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the *Leading* of *God*

*W*here do I begin? I was brought into this world with very stalwart Christian parents. I remember meeting each morning in the living room with my parents and sister, reading a daily devotional along with passages from the Bible, after which we would kneel and all of us would lift up a prayer to the Lord. This occurred from a very early age straight through until I left my parents' house to be married.

My early years are dotted with numerous Sunday School teachers, older men and women as well as missionaries that provided instruction which has had a profound influence on my life. I accepted the Lord at the age of eleven and continued to grow in the Lord.

We lived near my grandparents where I spent much time. My grandfather was an artist and always encouraged me to draw. I did quite a bit, just to appease him. I kept telling him I wanted to be an archeologist, but since I was a poor speller I settled on architect.

During my high school years I started to falter in my commitment to the Lord, until I was introduced to a wonderful Christian girl while serving as a life guard at a Christian camp. I was greatly surprised when this girl

(Katie) pushed me into the pool as I was instructing the campers about pool safety. We started to date within a few weeks and I ended up carrying her books back and forth to school my last year in high school.

After graduation, I attended a two-year technical college, majoring in architectural studies. I intended to continue my education, but after a great deal of discussions with my steady girl friend, we decided I would work with an architect and get my "schooling" there. Well you can guess my steady girl friend became my engaged sweetheart and we were married October 19, 1962.

My career was centered around working with an 85 year old architect, who instilled in me a great work ethic and every skill needed as an architect. Sure enough after twelve years of apprenticeship, I took my New York State architectural exams, comprised of seven tests, over four days, totaling forty hours. I passed with flying colors, which was unheard of for a non-college graduate.

Our life as a married couple became exciting with the birth of our sons, four and a half years apart.

In 1976 we went to a Christian summer family camp, where John Debrine was the guest speaker. At one of

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Ken and Katie presenting his project reports to the TECH staff during a chapel program.



Ken working from his TECH headquarters office where he is able to interact with all those serving in the Facilities Planning department.

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Interaction with building committees and ministry leaders is necessary to enable building plans and projects to move forward expeditiously.



Ken and Katie accomplish project travel by using their motor home. (Picture of their unit at TECH during an unusual snowstorm last fall.)

the evening rallies I realized I needed to recommit my life to Christ without any strings.

As our two sons developed into fine Christian men, I started to wonder how I could better serve my Lord. In 1995 I was scanning the internet and came across Missionary TECH Team. I wrote to them immediately and by return e-mail they asked if I could help them with a project in the Catskill Mountains of New York. Of course I jumped at the opportunity and completed the project within a month. After that, I would periodically get an e-mail with information for other projects.

A number of years went by and in 2001, Katie and I were taking a vacation trip to the southwest and decided to stop and see exactly what kind of "operation" Missionary TECH Team was: a storefront, home office, garage or just a PO Box. Were we surprised when we pulled up in front of a large building, in an industrial park. We toured the facilities and parked for the night in their RV Park. That was when I decided I would someday work for TECH full-time.

Within a year Katie & I made the final decision to give up all my commercial employment and private practice to dedicate my time to the Lord through TECH Team.

There was one problem, I did not have any retirement or social security since I was only 60. We had spent our lives on the other side of the mission field and had no idea how we would support ourselves. But we had the faith as in Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

We are continually awed at how the Lord has provided

for our every need for the last 12 years of serving at Missionary TECH Team, a true partnership.

While spending about 6 months in our motor home, on the road visiting TECH "clients" or working in the TECH office, we have been introduced to many churches, camps and missions in many states and around the world. Katie has also found a niche at TECH working with the Graphic Services department, developing vinyl signs, literature and other assorted projects.

These are the kinds of things I work on. Several years ago I was privileged to go to Izmir, Turkey, to design a church. The city was called Smyrna in Biblical times - one of the seven cities from Revelation. What an experience it was to worship with this church in the same city the LORD said "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." Rev. 2:10. Some projects go very quickly/smoothly; others take years to complete. The most recent lengthy project to see completion was an addition/alteration to the Newborn Wesleyan Church in Newark, NJ. After seven years of planning, designing, construction and NEGOTIATIONS with the city, we were finally able to attend the church's dedication this spring.

We do not know what the future holds for us, but as long as the Lord has work for us, we will continue to serve through Missionary TECH Team and invite you to consider such service also!



One of the many ministries Ken has served is Sermon on the Mount, an agency founded by Lew Sterrett. Lew presents Biblical truths while 'taming' and riding an unbroken horse in approximately two hours. Ken designed a new arena for them.



Ken gives a formal master plan presentation for a new classroom and sanctuary addition to the Living for the Brand Cowboy Church in Athens, TX.



Katie, gifted in graphic design, assists Graphic Services by working on vinyl banners when at the Mission headquarters.



Bob Schill, the late Don Smith and Ken Selden, our highly qualified architectural team, meet to review and plan ministry projects.

