



TECH INTERCESSOR

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the **IMPACT** of Christian Camps

Have you ever been overwhelmed by God's involvement in your life? I have – many times!

Most recently it happened again. In reflecting on how God has led and provided for the ministry of Missionary TECH Team, I was elated when I thought about the multitude of godly assignments that TECH has had with Christian camps and conference centers along with the tens of thousands of lives being impacted for the Lord. It was truly a tremendous time of reflection for me!

As a teenager I had the privilege on several occasions to do manual labor in preparing a camp for summer ministry and in so doing was introduced to the need of technical service. During college days I helped as a counselor/teacher and saw the spiritual impact made in the lives of those attending camp.

The worldwide impact of the new innovative ministry called Missionary TECH Team certainly was not envisioned while working out of a bedroom in my parents' home in 1969! It is so reassuring to reflect and know that way back then God had a plan for TECH.

And, it was a plan for Him to do so much for so many through just a few committed and faithful servants. That refreshed realization of God's faithfulness was so amazing and overwhelming!

Over the years, Missionary TECH Team has served 140 different Christian camps and conference centers located in six foreign countries and 34 states. Over 250 individual

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projects of the various services offered by TECH have been completed for this group of ministries. Those camps reach out and touch a minimum of 175,000 lives each year. **Wow! That's overwhelming!!**

One cannot even begin to fathom the number of lives that have been impacted for Christ, let alone the number that have come to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior as a result of a camp or conference center experience. The number of lives changed, and the ripple effect on the lives of those around them, could possibly even rival the number of stars in the sky!

Randy Harris, Chairman of TECH's

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Board of Trustees, has been serving in Christian camping for over 30 years. He recently said, *“The impact of camping on folks of*

all ages is immeasurable! People getting out of normal routines for a few days has a significant impact on their current walk with Christ and their eternity.”

Ken and Katie Selden, now serving with MTT as an architect, met at a camp and have seen his skills enable camps to have well-designed and functional buildings which are used to enhance their ministries.

Kirk Reynolds, TECH Associate member states, *“Christian camp played a significant role in my calling to be a full-time missionary. There is no other venue quite like camp, it sharpens and strengthens one’s spiritual life.”*

TECH missionaries, Tim and Kay Meadows, tell of how their lives were impacted when they were ministering to those with disabilities at a camp’s *“Sunshine Week”*— *“an exhausting but extremely rewarding week in helping ‘our campers’ through the week.”*

The stories of godly spiritual transactions that have occurred at Christian camps and conference centers are humanly countless. But, God knows each and every one. I’ll share just one simple, but profound, example of God at work in a special way in a Christian camp setting. A friend of mine told me of his experience while attending a men’s retreat at a Christian camp. At that time, he was a relatively new Christian and a successful businessperson who was beginning to become involved in his local church. Here’s what he says about his life-changing experience:

“The opening night was awe-inspiring and just a prelude of the many things to come that God would use to change the lives of those

of us who were attending the retreat – especially mine! Using the setting of His natural beauty and the availability of functional and well-designed facilities, God transacted a lot of spiritual business that weekend. It was the beginning of my closer walk with the Lord. Many of us went away from the retreat on-fire for the Lord and never again to be the same!”

Day after day, year after year, God transacts spiritual business in the lives of believers and non-believers while they are at Christian camps and conference centers. From children to adults, life-changing experiences are happening for all age groups. Some are introduced to the Lord and become believers. Some recommit themselves to a renewed walk with Him. Others are inspired to pursue a lifetime of ministry. The camp testimonies are legion!

One of God’s primary assignments for Missionary TECH Team is to come along side Christian camps and conference centers and help them by master planning and facility design, literature production, signage, specialized software development and other consultative services.

We here at TECH rejoice in our “Behind the Seen” role of helping our sister ministries edify believers, inspire Christians to have a closer walk with the Lord, and evangelize the lost. **You can join us in the rejoicing because your prayers and financial support of TECH are “bearing fruit” each and**

every day as Missionary TECH Team serves Christian camps and conference centers around the world.

As you have so faithfully partnered with us through your prayers and gifts, please join us in praising and thanking the Lord for the tremendous privilege of having a vital part in helping to change lives and further the cause of Christ.





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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.

