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# TECH INTERCESSOR

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Meeting  
a need

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In 2004, Missionary TECH Team launched a new ministry service to meet a need common to many churches and ministry organizations. This new service was in response to some frequently voiced needs from ministries we had served in the past or were presently serving.

*First...I'll explain the background that led to starting Ministry Development Services.* Facilities Planning Services (the reason for establishing TECH in 1969) is a core ministry function of TECH that provides ministry organizations with the technical services of creating master plans, building design and engineering, and architectural construction documents. Often while doing the design of a project, a sister ministry would express the need for help in how to generate the funding necessary to complete their project that would then enhance their ministry. It was out of that often expressed need that we envisioned a Missionary TECH Team service to train, coach and guide our sister ministries on how to develop the necessary funding for their organization in God-honoring ways.

*Now ... I'll slip back in time.* The year was 2003. Gene Williams (retired founder and president of Vanguard Marketing Group and formerly the Vice President of Development for Detroit Bible College/William Tyndale College) and his wife, Maxine, were in Florida from Michigan for the winter months. Lynella and I visited them for a few days that winter.

For several years, Gene had provided God-honoring advice and helped TECH with our own constituent communications and development of ministry resources. We were impressed with his Biblical approach to ministry partnership development and the guidance he provided in how to effectively communicate with our constituency. I just knew that he could be used of the Lord to help those whom God was privileging us to serve to develop resources for their ministries!

It was during that Florida visit that I asked him to prayerfully consider planning and launching a new ministry service of TECH to focus on helping TECH's sister ministries with communications designed to develop the resources necessary to expand and/or facilitate their ministries. Gene prayed and the Lord impressed him that he should accept the challenge. Not only did he plan and launch the new ministry service, he has served as its Manager since its inception. His God-centered, Faith-based, Prayer-driven approach resonates with many ministries.

This following letter from Jireh Phil-Am Ministry is just one example of God leading a ministry that needed help with fund development to contact TECH's Ministry Development Services. As a result of the contact, they received the help they needed.

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February 5, 2013

Dear Missionary TECH Team,

Thank You!

Sometimes in life we find ourselves facing an obstacle that appears too large to move. I recently found myself in such a position. In October 2012, I was hired as the Executive Director for JPA Ministries. The ministry is focused on training national pastors in the Philippines. The opportunity for ministry is truly great and I have never been more excited about a ministry appointment. However, with the opportunity for ministry comes the necessity of funding the ministry.

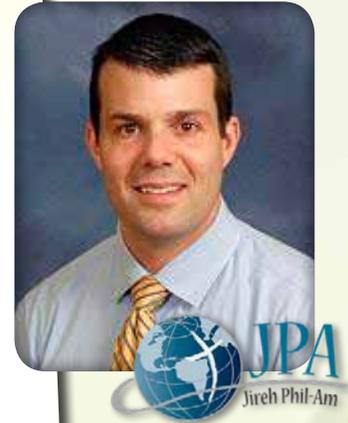
My experience is primarily pastoral and fund raising appeared to be this insurmountable object in my path. Not having any training in fund raising or any experience in this area, I began to pray. Around this time I met with a missionary friend and during our visit I saw a very attractive table-top display. I asked where he got the display and he said "Mission TECH Team out of Texas". A week or so later I found myself on your website looking at the different displays and brochures.

As I am looking through the website, I come across a tab that reads: "Ministry Development". As I read the outline of what Ministry Development Services provides, I began to believe that this was God's answer to my prayers. I filled out the contact form and the next day Gene Williams called. After an initial time of mutual evaluations, we both felt that a four-day leadership training retreat was in order.

We completed this retreat about three weeks ago and indeed, this was God's answer to our fund raising dilemma. Gene walked us through the Biblical purpose and processes of fund raising. He laid out a roadmap for fund raising success and gave us the tools needed to achieve our desired financial goals. Gene's wisdom and expertise in the area of fund development were clear from the start, but it was his love of Jesus and the Church that truly shined brightest.

We have much work to do and there is still a hill to climb, but thanks to Gene Williams and Mission TECH Team, we have navigated around the obstacle and are on our way! On behalf of myself and the board of directors for JPA Ministries, Thank You! May God richly bless you and may you be encouraged as God uses your efforts for His eternal Glory.

Until All Have Heard,  
*Bryan T Creswell*  
Bryan T. Creswell  
Executive Director



*JPA Ministry (Jireh Phil-Am Ministry) is based in Knoxville, TN. They currently minister in the Philippines by equipping local ministry leaders and pastors through their Leadership Training Centers, helping plant churches in rural areas, conducting conferences and evangelistic crusades, and facilitating medical missions for the needy.*

Over the years, Ministry Development Services has helped a wide variety of like-minded churches and ministry organizations with a broad range of training and coaching projects. Please join us in praising God for His leading in starting this new ministry service and using Ministry Development Services to help TECH's sister ministries further the cause of Christ.

*If a church or ministry organization needs training and/or insights on how to develop funding for their ministry, they can go to the Missionary TECH Team web site, [www.techteam.org](http://www.techteam.org), link to Development Services, and submit an Information Request. A representative of Ministry Development Services will then contact the organization to discuss their needs and explore how Ministry Development Services might best serve them.*

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Please join Missionary TECH Team and our staff in rejoicing for His promised provisions.  
Pray with us for these various needs.

