a Sunday School class on II John, III John and Jude. Of course, this means we will be addressing problems, issues and challenges affecting the early church. Pray that as I lead the discussion that we would focus on the needed balance between truth and love as well as standing for the truth with love.
15. **Interns** - Persons joining us in the home office during the summer months are both a blessing and a challenge. The blessing is through their love for the Lord and their desire to be used of God in impacting others for Christ. The challenge is for those of us serving full time to be a blessing by word and action as well as to share professionally in assisting them in vocational development.
16. **TECH Reserves** - We praise God for each person who gives of their time and expertise in furtherance of the gospel through the various projects in which they engage. Such service is frequently in addition to ministry involvement

they have through their local church and other such opportunities for service. Rejoice with us in their involvement with TECH in helping others.

17. **Summer Day Camps** - Summer Day Camps are all around the country. It's not a "baby-sitting" service. Parents may think so but it's not. Summer Day Camp may be eight hours a day, five days a week, for twelve weeks! Pray for workers as they live Christ before their young charges.
18. **Birne & Lynella Wiley** - God has graciously given us many wonderful years of missionary ministry. It is a joy to interact with those less experienced with the prayer that out of our "school of hard knocks" they can avoid some of the bumps and bruises inherent in serving the Lord. Ask the Lord to give us servant hearts and a willingness to serve joyfully in all situations.
19. **Paul Ambler** - I have the privilege of serving as an intern at Missionary TECH Team this summer. Please pray that I will be able to grow spiritually and academically as I am surrounded with great mentors and teachers. Please also pray that God will help me to make the most of this time serving Him and that His light will shine through my work.
20. **Jim & Alice Englund** - The Lord gave us 27+ wonderful years of service with TECH. As we move to Mobile, AL to be near family, we are asking the Lord to give us opportunities to develop new friendships and ministry activities.
21. **Dan & Renee Harding** (Maria, Jonathan, Ruth, Bethany, Grace, Sarah, Philip, & Nathanael) - Pray for Maria as she is serving at Maranatha Bible Camp in Nebraska, June through mid-August. Bethany and Ruth will be going on a short term mission trip to Kentucky Mountain Mission (Youth Haven Bible Camp) for special needs people for a week in July.
22. **Bill & Joyce Daniel** (Paul) - We are involved in a sports camp ministry this summer at our church in Longview, TX. Please pray the Lord would use this event to reach the lives of young people for Christ and that outreach started in those would continue throughout the months ahead. Also, please pray that God would work in the life of our son, Paul, as he goes to youth camp.
23. **Facilities Planning Services** - We are currently developing a new Overall Long Range Facilities Development Plan for New Life Ranch, a camp located in Oklahoma. Pray that each one attending the camp this summer will have a meaningful experience and would be drawn closer to the Lord as a result.
24. **Dan & Nonie Larsen** - I am enjoying using my mechanical skills at Missionary TECH Team through our auto loaner program. I want to be faithful because God is faithful.
25. **Les & Gina Brown** - Pray that as we go through a different routine for the summer, with vacation travel and preparing for our son Zach to attend college, that we would remain diligent to daily spend time with the Lord.
26. **Computer Services** - With constant changing and expanding technology comes a huge challenge of keeping up with the updating of software programs and being

aware of ways in which the ministries can benefit the most from its use. Pray for wisdom in this regard.

27. **Joe & Teri Comroe** (Brenna) - 1 Peter 4:11 "...whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever." We desire to expand our outreach in many ways. Joe seeks to train to be a representative for disabled VETS. Brenna is doing CEF training and 5 day clubs. Teri hopes to expand her ministry opportunities at Northwood Church. Please pray with us as we seek to serve God and that it will be in His will, His strength and to His glory.
28. **Graphic Services** - There are multiple opportunities to serve especially during the summer months. Our church and almost every other church has VBS at some point during the summer months. As you drive through town, or are traveling on vacation, anytime you see a VBS sign or banner - PRAY! Pray for the kids, for the leaders, for the teachers, etc. What would God do if we prayed consistently for all those VBS's?
29. **Ken & Katie Selden** - Christian camps have been influential in our lives from a young age AND instrumental in raising two sons. It is a blessing to assist these ministries with plans for outreach facilities. Pray with us for a fruitful summer season.
30. **Bob & Jan Schill** - Jan and I pray that this summer would be a time in which we will increase in taking up our cross and following You, Lord Jesus, more closely. We pray that You would fill us with Yourself and cause Your fruit to ripen in our lives. Please help us be good examples and guides to our children and grandchildren as we are with them.
31. **Our Nation** - Few, if any, would question the dire need for revival among believers in our beloved USA. Pray that God would give every believer a deep burden for his/her own spiritual walk with Christ as well as sensing, and acting upon, spiritual interaction of those needy persons surrounding us; i.e. family, neighbors, casual acquaintances, etc.

## *Because You Prayed...*

- The MTT smartphone app is now available for downloading in both Android and iPhone applications. Please get it and use it to share this ministry with others.
- The Lord is meeting the need for a mechanic in our Mechanical Services department as well as overcoming a special obstacle pertaining to insurance.
- Rejoice in the good number of Mission interns and the "seasoned mentors" (experienced professionals) to work with them this summer. The workload is heavy and this is a great blessing.