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“Do you not say, that there are four months, then comes the harvest? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest”.

John 4:35 ESV

This issue of the *Intercessor* will give you a snapshot of some of the ministries we are privileged to serve. God continues to bless our efforts, and hear of many who are trusting Christ as their personal Savior.

1. Godspeed Resource Connection assists missionaries who are worn out, stressed, or in need of medical assistance. Between merging two organizations earlier in the year and expanding one of their ministries, they felt the need to start using our billing & accounts receivable system. Pray that the system will help streamline their work so they can do what they do best - assist the missionary.



2. Bob & Jan Schill - First Baptist Church of Prescott, Arizona: Please pray for wisdom and clarity for the early development of the design funding for future improvements to the worship sanctuary and related spaces.

Pray that this project will be blessed by God, and may its completion give Him glory.

3. **Computer Services** - Now that Source of Light has been using the Student Tracking System for several months, they are eager to get more of their 40+ discipleship centers around the world using it too. Pray for us as we work out logistics of installing and supporting these locations remotely.



4. Tim & Kay Meadows - One project done by our summer interns was to convert The Mailbox Club Bible Lessons Online so it was smart phone/tablet ready. Another facet of the task was to make it faster

and easier to get courses online and ready. This new “lite” version is done and being tested. Pray for The Mailbox Club as they work on getting all of their Bible courses in over 100 languages online over the next 6 months.

5. We have had one camp using our camp software for 5 years now. We have another camp who wants to get it going for next summer. Pray for us as we adjust the program to meet their needs as well as for the many camp ministries TECH serves. Many of them have events year-round touching children and families with the love of Christ.



6. Bill & Joyce Daniel - Please pray for the camping ministries we work with who have just finished their summer camping season. The camp personnel need a time of rest, and the camp directors will soon be making decisions

about their staffing and programming for the future and also what types of facilities they will need. Thousands of teenagers come to know Christ each summer at youth camps in North America and around the world. *Matthew 9:37-38* says, “The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few; Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.”



7. Joel Kreider - Capitol Commission focuses on ministering to the lives of leaders in the Judicial Branch of our government. In partnership with the church at large, they are committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ, and promoting the Biblical mandate to pray for those in authority. They host Bible studies in a number of states’ capitols, and seek to initiate a movement for Jesus in the political arena. www.capitolcom.org (Parent site) www.pray1tim2.org (List of local politicians being prayed for)

8. Camp Barakel approached us for a smart-phone app that would allow staff to submit maintenance requests. The maintenance guys can then read the requests on their phone, record comments and mark it as completed. Pray for us as we work on letting more ministries know about this and other aspects of our software.



9. Ken & Katie Selden - We are reminded of our commitment to the Lord as He directs us to prepare the designs and plans for a building as David was led by the Lord to collect the materials for the temple.

We pray that it will be the Lord who directs the building of these structures as Solomon was led by the Lord to build the temple. *1 Kings 6:11-12* “ Now the word of the Lord came to Solomon, concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes and obey my rules and keep all my commandments and walk in them, then I will establish my word with you, which I spoke to David your father.”

10. **Graphic Services** - Association of North America Missions (ANAM) is an association that helps smaller missions with accountability, education, and encouragement! GS has done displays for this association and many of its member organizations. Pray for the strength and growth of ANAM.

11. We recently prepared a ministry definition report and evaluation of existing facilities for Emmaus Bible College in Dubuque, Iowa. We also developed facility designs to update several of the public spaces on the campus. One of their goals is to develop a quality distance learning program and provide online degree programs. Pray that the Lord would provide the financial and technical resources needed to develop these programs.



12. Birne & Lynella Wiley - God has graciously brought us many projects in virtually every area of our ministry. With a rather limited number of staff who often fill several “roles”, ask the Lord to send

us additional missionaries, well qualified and experienced, to help carry the load. Also ask the Lord to give wisdom, understanding and endurance to those faithfully serving at our office and through the TECH Reserve program.



13. Teri Comroe - I thank God for the exciting ministries I work with. An example is DOOR International which reaches out to Deaf. They translate the Bible into Deaf sign languages and train Deaf to evangelize and church plant. Sign language is done with a live person so the Bibles are published on DVDs and online. I am doing web pieces, a new logo, and will be doing other literature and displays for them. Please pray for me to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and that the work I produce will be clear, compelling, and help others to connect with Jesus through these ministries.



14. Gene & Maxine Williams - Thank God for morning devotions wherein He encourages and teaches me His ways. We are looking forward to God using the upcoming Fund Development Symposiums this fall to provide His ministries resources to do and be all He wants them to do and be.



15. James & Ruth Wood - There are a number of churches in Longview that come to TECH for banners, displays, and signage. Missions, Small Groups, Vacation Bible School, and every church activity can be enhanced with some help from Graphic Services. Our overall goal is that boys, girls, moms, and dads will discover that Jesus is real and that He really loves them.