Whom have I in heaven but You?  
And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.  
But it is good for me to draw near to God;  
I have put my trust in the Lord GOD,  
That I may declare all Your works.

Psalm 73:25, 28 (NKJV)



James Wood



Doug Shively



Joel Kreider

## WEEK ONE - *Graphic Services Department*

► Ask the Lord to direct more missionaries and ministries to use the quality services provided through this ministry service.

► Doug Shively celebrates 40 years of faithful service at TECH! He has several ministries in which he is involved in addition to TECH. Ask the Lord to give him a sense of priorities as he fulfills each task.



David Leventry



Teri Comroe

► Scripture has a lot to say about JOY. It is a joy in knowing our service is contributing to the Lord's work around the world. Our JOY would be increased if we were helping more ministries.

► James and Ruth Wood's parents live hundreds of miles from Longview. Pray that their actions and communications would always honor their parents.

► We look forward to the additional assistance from several Mission Interns this summer. Ask the Lord to enable us to impact their lives while simultaneously enabling them to hone their skills in their pursuit of preparation for life service.



Justin Foster



Katie Selden

► David and Nancy Leventry are asking the Lord to help them grow in personal Godly character, help in instilling such in the lives of their grandchildren and by demonstrating such through their marriage and ministry.

► Joe and Teri Comroe are learning that God's peace is always there (Colossians 3:15). As Joe's health continues to decline it is easy to become un-centered in God's peace. Join them in asking that God keep their mind fixed on Christ while ministering at TECH, at their church or taking care of Joe.

## WEEK TWO - *Ministry Development & Mechanical Services Departments*



D. Gene Williams



Dan Larson

► Ministry Development Services continues to increase its impact of the **God-Centered, Faith-Based and Prayer Driven** approach to financial development for ministry needs.

► Bryan Cresswell of JPA Ministries in the Philippines is conducting a Leadership Conference for Pastors and teaching at JPS's Christian Leadership Institute. Pray for God's anointing as he teaches and leads.

► Praise and thank God for Ministry Development Services opportunity to serve JPA and the training offered during their Board's Leadership Training time recently.

► The usage of TECH's automobile loaner program ramps up during this time of the year. Ask the Lord for safety in travel for those using the vehicles and for fruitful ministry as those missionaries share of the work God has entrusted to their care.

► We continue to ask the Lord to provide a full-time mechanic and the supportive clerical assistance needed to enable this department to function well.

## WEEK THREE - *Facilities Planning Department*



Les Brown



Bob Schill



Bill Daniel



Ken Selden

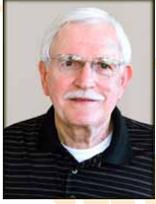
➤ Les and Gina Brown are thankful for how the Lord has blessed the family with good health and safe travel over the past year. Ask the Lord to help them to continue to lean on Him for the provision of all their needs.

➤ This area of ministry is thankful for each person whom the Lord has called to serve in this vital area of ministry outreach.

➤ Ken and Katie Selden rejoice in the abundant blessings the Lord has given them in 50 years of marriage. Their two sons and their wives are actively serving in Christian ministries and all four of their grand kids are saved and maturing through youth group programs.

➤ Pray that the Lord will call others to serve, particularly a structural and electrical engineer, along with the present missionary staff, volunteers and summer interns.

➤ Bob and Jan Schill ask that we who are in God's service to others will continue to grow in love with God and with our families. The one great need in our missionary life is love – more love for God and for each other and asks that their lives be lived in an atmosphere of love and godly influence on others.



Donald R. Smith



Matt Ackerman



Patrick Schnell



Birne Wiley



Lynella Wiley



Crystal Dudley

## WEEK FOUR - *Administration & Computer Services Departments*

➤ The Boards of TECH meet for the annual meeting March 21-23. Pray for safety in travel, wisdom and discernment in deliberations and for effective follow through with planning and outreach for the days ahead.

➤ Birne and Lynella Wiley thank God for enabling them to continue a life of service – a combined 96 years of ministry - what a joy and blessing this has been! God continues to meet not only their needs but also so many of their wants. They are humbled and honored by each person on their ministry partnership team.

➤ A gifted person in public relations and personnel would greatly enhance the effectiveness of getting the word out concerning the services TECH provides.

➤ We have an urgent need for additional personnel serving in our Computer Services department. While fulltime personnel at the Longview office are most desirable, it is possible for off site people to have meaningful ministry.

➤ Thank God for off-site computer software development service by Bill McRoberts. Ask God to also provide some short-term or Mission Intern help in the near future.



Ruth Wood



Joyce Daniel



Joe Comroe



Tim Meadows



Dan Harding



Bill Myers



Karen Myers

➤ Rejoice with us in the provision of Crystal Dudley being available to assume our accounting functions.

➤ Bill and Karen Myers are enjoying TECH's RV Park and providing servant heart assistance in office work and technical service.

➤ Representation at the Urbana '12 conference introduced Missionary TECH Team to a good number of students. Several have already indicated an interest in service perhaps this summer.

➤ Larry Bock, a gifted Bible teacher is providing excellent teaching during our chapels three days a week. As a scientist he is able to bring new insights into God's word.

➤ We are so grateful for Nonie Larsen who volunteers for receptionist and phone service.



Larry Bock



Nonie Larsen

## *Because You Prayed*