16. Last year we developed plans for a new Men's Center for Mission in Carthage, Texas. The construction for the new facility has been delayed because of the heavy rains they had late this spring. Now they are short on funding to continue the work. Pray that the Lord would provide sources for funding so that the work can continue, and the new facility can soon be used for ministry.



17. Doug Shively - Trail's End Cowboy Church is probably our closest "client mission." It is only 3 or 4 miles from our office. They provide services on Sunday and Wednesday evenings for all ages. At times they also provide Christian rodeos. Graphic Services has helped this young church by providing many banners.



18. Dan & Renee Harding (Ruth, Bethany, Grace, Sarah, Philip, & Nathanael) - We have just finished some changes in our MasterLink software to incorporate new curriculum changes being made by Master Clubs (www.masterclubs.org). This is a weekly children's ministry that focuses on Godly character and scripture memorization in their clubs. Please pray for the effective use of this software and for each leader in the clubs throughout the country doing the Master Clubs program as they reach into thousands of children's lives.

19. Mechanical Services - Our car lease program continues to be a great service to many missionaries who are home on furlough. Roughly 200,000 miles are put on our fleet of vehicles as folks do deputation in preparation or returning to their field of service. We give God glory that the vehicles are dependable and that many "safe" miles are traveled.



20. Patrick & Hannah Schnell (Emogene) - Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) introduces children around the world to the gospel through mail-in curriculum, Bible camps, and clubs. Kids have fun while their leaders teach them about Christ. TECH Team has designed facilities for CEF headquarters. Please pray for God to call more people to serve as volunteers, missionaries, and supporters of this wonderful ministry that desires to reach all the children in the world.

21. Reach Across International says, "We are a 'family' of friends and a network of Jesus-followers who are dedicated to sharing the Good News with Muslims and serving them in practical ways, no matter how difficult." Their missionaries live in Muslim communities, and help them follow Jesus. This is very hard and can be dangerous. Getting financial and prayer support is difficult as they have to be careful. Graphic Services supports this work with literature and displays. Please pray for protection, for workers, financial and prayer support and for hearts to be opened to following Jesus. (reachacross.us)

22. Bill & Karen Myers - As Karen and I go full-time in our RV, we request prayer for safe travel and good health as we serve across the USA and promote MTT. We always look forward to our time at MTT as we help in a supportive manner so others can do their ministries. We continue to pray that God opens doors for us to serve in a more direct manner at MTT.

23. Mel Heal, with Global Outreach, was able to participate in special meetings during the month of August. His goal was to

encourage the 26 - 30 new candidates to see the value of looking professional by using the services provided through Missionary TECH Team.



24. Randy & Connie Harris - On one of our recent trips I was contacted by another mission requesting help with their accounting process. They had gone two years with an accounting system that they were not able to get reports from. This is not a "normal" area of ministry for TECH, but we are currently having conversations with them on how we can assist their ministry. This accounting dilemma highlights what several ministries wrestle with in accomplishing administrative tasks. Please pray that God would give wisdom in dealing with this opportunity.

25. Lake Cities Community Church, Rowlett, Texas: Pray for the successful completion of the exterior enclosure construction project as the remaining detail work is in progress. Pray that the project will be used by God to house many worshipers giving glory and praise to God!



26. Les & Gina Brown - Recently we developed a Ministry Definition report and started a Long Range Facilities Development Plan for Southern Bible Institute in Dallas, Texas. They provide Bible training classes for those wanting to become leaders in their church. Currently they are going through the accreditation process. Pray that they would get their accreditation soon so they may be able to train even more student/leaders.

27. International Community School, Kumasi Ghana: Pray that God will intervene and give wisdom in the finalization of obtaining the property needed for the construction of the new preschool facility.

28. Facilities Planning - We are currently working on an evaluation of the existing facilities and developing a Master Plan for Daniel Springs Baptist Camp in Gary, Texas. The director of the camp has only been with the camp for a few months. Pray that we will be able to provide the much needed facilities planning support for the new director so that he can further develop the camp facilities and be able to minister to even more children and youth in the East Texas area.

29. Trinity Christian School, Prescott, Arizona: Thanks be to our great God for the increases in enrollment in recent years. May God bless the school's leadership as they pray and plan for new facilities for the future. Pray that they have God's wisdom for planning and successfully accomplishing a capital campaign.



30. David & Nancy Leventry - InterAct Ministries has made available many mini "X"-stands for their missionaries which were produced by Missionary TECH Team. These provide a consistent visual aid for others to identify what God has called them as a ministry to do in fulfilling the Great Commission.

31. By serving so many organizations, we often hear how God is drawing many to Himself. Literally thousands are coming to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many of the organizations tell us "The work you do is very important". We strive to serve with a sense of urgency as we have many opportunities to use our "technical" skills for the Kingdom of God. May we be found faithful!

Thank you for praying with us.